



# K.C. AOII

*exceed the expectation*

## 20% Donation? Yes, Please!

Cool weather is on the way! And when it arrives, your summer garden will begin to look scraggly and tired. But you can extend the glorious colors of summer—and support the AOII Foundation!—by sprucing up your garden with some fall mums, cool-weather pansies and other landscaping lovelies!

Visit Vinland Valley Nursery, 10 minutes south of Lawrence in Baldwin City, Kan., during the weekends of Sept. 23-25 and Sept. 30-Oct. 2 and tell them you are making a purchase on behalf of K.C. AOII. When you do, they will donate 20 percent of your sale to the AOII Foundation! The special deal applies to

everything except bulk dirt and bulk mulch.

Fall is the perfect time for planting new perennials, shrubs and trees, as well as reseeding your lawn. Help create a gorgeous fall entry for those upcoming trick-or-treaters and visiting family and friends at Thanksgiving and during the holidays.

Have questions? Contact: Jenny Horsley, (573) 268-0437 or applebug@gmail.com.

### Sale specifics

• *Sale location:* Vinland Valley Nursery, 1606 N. 600th Road, Baldwin City, KS 66006

• *Sale hours:* Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



**100% of proceeds benefit  
the AOII Foundation**

## Want to Keep Receiving This Newsletter?

If so, we need you to respond ASAP to the note arriving soon in your mailbox (if it hasn't gotten there already). If we don't hear back from you on your newsletter preference, this could be your last printed publication from us. With increased postage costs, we need to send this only to those who really want to receive it. (Contact President Michele Park if you didn't receive a note or if you have questions: ParkMissy@gmail.com or 913.829.4590.)

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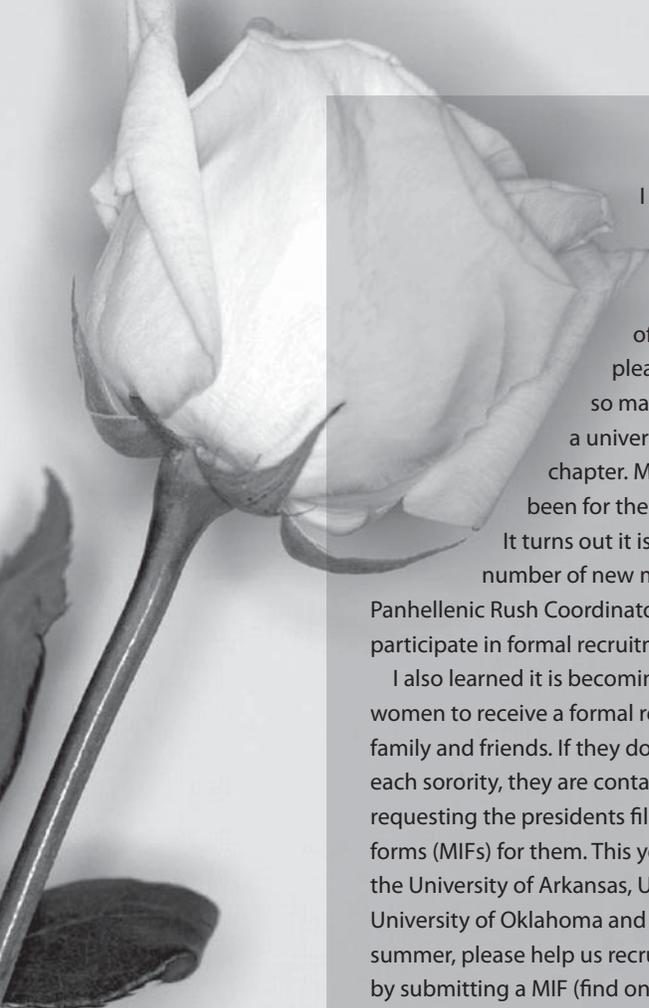
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## A Note From the President

I have been busy completing new member recommendation forms for many women headed off to college this fall. I was pleasantly surprised to see so many women are attending a university with an active AOII chapter. Most recommendations have been for the University of Arkansas!

It turns out it is preparing for a record number of new members. According to its Panhellenic Rush Coordinator, a thousand women will participate in formal recruitment this year!

I also learned it is becoming more important for women to receive a formal recommendation from family and friends. If they don't know someone from each sorority, they are contacting alumnae chapters and requesting the presidents fill out member information forms (MIFs) for them. This year, I have sent MIFs to the University of Arkansas, University of Mississippi, University of Oklahoma and University of Alabama. Next summer, please help us recruit the best new members by submitting a MIF (find one at [www.alphaomicronpi.org](http://www.alphaomicronpi.org)) for any woman you know participating in

recruitment. If you have questions, please contact me.

As for this coming year, we've made several changes to our alumnae fees and schedule. At summer's convention, a fraternity-wide vote approved adding a \$10 technology fee for all alumnae and collegiate members. We will be increasing our dues this year to \$45 to accommodate this increase. Our local chapter discussed and passed a fee increase last spring in anticipation of this change. Thank you for your support of our local and national chapter.

Finally, you will notice a slight decrease in the number of meetings and events noted in this newsletter. These are the formally scheduled events for our chapter, but please join us at the many informal events scheduled throughout the year, too! Watch the website ([www.kcaoi.com](http://www.kcaoi.com)) and our Facebook page for details! We will be relying more on all those great social media outlets, so keep an eye on them!

We hope to see everyone at an event this year, and until the weather changes, try to stay cool!

Roses,  
*Michele Park*  
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## Details From Delta Pi at U.C.M.

The new school year is starting very soon, and Delta Pi couldn't be more excited! We have many different events coming up, including our 2011 fall recruitment toward the end of August. In September, we have many philanthropy fundraisers, including Smoke-Out Arthritis on Sept. 24 and Pie an AOII, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, at which we would love to see our alumnae! Homecoming week is Oct. 3-8, with Jessie Stocker as our Homecoming queen candidate and the theme, "Traditions". Any pop tabs or colored cans would be greatly appreciated for the various "wars" between the sororities. AOII is at the top and definitely needs to stay on top!

As many of you may have heard, our 50th anniversary is coming up Feb. 25, 2012. We are excited to anticipate all the alumni coming to visit! It's a huge event, so we're asking all alums to please send your contact info to me. We have been preparing so much for this great event and hope everyone will be able to make it. It's exciting to be able to see so many sisters all in one place and meet AOII through the generations! Can't wait for the great opportunity to meet all alumni!

Roses,  
*Rebecca Hotop*  
Delta Pi Alumnae Relations Chair  
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Delta Pi President Lisa Cunningham got to meet former International President Susan Danko at convention this past summer.

## Scholarships Awarded

The Scholarship Committee recently awarded Alpha Omicron Pi/Jessie Marie Cramer Scholarships at K.U. to the following women:

- Sumere Smith
- Christina Mecca
- Megan Wells
- Jamika Hobbs
- Elisha Ellis
- Jessica Brooks

The Alpha Omicron Pi Scholarship at U.C.M. went to Lexi Alexander.

## Financial Update

Annual chapter dues have been increased to \$45 for regular members, \$29 for Life Loyal members and \$5 for new graduates.

The \$10 increase is due to a required technology fee implemented by International headquarters. (See back page for more details on paying dues.)

Last year, the chapter donated:

- \$100 to Delta Pi's robe fund
- \$150 to the AOII Foundation
- \$150 to the U.C.M. Foundation to fund the AOII Scholarship
- \$50 to the KC Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship fund.

# 2011-12 Calendar of Events

It's time! Time to mark your calendar—*today!*—to make sure you set aside the time for these specially planned events! Your K.C. AOII Alum Chapter has revamped its schedule to focus on events that you won't want to miss!

So sit down with your Smart Phone, iPhone or Outlook calendar. Add the events below and hit "Save"! Then tell your husbands, kids, significant others or the girls from the office that you won't be available because you'll be hanging out with your AOII sisters!

RSVP to Vice President of Programs Becki Carl Stutz, Becki@StutzMail.com or (785) 550-9035, or Day Group Programming Chair Cherie Smith, (913) 642-6073.

If you need a ride to any event, contact Becki or Cherie to make arrangements.

## Day Group Details

Interested in the K.C. AOII Day Group? Call Cherie Smith to be added to the calling list. You'll be notified when weather-related cancellations occur. Costs include your meal, beverage and dessert; no tax or tip is charged.

### September:

• **12 (Monday). Day Group Meeting/ Luncheon.** Noon-2 p.m. Location: The Forum, 3501 W. 95th St., Leawood, Kan. \$9.50 (cash only). *RSVP: Cherie*

### October:

• **10 (Monday). Day Group Meeting/ Luncheon.** Noon-2 p.m. Location: Park Meadows, 5901 W. 107th St., Overland Park, Kan. \$10 (cash or check). *RSVP: Cherie*

### November:

• **14 (Monday). Day Group Meeting/ Luncheon.** Noon-2 p.m. Location: Kingswood, 10000 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Mo. \$8.50 (cash or check). *RSVP: Cherie*

• **14 (Monday). Giving Thanks: Writing Letters to Sisters in the Military.** 7 p.m. Location: Ellen Crain's home, 13007 Hayes St., Overland Park, Kan. Please bring toiletries to donate to military wives and families. *RSVP: Becki*

### December:

• **3 (Saturday). Founders' Day.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Location: Cottonwood Room, Matt Ross Community Center, 8101 Marty St., Overland Park, Kan. Please bring nonperishable foods to donate. *RSVP: Becki*

### January:

• **9 (Monday). Day Group Meeting/ Luncheon.** Noon-2 p.m. Location: Kingswood, 10000 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Mo. \$8.50 (cash or check). *RSVP: Cherie*

### February:

• **13 (Monday). Day Group Meeting/ Luncheon.** Noon-2 p.m. Location: The Forum, 3501 W. 95th St., Leawood, Kan. \$9.50 (cash only). *RSVP: Cherie*

• **13 (Monday). Desserts, Divas & Divine Cocktails.** Location: Home of Jenny Horsley, 6908 W. 82nd St., Overland Park, Kan. Please bring a dessert and its recipe or a cocktail and its recipe to share. *RSVP: Becki*

### March:

• **12 (Monday). Day Group Meeting/ Luncheon.** Noon-2 p.m. Location: Kingswood, 10000 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Mo. \$8.50 (cash or check). *RSVP: Cherie*

### April:

• **9 (Monday). Ritual & AOII Game Night.** 7 p.m. Home of Tierney Veatch, 1606 NE 61st Terr., Gladstone, Mo. Please bring treats to send to Delta Pi to help them survive final exams, as well as any board game you'd like to play. *RSVP: Becki*

### May:

• **14 (Monday). Day Group Meeting/ Luncheon.** Noon-2 p.m. Location: The Forum, 3501 W. 95th St., Leawood, Kan. \$9.50 (cash only). *RSVP: Cherie*

### June:

• **2 (Saturday). Family Picnic.** 6 p.m. Home of Courtney Eiterich, 9746 Sunset Circle, Lenexa 66220. Please bring a side dish, dessert or salad to share.

## Your Sisters Are Always Waiting to Help—But What Are YOU Waiting for?

The Greater K.C. Alum Chapter has been doing some soul-searching. We've been wondering how to get more area alums interested in attending our events.

We have determined that the primary reason most of you don't get involved is because you're plain busy! Got it! Point made! So we have decided to plan *fewer* events that have *more meaning*.

Your sisterhood with AOII is always there, waiting for you when you need it—*especially* when you need it. But don't wait until hard times arrive before you turn to your sisters for support. Attend some of the activities we have planned for the next few months and get to know your area alums now. Then, should the need arise, it will be that much easier to turn to your sisters for support.

Besides, you're bound to have a great time and discover just how much more you have in common today than you ever did as a collegiate!

We're now planning *fewer* events that have *more meaning*.



K.C. AOIIs gathered in early August to take their minds off the sweltering heat. (From left) Kate Favrow, Hilary Riggle, Lori Garrison, Michele Park and Gina Kellogg.



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c/o Lori Garrison  
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**Pay Dues! Help Keep the K.C. Alum Chapter Operating!**

As a dues-paying member, you help fulfill your pledge to cherish the future of AOII. Chapter dues are \$5 for new graduates, **\$45** per year for regular alums and **\$19** for Life Loyal alums. Wonder where that money goes? Here's a breakdown of what your local alum chapter receives:

- \$16 to AOII International – Annual Operating Fee
- \$7 to AOII International – Education & Training Fee
- \$2 to AOII International – Archival Preservation Fee
- \$10 to AOII International – NEW Technology Fee
- \$10 to the operation of the Greater K.C. AOII Alumnae Chapter

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your preferred method of communication:**     E-mail     Telephone call

**ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:**

Have an extra \$5? \$25? \$50? Please indicate additional donation preferences below:

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| • Ruby Fund.....\$ _____               | • AOII Endowment ..... \$ _____     |
| • AOII Arthritis Grants .....\$ _____  | • Arthritis Walk..... \$ _____      |
| • AOII Foundation .....\$ _____        | • Alumnae Operations ..... \$ _____ |
| • Scholarship Fund at UCM.....\$ _____ | • Delta Pi Robe Fund..... \$ _____  |
| • Other:.....\$ _____                  | <b>Total ..... \$ _____</b>         |

Make check out to AOII. Send payment to: Treasurer Debbi Johanning, 1313 Connecticut, Lawrence KS 66044 or via Paypal to [johanning@sunflower.com](mailto:johanning@sunflower.com).

**GETTING INVOLVED** — Please indicate your interest in the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter office (Identify position: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ Founders' Day Committee    \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Committee    \_\_\_\_\_ Delta Pi Advisor

**Did You Know?**

**AOII is now recruiting HR Network Ambassadors! These women serve in a Task Force function for the Human Resources Committee as the first point of contact for potential volunteers in each network area. Want more info? Visit [www.alphaomicronpi.org](http://www.alphaomicronpi.org).**

**Green Tip**

AOII International continues to pursue its goal of encouraging members to be environmentally conscious. Wanna help? Here's a tip:

- **Go dark!** Turn off your computer monitor whenever it is not in use. Not only will you save money in energy costs, but you'll also prolong the life of the monitor. That saves money by not needing to buy a new one, and it keeps one more out of the landfill.