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A note from our president



Hi Alumnae of Dallas! I am honored to serve as your President during Chi Omega's 125th year! This crazy, uncertain time requires daily "to be discouraged never." Thank you so much for your membership! We will have fun and not let this virus defeat us. (See May zoom board meeting above!)

Speaking of fun, sign up for our newly created **Safe Sister Socials**, small gatherings with new and old friends using safe guidelines...see below! What to do about **meetings**? Typically, we meet at members' homes in September, October, January and May to socialize, make announcements and hear guest speakers while noshing on yummy food and sipping wine. Well, this year we all need to be flexible as we monitor the virus situation. Our September meeting will most likely be sent in a link and you can nosh and sip wine while watching! Great **guest speakers** this year include **Gina Norris** (who has Chi O daughter) and is the first-ever female Texas State Fair Board Chair; **Shelley Potter**, who went from Chi O pledge to National President; and **Vicki Foster** (my Alpha Alpha sister) who will tell us of her Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader years under Tom Landry!

Email, text or call me anytime with questions, concerns or ideas. The newsletter will be in August.

I appreciate you all, and please take care!

Virtual Chi O hugs,

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Sign up for Safe Sister Socials!

Seeking fun & safe social time? Small groups of six will visit in members' shaded back yards for morning coffee hour or afternoon happy hour (bring own beverages), sitting at safe distance! Email Coordinator Cindy Large at cindylarge2014@yahoo.com and include your address and cell number. **Hosts needed** with gated backyard entrance and shade, so please note if you can host. More details will be given once your email is received. Safety guidelines will need to be followed.

We will begin Safe Sister Socials in August, with hopes that Dallas' case numbers will settle down by then.

Night Owls – Chair Kate Thayer Rentz and her board, pictured at right, had a social-distanced meeting (except for a quick photo op). They announce the following, with more to come:

Virtual Book Club for Night Owls: August 18th

We'll be chatting about "When Life Gives You Lululemons" by Lauren Weisberger

Symphonies – Chair Emily Thorsen says please stay tuned for upcoming announcements.



Chi Omega Christmas Market 2020 update

Dear Sisters in Chi Omega,

We hope this update on the market finds you safe and well. Please know we are working hard to create the 43rd COCM. It is for sure not going to look like any market in the past, but we hope this will open up some new ideas for the show going forward for COCM 2021 and beyond.

In January, the Beneficiary Committee pledged \$245,000 to a group of very worthy beneficiaries. Presently those same beneficiaries are not only worthy, but they are extremely grateful that we are holding fast to our commitment to them under these trying conditions.

Giving Day in September. We are inviting the 25,000 shoppers who have come to the market in the past to bridge this year by donating the price of a show ticket to our North Texas Giving Day page, while making them aware that 100% of the donation will go to our beneficiaries. Their donation will permit them to receive a first day access code to our COCM Virtual Market. This is similar to our preview night from the past shows.

COCM virtual market will be called the “**12 Days of Christmas.**” It will start November 9th and run through November 20th. All of last year’s merchants will be asked to join us and we hope this online market will be a new part of COCM henceforth.

So, that is what we are working hard to accomplish and we could not be more excited about representing Chi Omega in this endeavor. We know that Chi Os are a spirited group of givers and we look forward to each one of you being a part through your work, donations, prayers and/or ideas. Please contact us if you would like to be a part of this interesting time of evolving our show. We welcome your support and thank you in advance for your encouragement.

...to be discouraged never,
Jana Beth Eidson, Taylor Eidson Wood and Savannah Eidson Near
COCM Chairs

Sue Bailey
COCM Steering Chair

2020-2021 recruitment update

Plus: Pick up a yard sign!

Thanks to those of you who wrote RIFs and letters of support this year for Dallas Potential New Members (PNMs). We truly appreciate your commitment to another successful recruitment! This year, there will be many changes with respect to recruitment. University Panhellenics are issuing their guidelines for rounds of parties. Some schools will offer all rounds virtually and others will offer a combination of virtual and in-person rounds. For example, some schools will offer rounds 1-3 virtually and pref and Bid Day in-person.

Another change this year is that Panhellenic is allowing more contact and communication between actives and PNM's than in the past in order to give PNM's more opportunities to connect with actives and vice versa. So, if you wrote a RIF, you may want to reach out and ask if the PNM has been approached by Chi O actives at her school. If you have questions about Panhellenic guidelines at specific schools, please call Nan McGee at 214-676-5650, Kim Kelley at 469-438-8252, or Diane Brooks at 214-796-2742.



Because recruitment on college campuses will look different this fall, our marketing of Chi Omega and the entire sorority experience must adapt to this changing time. **One innovative way to help market Chi O is through yard signs.** If you want to help by displaying a sign in your yard, please refer to the list below of Chi O's homes located throughout the city on whose front porches the signs will be placed. Because some HOAs do not allow yard signs, a sign will not be placed in your yard, so you will need to pick one up. We ask that you keep the signs in your front yard until the end of the summer and then place it in your garage for storage until December when you will receive a reminder email asking you to place the sign in your yard again to market Chi Omega for deferred recruitment in January. Thanks so much for your help!

Where to find yard signs:

Kim Kelley: North Dallas, 6561 Cliffbrook, Dallas 75254

Suzanne Caruso: Preston Hollow, 6438 Lupton, Dallas 75225

Alexis Wagoner: Highland Park, 3125 Purdue, Dallas 75225

Diane Brooks: University Park, 3615 Caruth Blvd. Dallas 75225

Melody Collins: Jesuit area, 4716 Twin Post Rd, Dallas 75244

Michelle Johnson: Lake Highlands area, 8705 Pegshire, Dallas 75231

Nancy Wilson: Lakewood area 6739 Avalon, Dallas 75214

Chi Omega Dallas membership

Thank you to those who renewed membership for 2020-2021!

Please call your Chi O friends and ask them to renew, too.
It's not too late, but dues must be paid ASAP in order to be included in the printed directory.

News from SMU

Chapter Personnel Advisor Melody Collins reports:

I'm happy to announce that Iota Alpha is #1 in grades again this semester with a **3.815!!** Please note that all semester averages were higher than normal due to SMU's temporary grading policy which was adopted to accommodate students during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Educational Housing Corporation Board Chair Karla Acuff reports:

THE HOUSE CLOSED EARLY! As you all may know, SMU closed shortly after Spring Break due to COVID-19.

SLOW MOVE-OUT! We have spent the summer moving out our residents slowly and safely as the women of Chi Omega adjusted to our new normal. Thank you to Becky Wright, with Karla pictured at right, plus Katharine Deem, Rene Edwards, Barb McKenzie, Melody Collins, Cindy Williams, Jenni Tauzel, and Townley Teso for facilitating our move-out.



OPENING THE HOUSE FOR THE FALL HAS SOME CHALLENGES:

The board has listened to and participated in webinars, HCB President Zoom calls, Iota Alpha Zoom calls, and we will follow SMU's guidance as closely as possible as we open for Fall 2020. The dining room has 3 chairs per table to encourage social distancing, and buffets will be nonexistent. Sanitizer stations are being placed around the house. Visitors will be limited. We are also looking for Lysol spray and disinfectant wipes.

📧 If you can donate disinfectant wipes or Lysol spray, please email karlakacuff92@yahoo.com. Thank you! 📧

News from National

[Click here](#) in case you missed the virtual National Chi Omega Convention 2020.

Hope everyone's hanging in there!

Send us your quarantine photos.



Dorothy Meachum and her mom, Eloise, puzzle over how to spend some quality quarantine time.



Sally Larroca and Sue Bailey model the most stylish masks around!



Margot Tschantz takes her granddaughters Maddie and Ava to calligraphy lessons with our very own President, Nancy Himes.

our group.



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