



# CHIO IN OHIO



A Newsletter of the Chi Omega Alumnae Association, State of Ohio

## President's Letter

Fall 2006

Greetings to all! I just love autumn and the holiday celebrations that come with it. I hope that all of you will take some time during your holiday preparations to check out our latest newsletter. This particular newsletter is full of information from scholarship and award updates to registration forms for Chi-O-Hio Days 2007. Please share copies of the registration forms with those sisters who may not receive this newsletter. Also, make it part of your alumnae chapter announcements and encourage sisters in your area to attend our anniversary celebration in April, 2007. We are hoping to have a record number of guests in attendance. So please join us in Dublin next April.

Best wishes for a blessed holiday season!

*Janie*

Congratulations to Ohio's very own Janie Cochran, our new Regional Alumnae Director. Presently, as Alumnae Board President, Records and Cardinal Cabinet Advisor to Sigma Alpha Chapter at Miami, and past chairperson of Chi-O-Hio Day 2003, she has demonstrated that her leadership skills and boundless enthusiasm will continue to strengthen our alumnae program as she assumes her new position from Cathi Ratay, who has served in that capacity for the past 6 years. Janie is looking forward to working with the alumnae groups in the Great Lakes Region, recognizing their contributions to the life-long experience that is Chi Omega.



## 1st Vice President

Sandy Carson

The OHIO OWL TREE will CELEBRATE CHI OMEGA and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CHI-O-HIO DAY! Our Foundation Fund will grow with donations in honor or memory of your Sisters. This is a great way to express our love for our wonderful Sisterhood and grow the State fund which supports the scholarship the State Board awards to a deserving OHIO Active each year.

To CELEBRATE CHI O at our 50<sup>th</sup> celebration of CHI-O-HIO DAY, there will be a BUCKEYE level donor in addition to the FEATHER level of contribution: \$1 for one feather or \$5 for 6 feathers. Better yet, support the Fund by being a BUCKEYE donor for only \$25!

All donations to the OHIO OWL TREE will be deposited in the State Board's National Fund and will be credited to the donor's LIFETIME GIVING. It is TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Be a BUCKEYE and/or a FEATHER donor and know that you are helping educate another CHI OMEGA SISTER! See you at the OWL TREE!

## SUZANNE D. BANKS AWARD Cathy Sheperd

The Chi Omega Alumnae Association, State of Ohio, annually presents an award to an outstanding new initiate of an Ohio chapter. This sister must have been initiated in 2006.

Look for the award applications to the President and GM early in January. The recipient will receive her initiation fee and badge cost.

## NEWS FROM OUR ACTIVE CHAPTERS

In November at Lambda Delta's (Kent State University) annual scholarship banquet, Lisa Reidy won the Ann Walter's Scholarship (a scholarship named for a previous house mother).

Mu Lambda (University of Dayton) has recently won the UD Greek Scholarship award for highest GPA for the 2005-2006 school year, the Learn, Lead, and Serve award for Greek organization of the year, and the Intrafraternal Outstanding Sorority of the Year award!

## OUTSTANDING ALUMNA Jane Stephens Auge'

We are looking for outstanding alumnae who have exemplified the purposes of Chi Omega and have also been leaders in their community or business. Outstanding volunteers in their church, schools or other volunteer organizations are also worthy nominees. Please remember that the nominee does not need to be associated with an active chapter to be considered for this award.

Nomination forms will be sent in January. I will also e-mail them if it is requested. Nominations are to be returned by February 28, 2007, to:

Jane Stephens Auge', 15 Miami Ave#2, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017 or to my e-mail address: [jsauge@fuse.net](mailto:jsauge@fuse.net)

## CHI-O-HIO SCHOLARSHIP Beverly Jergens

For the Chi-O-Hio Scholarship, an applicant should be a full-time college sophomore or junior student with a minimum of 3.0 GPA, who resides in Ohio or is an initiate of an Ohio Chapter. Applications will be mailed to Ohio collegiate chapters during the second week of January, 2007.

Anyone knowing a worthy woman who attends college in a state other than Ohio should have her contact Beverly Jergens at 937-439-2096 or 7420 Turquoise Court, Dayton, OH 45459 for an application. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2007, and returned to Beverly Jergens at the above address.

## MAKE-A-WISH

Diane Meyer-Dittman

Attention all Presidents of alum and active chapters:

At our 2007 Chi-O-Hio Day, we will be recognizing all of your volunteer efforts throughout these past two years. Please forward any pictures, descriptions of your chapter's activities or other items to me by February 1, 2007. I am planning on creating a PowerPoint presentation and a display to show off all of your hard work and to help give others some ideas. We will be having someone from Make-A-Wish in attendance so I would really like to have as much as possible.

Please email me at [DianaLMeyer@totalink.net](mailto:DianaLMeyer@totalink.net), call me at 419-534-6045 or mail anything that you have to: 2140 Mt. Vernon Ave, Toledo, OH 43607. I am so excited to see all the great ideas and accomplishments from you all. Have a great new year and I look forward to seeing you in April.

## HISTORIAN

Ronda Deer

In the past two issues of CHI O IN OHIO, I wrote about the history of the tradition of CHI-O-HIO DAY. We are moving closer to the April 2007 celebration of our 50th Anniversary. The plans are well under way, and we are excited about this great event.

Personally, I have been a part of all Chi-O-Hio Days since 1971. However, there is one person who has been in attendance at every Chi-O-Hio Day and that is June Snow Cochran Moncur. Very appropriately, she is serving as the Honorary Chairman of this year's Chi-O-Hio Day.

As mentioned previously, the Zeta Alphas at The Ohio State University and the Columbus Alumnae planned the first event held on March 30, 1957. In preparing for this Chi-O-Hio Day, we, June and I, are trying to locate all of the Chi Omegas, alumnae and actives, who were part of that first event. We have been very lucky so far, but would like to have some help in locating several who are eluding us. Unfortunately, we do not have maiden names for some. If you have any information on any of these

Chi Omegas, please send the information to me: Mrs. Clive H. Rush (Jeanne), Mrs. Jack Bartlett, Mrs. E. R. Brady (Barbara), Nancy Nussbaum, Mrs. Roger Jones, Mrs. A. R. Brady, Judie Harris.

We did locate one Chi Omega in a very interesting way. As the State Recruitment Chairman for Ohio, I recently received a RIF to sign for a girl who will be going through recruitment at OSU. It was sent by her grandmother. As I began to sign it, I looked at the grandmother's name....Elizabeth Farrell Miller! Well, the bells went off! This was the Betsy Farrell who was the GH at the Zeta Alpha at the first Chi-O-Hio Day! I wrote June, as Betsy lives in Delaware close to June. Bells went off for June, also. She had made contact with Betsy through a Senior Program some time ago, but neither recognized each other at that encounter. June called Betsy and reminisced... a small Chi Omega world, isn't it?

We hope that many of you will plan to attend Chi-O-Hio Day in April and make some more Chi Omega memories.

## CHI-O-HIO AUCTION

June Moncur

A longstanding tradition at Chi-O-Hio Day is a silent auction including items donated by our State Board members. Some of the items for our Chi-O-Hio auction this year are: basket of collegiate items, alumnae owl belt, Bath & Body gift basket, cardinal & straw bulletin board with a couple of treats, cream & perfume basket, box of Esther Price candy, Disney scrapbook & accessories, 2 hand knitted hats, fleece cardinal & straw throw and cross-stitch, and "Symphony" pillow.

If any of these items entice you and you may not be able to attend Chi-O-Hio Day, raffle tickets are available through your State Board representative or contact Ronda Deer at Rddeer@aol.com. All proceeds are tax deductible and go toward the Chi-O-Hio Foundation Scholarship.

## OHIO CHI OMEGA WEBSITE Wendy Cross

A big thank you goes to Wendy Cross. She has created a new website for Chi-O-Hio that is much more robust than our current site. Check out our new website at [www.ohiochiomegas.com](http://www.ohiochiomegas.com).

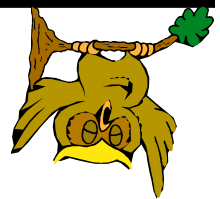


Pictured above is the quilt that Ronda Deer has created. An exceptional keepsake to be auctioned off at Chi-O-Hio Day, 2007. Make sure to join you Chi Omega Sisters for the celebration.

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## **REMINDERS**

**Chi-O-Hio 2007, April 13-14, in Columbus**

**Celebrating 50 years of sisterhood.**

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