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*Denton County Alumnae Chapter of AOII*

Spring 2008

## President's Message



Hello Sisters!

It's hard to believe that it is already 2008. It seems like 2007 came and went in the blink of an eye. Babies were born, loved ones were lost, engagements were made, jobs were changed, and sisters moved distances both short and long. Sometimes, we are stopped by these life changing events, but mostly, I think we all get caught up in our day to day lives. We let the world pass us by more than we realize.



As women, we very rarely get a moment to ourselves. Even when we do, we tend to use it to help someone else. I've been reminded lately that AOII is that selfish little thing I get to do that really isn't selfish at all. AOII provides me opportunities to complete philanthropic projects and a great excuse to get out of the

house. Just hanging out with my sisters lifts my mood. Whether it's a night on the town, or a relaxed dinner, DCAC lets me shed my labels as "mommy", "wife", "employee", etc., and become myself again.

Let's make 2008 different. Review your New Year's resolutions and make time for AOII. Now is the time to try something new. It is the time to renew old friendships and find new ones. Now is the time to spend time with your family; not just your relatives, but your AOII sisters too.

I hope you will join us at any of our events and discover the amazing sisterhood we have to offer! I look forward to connecting with you!

Alpha love,  
Betsy Compton  
*President, Denton County Alumnae Chapter*

### How many AOII are in your town?

Denton	14
Flower Mound	20
Carrollton	24
Lewisville	20
Southlake	21
Coppell	26
Frisco	47
Keller	13
Colleyville	18
Irving	6
The Colony	6
McKinney	6
Allen	10

## AOII and Arthritis



The Arthritis Foundation was created in 1977 as a non-profit organization to support the various philanthropies of the fraternity. Since 1977, the foundation has contributed over \$4.5 million to philanthropic causes.

The AOII Foundation has been proud to provide research grants which partially fund dozens of arthritis related projects. In 1998,

the Arthritis Foundation awarded its prestigious Corporate Hero Award for its ongoing support of critical arthritis research and efforts to educate AOII members about arthritis.

The term "arthritis" encompasses more than 100 diseases and conditions that affect joints, the surrounding tissues and other connective tissues. Arthritis can cause

mild to severe pain in the joints, as well as joint tenderness and swelling.

Arthritis is a serious health condition, but can be treated or even possibly prevented. There is no cure, but there are many ways you can improve your quality of life. If you think you have arthritis, contact a health care professional.

## InCircle

Are you in InCircle? Last year, Alpha Omicron Pi launched a new networking tool that is exclusively for its AOII membership. InCircle is a private, online community that allows AOIIs to securely connect with friends and friends-of-friends based on shared interests, common acquaintances, professions, locations and more.

Go to [incircle.alphaomicronpi.org](http://incircle.alphaomicronpi.org) to visit the thousands of AOII sisters who are in InCircle today. Be sure to sign up for the DCAC group while you're there.

*Visit DCAC online!*

[www.aonii.net](http://www.aonii.net)

## College Connection

### Delta Theta

The Delta Theta Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi holds chapter meetings, including sisterhoods, educations, and rituals on Mondays at 7pm at TWU. They also have other various events each month, such as date nights, philanthropy projects, and campus activities. For more information, contact chapter advisor, Julie O'Brien at [jewlee57@yahoo.com](mailto:jewlee57@yahoo.com).

Watch your email for more information about their upcoming Alumnae Tea on February 24th at 4pm.



## Life Loyal



Life Loyal AOIIs are alumnae and collegians who believe in the inherent worth and unlimited possibilities of everlasting sisterhood. They are a group of visionary women who continue to reap the advantages of their lifetime connection to AOII long after their collegiate years.

As a Life Loyal member, you are helping to guarantee that AOII will remain forever strong for you and all of the young women yet to join our fraternity.

For more information about Life Loyal AOII, contact [lifeloyalaoii@alphaomicronpi.org](mailto:lifeloyalaoii@alphaomicronpi.org).

## Alumnae Initiates

Do you have a friend you think of as a sister? Alpha Omicron Pi encourages the recruitment of Alumnae Initiate Members. Candidates must have completed one academic year of college and must not be a member of another NPC organization. If you would like to invite a friend to any DCAC event, please let us know. We would love to welcome you and any potential new members.

## Can you help?



The Denton County Alumnae Chapter is currently accepting donations to raise enough money to attend the Alpha Omicron Pi International Convention in 2009. Convention is an exciting time of sisterhood, but also an important time of business and ritual. You can help a delegate of the Denton County Alumnae Chapter attend by mailing a donation today. Please mail your check, payable to DCAC, to: Monalisa Daniels, 2104 White Oak Rd., McKinney, TX 75070.

## DCAC Spring Calendar

### Girls Night Out

Saturday, February 23rd  
8 pm

Sweetwater Grill & Tavern  
115 S. Elm St.  
Denton, TX

Come enjoy the food, drinks, and sisterhood!

### AOII Tea Party

Sunday, March 9th  
1-3 pm

Christina's House  
4204 Boxwood Drive  
Denton, TX

Bring a cup for a fun exchange and enjoy catching up with your sisters!

### Date Night

Wednesday, April 16th  
7 pm

Snuffers Restaurant & Bar  
431 Grand Ave. East  
Southlake, TX

Bring a date and join your sisters for a fun night out with the guys!

### Arthritis Walk

Saturday, May 3rd  
8 am

Park Central  
12700 Park Central  
Dallas, TX

Walk with us to help raise awareness and money for arthritis research. We need you on our team!

### No Show Gala

See next page for more details.

*Denton County Alumnae Chapter Presents*

**AOII COUNTRY HOEDOWN “NO SHOW” GALA**



**JUNE 1, 2008**

**OK CORRAL**

**TEXAS CHIC ATTIRE**

I regret that I am unable to attend the No-Show Gala because:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bubba won't get off the tractor long enough to learn to square dance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm out of hairspray and can't get my hair "big" enough for the party.

\_\_\_\_\_ Our pickup truck is in the shop for its pre-rodeo overhaul.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please accept my donation to support the Denton County Alumnae Chapter of AOII and the AOII Arthritis Foundation.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75

\_\_\_\_\_ other

**The favor of a reply is requested by June 1, 2008.**

**Kindly make checks payable to DCAC and mail to:**

DCAC

Attn: Betsy Compton

1033 Easy St.

Grapevine, TX 76051

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

2008 Denton County Alumnae Chapter of AOII Survey

These are busy times for all of us-balancing professional, family, volunteer, and personal activities. As we juggle our daily lives, we look forward to having time for something that is just for us. Why participate in an AOII alumnae chapter? There are so many reasons- fun, friendships, and opportunities to network with AOII's from varied backgrounds, occupations, and collegiate chapters. Please take a few minutes to tell us what we can do for you.

Please mail this survey with your "No Show" Gala form. We thank you in advance for completing our survey.

1. What types of activities would you like to see offered? (Circle all that apply)

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Date Nights             | Collegiate Interaction |
| Moms and Tots Playdates | Happy Hours            |
| Philanthropy Projects   | Lunch Bunches          |
| Sisters Night Outs      | Panhellenic Activities |
| Other (please specify)- |                        |

2. What currently prevents you from attending events? (Circle all that apply)

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Work                    | Family commitments                |
| School                  | Nothing offered that interests me |
| Other (please specify): |                                   |

3. Are you interested in any of the following? (Circle all that apply)

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|--|---|
| Attending DCAC events                      | Receiving DCAC newsletters                        |
| Talking with a current member about DCAC   | Hosting an AOII event                             |
| Helping with collegiate chapter            | Helping a friend become your AOII sister          |
| Holding an office in DCAC                  | Receiving information about DCAC via e-mail       |
| Receiving information about DCAC via phone | Receiving information about DCAC via regular mail |

4. As we welcome new members, can you offer ideas or suggestions to make them feel welcome?

5. Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the DCAC?