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## Message from the Chapter President

Sisters,

I can't believe how quickly a year goes! We've had quite a fun year with all of our programming. I am so thankful for all of our hosts, volunteers and those who attend our events. With out you, our group would not be what it is. Thank you to those of you who attended our installation dinner. We had an excellent evening of sisterhood and I am excited to start planning our next year!

Please plan on joining us for our planning meeting, Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at Andrea Franks' home. I'm excited to see what great events we can come up with this year!

I am also thankful for Ann, Kourtney, Suzanne and Karen for volunteering to be on our executive board. Our group would not be the same with out you. Our group is very thankful for the hard work and time you put into keeping our group running smoothly.

I am very excited for our coming year! As always, I know we will have a great time and strengthen our sisterhood.

In the bond,  
Leah

# Alpha Chi Omega

## Mother's Day Party A Complete Success

The Mother's Day party at A Safe Place was another success. Ann Marr, Debbie Wilgress, Leah Stein-Fredbeck and Kathy Mark bagged the evening prior to the event. It was wonderful to see all the items collected including toiletries, toys, candy, gift cards and juice.

The evening of the party Andrea Franks, Carol Myers and Kathy Mark orchestrated a wonderful event. Thank you also to Jan Curschmann and her daughter Christi, who tried to help, but illness got in their way.

There were 9 children at the party from the ages of 2 to 14. They were a wonderful group, giving us compliments and thanks. We were even called princesses by one lovely young girl. There was a baby that got a picture and frame also.

A huge thank you to all who helped, either in person or with contributions. It takes the whole chapter to make this annual event such a worthwhile success. Now, let's start collecting all those travel toiletries for next year!

## North Shore Panhellenic Meeting Representative Needed

Iota Lambda Iota needs a member to attend each Panhellenic meeting. We have September, October, November and January covered. Can you help with the February and/or March meetings? Please contact Karen Stopps ([kmstopps@gmail.com](mailto:kmstopps@gmail.com)) and let her know you can help. Your attendance at the meetings would be to gather the information that is discussed and convey that info to Karen, who will continue as our coordinator for the Panhellenic benefit.

### Iota Lambda Iota - 2019-2020 Elected Officers

President – Leah Stein-Fredbeck  
Vice President of Membership - Kourtney Passarella  
Treasurer - Suzanne Chamberlain  
Secretary – Ann Marr  
Ways/Means – Kathy Mark, Katherine Damisch  
Programs – Wendy Weigers  
Social Media - Leah Stein-Fredbeck  
Panhellenic Rep – Karen Stopps  
Panhel. Alternate – Ann Marr  
Courtesy Chair – Carol Meyers

## Alpha Chi Omega Alumnae Book Club

Want to connect with 1,100 of your sisters in a virtual book club? You can still join! To be part of the book club, join our Facebook group [AXO Book Club](#).

Each month, we read a new book and have a virtual discussion via the Facebook group. Every few months, we'll extend our virtual discussion to a live video conference where we can discuss the book "face to face."

The July book is *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean and the August book is *The Silence of the Girls* by Pat Barker.

We're excited to offer a new opportunity for alumnae across the country to connect and engage based on common interests. If you have questions about the book club, you can [email Hannah Harris](#), assistant director of volunteer management.

## Member Profile Announcement

Have you seen the expanded and easy-to-manage member profile on [alphachiomega.org](#) yet? We've made it mobile-friendly to make it simpler for your alumnae chapter members to see an array of information in one convenient location. Now they can check their donor history, communication preferences, privacy settings, volunteer interests and more!

The secure platform, accessed by logging into [alphachiomega.org](#), will continue to serve as the primary spot for your chapter members to update their address, add a seasonal address, change a phone number, add a new employer, etc. If your members have participated in our recent alumnae directory initiative, their updates are being entered on a rolling basis and will be reflected once those changes are made.

Be sure to log in and check out the features! Visit [alphachiomega.org](#), scroll down to Update My Personal Information at the bottom of the home page, then log in to view your profile. First-time visitors will need to create a member profile and can do so by selecting Register.

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## **A Message from the Lifetime Engagement Staff**

We are excited to share that this past month, Alpha Chi Omega transitioned nearly 3,000 members from the collegiate experience to the alumnae experience.

Have you reached out to these young alumnae as they are transitioning to their new life? As an alumnae chapter you can offer support to our newly graduated seniors, not only by offering them friendship and encouragement, but also by reaching out to help with career mentoring, leadership development and advice on issues they might face in their post-collegiate transition.

Whether young alumnae are eager to embrace the alumnae chapter experience, jump into volunteering or choose to connect in their own unique way to Alpha Chi Omega, established alumnae play a critical role in reaching out to these women and supporting them as they develop an alumnae experience that fits their life.

Hall of Commitment teaches us to take the values and ideals of Alpha Chi Omega and make them the cornerstone of a lifelong commitment as a loyal sister of Alpha Chi Omega. During this time, it is important to lead by example for our new graduates. Be their inspiration for volunteering; be their real, strong women.

## **Congratulations to Arielle Fay Recipient of 2 Alpha Chi Omega Scholarships**

Congratulations to Arielle Fay, daughter of Iota Lambda Iota member, Laura Fay. Ariella attends Auburn University and starts her Junior year in Fall 2019.

Arielle has received scholarships from the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation and the Judith Ziegler Phillips scholarship in honor of Gamma Lambda. The Gamma Lambda chapter is currently inactive on the Kent State campus.

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## **Panhellenic Benefit Recap of a Great Night**

The 2019 Panhellenic I Scholarship Dinner Benefit was held on Thursday April 25 at The Knollwood Club. The delicious dinner and beautiful location made for a very special evening. As always, I am proud to say, that many of our Alpha Chi sisters attended. We looked very sophisticated and elegant in our red-carpet worthy gowns.

The speaker's story about the life of Julie Andrews was especially interesting since she sang many well-known Mary Poppins songs. Chicago NorthShore Panhellenic was able to award six \$1000.00 scholarships to Lake county graduating high school seniors who have chosen to attend schools where they will be able to join a sorority.

The silent auction and opportunity tables were full of enticing choices. Our HAIR baskets, knitted items and quilted table runner all sold raising close to \$300.00. Thank you for your generous and creative donations.



From left to right: Debbie Willgress, Jan Curschmann, Kathy Mark, Katherine Damisch, Laura Glenn, Ann Marr, Wendy Weigers, Karen Stopps. Not pictured: Mimi Westin

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## Save the Date for the 2019 A Safe Place Gala Unmask the Violence Threads of Healing

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday  
**19**  
OCTOBER  
**2019**  
Lincolnshire Marriott Resort

**Unmask the Violence**  
| THREADS OF HEALING | 2019 GALA

**BENEFITING FAMILIES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
Invitation to follow.

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**  
Purchase online at [www.asafeplaceforhelp.org/unmask-violence-gala](http://www.asafeplaceforhelp.org/unmask-violence-gala)  
or call (847) 731-7165 for more information.

*Sip fine wines! Savor culinary delights! Bid on one-of-a-kind auction items! Enter to win fun prizes! Hear moving stories by survivors whose lives were transformed! And more!*

Join us on Saturday, October 19 at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort, for the largest and most important fundraising event of the year for A Safe Place, Lake County's only comprehensive nonprofit agency solely focused on programs and services for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. This year's event will be a transformative evening that includes fine wines, gourmet food, incredible auction and raffle items, emotional stories, and a special collaborative Threads of Healing art project by survivors of domestic violence in the A Safe Place support groups. Each year, A Safe Place impacts over 29,000 lives. Lives that seek out safety in the emergency shelter, join a support group, visit with their children in a safe and monitored environment, seek out orders of protection in court, or learn about healthy relationships in their classroom or office. Join us at the Gala and help A Safe Place continue to save lives with programs and services that victims and their children so desperately need. **Support A Safe Place on a deeper level.** Gala sponsorships are available. Call Chief Development Officer Damaris Lorta at (847) 731-7165, ext. 109 or email [dlorta@asafeplaceforhelp.org](mailto:dlorta@asafeplaceforhelp.org).

## Dinner with Elaine O'Donnell

One of our favorite sisters, Elaine O'Donnell was visiting from her home in North Carolina on June 27. Here are many Iota Lambda Iota members catching up on all the news. Elaine often opens her home to Iota Lambda Iota members once a year for a NC beach vacation.



Pictured left to right  
Betsy Swank, Kathy Mark, Elaine O'Donnell, (unknown waitress), Carol Myers, Jan Curschmann, JoAnn Avellone, Karen Stopps, Nancy Krueser, Wendy Weigerss, Suzanne Chamberlain, Debbie Willgress

## Planning Meeting for the 2019-20 Program Calendar

**Do you have program ideas, something you believe would be fun, educational or rewarding?**

Please give some thought to events that would be fun, educational, rewarding or just interesting and prepare to share the ideas at our planning meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Andrea Frank's home in Mundelein.

A key to keeping our chapter successful revolves around diverse and interesting things that keep our diverse and interesting chapter members engaged. Please forward your ideas to [Ann.marr59@gmail.com](mailto:Ann.marr59@gmail.com).

### Installation Dinner



Jan Curschmann, Laura Fay



Debbie Wilgress, Suzanne Chamberlain, Kathy Mark



Andrea Franks, Wendy Weigers, Rita Galowich, Nancy Krueser, Judy Thatcher-Oldberg



Leah Stein-Fredbeck, Ann Marr, Karen Stopps, Kathy Mark, Danealle Khaimskiy, Kourtney Passarella, Lynne Lenz