



**Celebrating a Century of AΔΠ Sisterhood
Omega Chapter
1914 – 2014
June 20 – June 22, 2014
Baton Rouge**

Greetings Omega Sisters!

Back in July, a couple of us hatched this idea to try to organize a reunion to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Omega Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi at LSU. Up until this point, we have relied on spreading the word to other sisters via telephone calls, e-mail, Facebook, the AΔΠ website, and *The Adelphean*. We recruited volunteers to serve on the planning committee and have held several meetings to begin the process of organizing a centennial reunion. We obtained the membership roster with over 1,000 Omegas from Executive Office. We have been searching for lost sisters, validating mailing addresses and adding e-mail addresses to our database. We have also built up a treasury which now has sufficient funds to support the mailing of this newsletter to over 750 Omegas with addresses in our database. Despite our best efforts, some of you are learning of this reunion for the first time as you read this newsletter.

Organizing the reunion has been a grass roots effort from the start. Little did we know how much interest and enthusiasm there would be for this celebration! What began as a grass roots effort to plan this event has grown into a well-oiled machine consisting of Omegas from across the country contributing their time and expertise in organizing the event. We believe we have planned what will be a *fabulous* weekend of reconnecting, reminiscing and reestablishing the bonds of Alpha Delta Pi sisterhood! It is our hope that as many Omegas as possible can join us to celebrate the sisterhood of AΔΠ.

This newsletter is packed with all the latest updates on the reunion weekend. We hope we have included everything you need to know so that you may make plans to join the fun!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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Lost Sisters

We continue to whittle down the list of lost Omega sisters. Denise White McLaurine has spent countless hours tracking down lost sisters. Several of you have also contributed to the search and your help is greatly appreciated!

Presently there are about 230 sisters who are classified as 'lost'. Please check out the up to date list of the lost Omegas on the reunion website. We will try to update the list on a weekly basis.



Verifying Mailing Addresses

The planning committee was blessed to have 19 volunteers step forward to make telephone calls to Omegas so that we could attempt to verify mailing addresses prior to mailing out reunion invitations. The callers had a daunting task as many telephone messages were left for Omegas, but the majority of the telephone calls were not returned. We did have success in obtaining over 75 new e-mail addresses. We extend a huge thank you to our telephone committee. We continue to use other means to verify mailing addresses.

This newsletter is being mailed to the addresses we have on record. If you receive the newsletter via e-mail, but did not get a copy in the US Mail, please send your address to: omegareunion2014@gmail.com

Keynote Speaker Announced

We are thrilled to announce that the luncheon keynote speaker shall be none other than Tammie Pinkston, the International President of Alpha Delta Pi! We are so honored to have Ms. Pinkston join us. We cannot wait to hear what she has to say about Alpha Delta Pi.



Reunion Website

In an effort to keep everyone updated about the reunion weekend, we have set up a website. Please visit www.omegacentennial.weebly.com to see the latest news on the celebration.

Favorite AΔΠ Songs

Dinah Curole Bradford '68, Becky Eymard '70 and Mary Eymard Hudspeth '84 have volunteered to organize an ADPi sing along at the luncheon. We all have our favorite ADPi songs - rush songs, songs from rush skits, spirit songs, and others. Dinah and team want to be sure to include your favorites in the sing along. Please forward the information on your favorite songs to Dinah via email at : dinahbradford@gmail.com.

AΔΠ Memorabilia for Displays

Melinda Hammons Robert '79 has agreed to help coordinate various displays of Omega Chapter memorabilia. With the closing of the chapter in 1985, we no longer have access to the memorabilia that was displayed in the chapter house. Therefore, we are reaching out to Omega sisters for help in compiling items for our display. We would love to have pictures of your pledge class, pictures of Omegas participating in campus activities, scrapbooks, rush costumes, jewelry, ADPi clothing and anything else you think might generate a fond memory for one of your sisters. If you have anything you would like to loan us, copy, or take a picture of for our displays, please contact Melinda at: ksmelinda@eatel.net.



Diamonds for Omegas

All Omegas are invited to participate in 'Diamonds for Omegas' as a way of honoring/memorializing special Omega sisters. 'Diamonds for Omegas' will benefit the Ronald McDonald House New Orleans. For \$5, you may honor an Omega sister by purchasing a Diamond for an Omega. Each honoree will be listed on a 'Diamonds for Omegas' display reminding all that "We Live for Each Other." The reunion registration form will include information on purchasing for Diamonds for Omegas. You can purchase Diamonds for Omegas even if you are unable to attend the reunion.



Reunion Hotel

We have set aside a block of rooms at the Renaissance Baton Rouge for Friday and Saturday nights, June 20 and 21.



Rooms may be reserved at the discounted rate of \$125.00 per night per room plus taxes. Please contact the hotel at (866) 469-5448 and ask for the Alpha Delta Pi 100 Year Reunion Group Rate when making your reservations. The deadline to reserve your room at the discounted rate is **May 20**. Should you have any issues making your hotel reservations, please contact our hotel liaison, Carolyn Booker '80 at redbook1@cox.net or (225) 936-2375, and she will work with the hotel on resolving any problems in booking a room. The hotel is located at 7000 Bluebonnet Boulevard.

Accomplished Alumnae

Alpha Delta Pi is a sisterhood of outstanding women, many of whom have been recognized nationally and internationally for their extraordinary accomplishments and service to others. We would like to recognize any prominent and distinguished Omega alumnae during the centennial reunion.

Are you an accomplished alumna? Do you know someone who is? Submit a recommendation to omegareunion2014@gmail.com for inclusion in our Accomplished Alumnae list. Achievements can be based on career, community, or philanthropic activities.



Saturday Evening Gatherings

There will be organized events on Friday evening and Saturday during the day, but the consensus was to leave Saturday night open for the various generations of Omegas to plan their own time together for catching up and reminiscing. We are seeking a volunteer(s) from each decade to serve as a point of contact for fellow Omegas from the respective decade to help coordinate informal gatherings or dinners for Saturday evening.

Volunteers will be provided with a list of those sisters who have indicated an interest in attending the reunion. The point person can reach out to the Omegas from her generation and get the ball rolling on helping organize a gathering for Saturday evening.

Please send an email to omegareunion2014@gmail.com if you would like to serve as a point person for your decade.

Spouses/Significant Others

We have received some inquiries as to whether spouses/significant others can attend the reunion. While Saturday's luncheon will be for alumnae only, followed by Jewel Degree which is also for alumnae only, the weekend's remaining events are open to spouses/significant others or other guest. So, yes spouses are welcome, but there is no organized activity for them during the time the alumnae will be taking part in the luncheon and ceremony.

Photographer

At the close of the luncheon on Saturday afternoon, we would like to take a series of group photographs to commemorate the event. At this time, we are seeking a volunteer photographer with the proper equipment (i.e. wide angle lens) to take the photographs. We will then make the photos available via an online photo website. Please tell us if you know of someone willing to do this for us. They would need to be available from approximately 2:00 to 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 21.

Want to stay informed? Be sure to receive the latest updates by sending us your e-mail address!

omegareunion2014@gmail.com



Registering for the Reunion Weekend

Invitations for the celebration will be mailed on April 1. An event registration form will be enclosed with your invitation. The registration fee is \$100 per alumna if registered by May 1. After May 1 the registration fee will be \$125 per alumna. The deadline to register and pay your fee is May 30. If you wish to register now, a registration form is in this newsletter. The form can also be found on the reunion website: omegacentennial.weebly.com

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 20

Hotel Check In begins at 3:00 pm

'We Live for Each Other' Welcome Reception

5:30 - 7:30 pm

The Wine Loft, Perkins Rowe

Come mingle with ADPI sisters, enjoy appetizers, and a cash bar featuring Blue Martinis, Blue Ribbon, Blue Vodka, White Wine, or your favorite libation. Spouses/guests welcome to attend for an additional fee.

Friday Dinner on Your Own

Following the welcome reception, seven eating establishments in Perkins Rowe are available for your dining pleasure, just steps away from the Loft. For large groups, it is recommended to make reservations in advance.

- ◆ Texas De Brazil (Brazilian Steakhouse)
- ◆ Bin 77 (Posh light cuisine and bar)
- ◆ Kona Grill (Sushi/American Grill)
- ◆ California Pizza Kitchen (Pasta & Pizza)
- ◆ Lava Cantina (Mexican & Margaritas)
- ◆ VooDoo BBQ & Grill (Casual BBQ)
- ◆ La Madeleine French Bistro (Casual French patisserie & food)

Saturday, June 21

'Shine Like a Diamond' Centennial Luncheon

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel

A celebration of violets, diamonds and lions as the Omega Chapter commemorates 100 years of sisterhood. Featuring a sisterhood social and luncheon with $\Delta\Delta\Pi$ Alphonie Awards, Violet Video, and Sisters Sing-a-Long. Special guest speaker is Tammie Pinkston, International President of Alpha Delta Pi.

Jewel Degree Ceremony

3:30 pm

Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel

The Jewel Degree was established in 1915 as an alumna degree to complete our Alpha Delta Pi ritual. It expresses the Alpha Delta Pi ideal of service to humanity. It is conferred upon graduating seniors or initiated members who have assumed an alumna status. We will offer the Jewel Degree ritual to any alumnae who have not previously taken part in this ritual. The reunion registration form will ask that you sign up for the Jewel Degree so that we may have an idea of the headcount prior to the event.

Open House at Former Alpha Delta Pi Chapter House

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Tour the former $\Delta\Delta\Pi$ House on the LSU campus! Enjoy light refreshments and reminisce of days spent living in the house. Hosted by $\Delta\Delta\Pi$ alumna Natalie Natal Tatje '83. Spouses/guests welcome.

Saturday Dinner on Your Own

We are leaving Saturday evening open so you can spend more time visiting with Omega sisters. Grab your sisters and spouses/guests and dine at one of Baton Rouge's 200 restaurants, or plan your own get-together!

Sunday, June 22

Fare Thee Well Gathering

9:30 - 11:00 am

Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel

Enjoy a slice of $\Delta\Delta\Pi$ 'Queens Cake' (a/k/a Mardi Gras King Cake) and Café au lait before you wave your violet goodbyes.

Hotel Check out Time is 12:00 Noon

Door Prizes

We hope to be able to offer some awesome door prizes. In order to do so, however, we need your help in procuring donations for door prizes. Carolyn Booker '80 has volunteered to be the door prize coordinator. Please email Carolyn Booker at redbook1@cox.net if you would like to donate an item for the door prizes.

We Need Your Photos!

We are so grateful that Evelyn Garvey Omega '75 has volunteered to compile a video of Omega Chapter memories. Evelyn will need your help in procuring pictures from every era of Omega Chapter. The photos can be of any of the following: $\Delta\Delta\Pi$ memorabilia, lions, the crest, Eugenia Tucker, LSU images, Omega chapter events, Omega candid, 'party pics', etc. We estimate we will need at least 360 photos.

You can send your photos to Evelyn in one of two ways:

The **preferred** method is to send the images electronically by scanning your photos and emailing them to Evelyn. Here are the specifics you need to know when scanning the photographs:

- ◆ Scan in the images at **300 dpi** (dots per inch) - this will make the image file large enough to be used in the video
- ◆ Scan as a **.jpg** file extension
- ◆ Scan as the **'best'** level of image
- ◆ Please note that if a file size is too small, the image will not enlarge well in the video.

These images can be emailed to Evelyn at: adpilsu@aol.com. *Note:* if you have a large number of images or your files are large, please contact Evelyn about using a file-sharing service to transmit the images to her. You can also burn the images to a CD and mail them to:

Evelyn Garvey · 18371 Carnaby Lane · Huntington Beach, CA 92648

THE DEADLINE TO GET YOUR SCANNED/ELECTRONIC JPG IMAGES TO EVELYN IS APRIL 15.

If anyone wants to send Evelyn your *actual* original photos for her to copy and use, then you will need to mail the items to her **NO LATER THAN MARCH 15** as she will need more time to prepare those photographs for use in the video. Evelyn will return the originals, so be sure to include your return address. You can mail the original photographs to:

Evelyn Garvey · 18371 Carnaby Lane · Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Remember, the deadline for original 'hard copy' photographs is March 15.

Please contact Evelyn if you have specific questions: adpilsu@aol.com

Hostesses

Organizing this event has been a challenge in that we had no funds with which to pay upfront expenses such as the deposit on the luncheon, printing costs for the invitations and programs, postage for the newsletter and invitations and so on. Several weeks ago we asked our Omega sisters for help in generating some 'seed' money for the reunion's treasury by paying a 'hostess fee'. We are pleased to say that 21 sisters came forward and paid their fees in advance so that we would have the funds to meet these early expenses. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks the following sisters for their assistance in this regard:

Carole Lemoine Tilley	1959	Melinda Hammons Robert	1979
Dinah Curole Bradford	1968	Carolyn Booker	1980
Mary Nilson	1968	Denise White McLaurine	1980
Nell Wood McAnelly	1970	Malette Dowling Reed	1980
Tracy Koen Hutchins	1972	Robin Griffin Hill	1980
Jamie Onstot Tharpe	1974	Judy Burnthorn	1981
Shelia Hincks Evans	1977	Emma Guidry Pond	1982
Stacey Williams Marcel	1977	Robyn Scott	1982
Barbara Coldwell Daigle	1979	Kristy Gauden Kepple	1983
Carla Streva Gala	1979	Mary Eymard Hudspeth	1984
Marla Andrus Thomas	1979		

Does Your Family Know about the Reunion?

When we say 'family' we are talking about your ADPI family! Have you contacted your Big Sister to see if she has heard about the reunion. What about all those Little Sisters? Help us spread the word by reaching out to your ADPI 'family'. We want all Omegas to know about the reunion.



The Omega Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi was installed at LSU on May 29, 1914. Alpha Delta Pi was the second national sorority at LSU. Kappa Delta became the first national sorority at LSU in 1909. The chapter went inactive in 1985. Although the chapter is dormant, our bonds of sisterhood and memories live on.

Reunion Attendees

Over the past few weeks, we have sent out a few emails and made some posts on Facebook asking for sisters to let us know if they are planning on attending the reunion. As February 28, we have heard from 70 Omegas who are making plans to attend. Check out this list – do you see your Big or Little Sisters? Roommates? Pledge Sisters? Come on and join us!

Sophie Cassidy Gibson	1957	Kathy Kamish Gilliam	1977 (AE)
Eva Stokes Spence	1958	Carol Huston Craig	1978
Carole Lemoine Tilley	1959	Michelle Gomez	1978
Marcia Crews Tait	1962	Barbara Coldwell Daigle	1979
Marian Crews Schreiber	1962	Carla Streva Gala	1979
Patcie Cunningham Runge	1966	Cindy Faust Twiner	1979
Sylvia Sise Varda	1966	Ellen Ferris	1979
Camille LaFleur Fontenot	1967	Karen Annie Higgins Chester	1979
Cynthia Gould Mabry	1967	Lea Bru Jones	1979
Elva Carolyn 'Lyn' Hilson MacQueen	1967	Marla Andrus Thomas	1979
Dinah Curole Bradford	1968	Melinda Hammons Robert	1979
Mary Nilson	1968	Rebecca Woodland	1979
Tinnelle Mancuso Dingler	1968	Carolyn Booker	1980
Anne Margaret Herd Robinson	1969	CK Crull	1980
Mary Chevalier Henry	1970	Denise White McLaurine	1980
Mary Harvell	1970	Janice Mire Carter	1980
Melanie Natal Lewis	1971	Karen Perez Murphy	1980
Virginia Ann McFarland Green	1971	Malette Dowling Reed	1980
Bonnie Bradford Skaggs	1972	Robin Griffin Hill	1980
Tracy Koen Hutchins	1972	Gil Guerriero Leonards	1981
Debbie McDougal	1973	Judy Burnthorn	1981
Susan Molero Vance	1973	Julia Gibson Harwell	1981
Carol Bridges Williams	1974	Laurie Thibodeaux Cormier	1981
Jamie Onstot Tharpe	1974	Mary Lorio	1981
Lee Samuel Ferriss	1975	Emma Guidry Pond	1982
Leslie Daniel Rainer	1975	Karen McCormick Robertson	1982
Judy Weaver	1976	Karen Nugent	1982
Kay Hartley	1976	Kathy Farrell Hogan	1982
Laura Mills Ballay	1976	Kristy Gauden Kepple	1982
Susan Dyer Crawford	1976	Robyn Scott	1982
Susan Wade Rotolo	1976	Karen McGrew Wagner	1983
Mary Kay Gramling Bishop	1976 (ZN)	Kim Blanchard Comeaux	1983
Karen Gaupp Wozniak	1977	Natalie Natal Tatje	1983
Shelia Hincks Evans	1977	Susan Parker Stover	1983
Stacey Williams Marcel	1977	Mary Eymard Hudspeth	1984

Help to Promote the Celebration on Facebook, Twitter and via Email

- ◆ Be sure to like our Facebook Page ***Omega Chapter Centennial Reunion*** and share on your page, forward it to other Omegas to make sure they know about it.
- ◆ Follow us on Twitter @OmegaADPi100th
- ◆ Email your Omega sisters and let them know about the event if they are not on social media.
- ◆ Call your sisters and tell them about the reunion if they do not use email.

We would like to thank the Omegas who volunteered to make telephone calls to notify sisters of the reunion and obtain address verification:

Eva Stokes Spence 1958 · Betty Harlow Anderson 1966 · Dinah Curole Bradford 1968
Tinnelle Mancuso Dingler 1968 · Bonnie Bradford Skaggs 1972 · Jamie Onstot Tharpe 1974
Leslie Daniel Rainer 1975 · Karlynn Peltz O'Shaughnessy 1976 · Laura Mills Ballay 1976
Susan Dyer Crawford 1976 · Celeste Smith Heath 1977 · Shelia Hincks Evans 1977
Melinda Hammons Robert 1978 · Marla Andrus Thomas 1979 · CK Crull 1980
Robin Griffin Hill 1980 · Julia Gibson Harwell 1981 · Emma Guidry Pond 1982
Mary Kay Gramling Bishop Zeta Nu 1976

