

# Omicron Omicron

Alpha Chi Omega Twin Cities Area Alumnae Association



Alpha Chi Omega  
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## 2011 HERA DAY CELEBRATION

**WHAT:** Hera Day Celebration— brunch and festivities with Alpha Lambda and Alumnae

**WHEN:** **Sunday March 6th, 11:15 AM** (please arrive promptly at 11:15 AM) **to 1:30 PM**

**WHERE:** Aneessa Musa's- Camerata Apartment Building (part of Hoigaard Village) Party Room

5600 Camerata Way, St. Louis Park, MN 55416

**COST:** \$15/person for the brunch

**RSVPs:** **DUE Friday February 25th** (we apologize but reservations cannot be accepted after this date)

RSVP by sending a check (payable to Omicron Omicron) to Amanda Neil, 4400 Upton Ave S. #403 Minneapolis, MN 55410 OR by paying online at [www.OmicronOmicron.org](http://www.OmicronOmicron.org)

### DIRECTIONS:

*From the North*— Hwy 100 South, take W. 36th Street Exit. Stay to the right and merge onto Woodale Ave when exit curves. Right on W. 36th Street. Left on Xenwood Ave S. Continue onto Camerata Way. Park in any available spots. Enter main/front doors and follow signs.

*From the South*— Hwy 100 North, take W. 36th Street Exit. Left on W 36th Street. Right on Xenwood Ave S. Continue onto Camerata Way. Park in any available spots. Enter main/front doors and follow signs.

We will be gathering Target gift cards to donate to the Women's Advocates Shelter so that they can purchase essentials for the women and children staying at the shelter. Please considering donating a \$5 or \$10 (or more if you wish) card. If you wish to contribute, please bring the Target gift card in the denomination of your choice or cash/check (OO will purchase a card totaling the cash/checks received) the day of the event.

## PROVINCE DAY—SAVE THE DATE!

The MN, WI Province Day Weekend will be held April 9th-10th in Madison, WI, hosted by the Kappa chapter. We would love to see a large group from Alpha Lambda, Delta Tau, and Omicron Omicron attend. We are fortunate to have Marsha Grady, Alpha Chi Omega National President, as our speaker for the Sunday Brunch. Bus transportation will be available from the Alpha Lambda chapter house to Madison and back. We plan on leaving at 7:45 am on Saturday, April 9, and we will leave Madison by 1 pm on Sunday, April 10. Below is the planned agenda. Look for communication with lodging and cost details SOON!

If you have any questions or would like to help with the planning, contact Lorna Fox, [lfox1@hallmark.com](mailto:lfox1@hallmark.com), 952-826-1108 or Tori Trobak, [tori.trobak@gmail.com](mailto:tori.trobak@gmail.com), 612-865-8015.

### Saturday, April 9th

1:00 PM	Lunch and House Tours	Kappa chapter house
3:00- 5:00 PM	Training: Alumnae and Collegiate	Kappa chapter house
7:00 -9:00 PM	Dinner	TBD

### Sunday, April 10th

9:30-11:00 AM	Philanthropic Activity	TBD
11:00 -12:30 PM	Brunch	TBD

## HEY YOUNG ALUMS!

Happy New Year! Just wanted to give you a quick update about the Alpha Chi Omega Young Alum happy hours. Sukie Crawford and I will be teaming up and co-hosting the monthly happy hours. Every-other month we will be downtown, which Sukie will be hosting, so we can try and accommodate everyone. On the opposite months, I will be hosting the happy hour in a more central location (Uptown, Edina, etc).

Keep your eyes open for the monthly Evites. Please let me know if you have any questions. As always, please send me any suggestions for locations as well.

LITB,  
**Emily Ray**  
emilyray10@gmail.com

## FINE ARTS OUTING

WELCOME SPRING !

Join your sisters for a special tour of THE **MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ART** followed by lunch at a South Minneapolis restaurant.

We will enjoy a private tour of the museum including the latest exhibit, "Dinner With The Tsars: Russian Imperial Porcelain," which showcases dozens of pieces of porcelain created for the Romanovs. Featuring 140 pieces of porcelain, the exhibit also includes the history of imperial dining, menus from royal receptions and pieces from the Gardner and Keznetson porcelain factories. This museum is a gem and will not disappoint.

**DATE:** SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd

**PLACE:** MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ART; 500 STEVENS AVE.SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS

**TIME:** 10:30 AM

**COST:** \$7.00

**LUNCH:** Restaurant in South Minneapolis, TBD.

**RSVP BY MARCH 28th**

PLEASE CONTACT: Carolyn Koemptgen  
(651-735-2540) or [rkoemp@comcast.net](mailto:rkoemp@comcast.net), or  
Elena Biessener (651-337-0681  
or [Elen2b0916@comcast.net](mailto:Elen2b0916@comcast.net)

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Margaret Richey Shostedt (Margi)

**Chapter Name, College/University:** Alpha Lambda/University of Minnesota

**Current Alpha Chi volunteer role:** Member of the Alpha Lambda House Corporation Board . Has served on the board since 1994. Served as Secretary from 1999 to 2000.

**Previous volunteer roles:**

*OO:* President, VP Collegiate Relations, Treasurer, Directory Chair.

*Alpha Lambda Advisory Board:* Pledge Advisor

*Personal:* Elementary School reading volunteer in the media center and classroom, Courage Center, KTCA Pledge Drive.

**Favorite Alpha Chi memory:** Moving into the chapter house (915 University Ave) when it first opened in the Fall of 1966.

**Not on her resume:** Can't sing or dance – but always tried!

**Childhood ambition:** To be a teacher.

**Favorite quote:** Irish Blessing-

May the road rise up to meet you

May the wind be always at your back

May the sun shine warm on your face

And the rains fall soft upon your fields

And until we meet again

May God hold you in the palm of his hand

**Favorite book:** "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Piccoult

**Favorite movie:** "Gone with the Wind"

**Hobbies:** Crocheting, Reading, Rollerblading, Travel



Margi and her 7 grandchildren



Margi at Convention in 1985

## LADIES THAT LUNCH

Join Alpha Chi Alumnae for lunch and fun!

### MINNEAPOLIS GROUP

- All lunches **start at noon.**
- If you wish to be added to the Minneapolis Out-to-Lunch Club Evite list, please contact Jordan Lochner ([jordanlochner@yahoo.com](mailto:jordanlochner@yahoo.com)).

### ST. PAUL GROUP

- The St. Paul group gathers for food and fun at **11:30 AM on the third Thursday of each month.**
- If you would like to join the group or to be added to the calling list, please contact Linda Budde at (651) 733-5654 (w) or (651) 454-4107 (h), or email her at [LEBUDDI@gmail.com](mailto:LEBUDDI@gmail.com).

*Upcoming St. Paul dates and locations:*

- Jan. 20th: Lexington, 1096 Grand Ave.
- Feb. 17th: Muffuletta Café, 2260 Como Ave.
- Mar. 17th: Luci Ancora, 2060 Randolph Ave
- April 21th: Fabulous Fern's, 400 Selby Ave.
- May 19th: Bonfire on Grand, 850 Grand Ave.

## ALPHA LAMBDA HOUSE CORPORATION BOARD UPDATE

The Alpha Lambda chapter is coming back from semester break to a beautiful addition to the Informal Lounge. With the generous memorial received from the estate of Phyllis Boynton Conrad, the House Corporation Board purchased a brushed aluminum Lyre sculpture – see the picture below. It has been hung in the Informal Lounge and is a welcome addition to the Fireplace wall. It is a stunning piece!

Summer projects will be determined over the next couple of months. If you would like to join the House Corporation Board, please contact contact Lorna Fox, [lfox1@hallmark.com](mailto:lfox1@hallmark.com), 952-826-1108.



## OPEN UP A BOOK...

*...with the OO Book Club*

If you like to read and discuss good books, this is the group for you! We meet monthly at members' homes and would love to have you join us.

**FEBRUARY meeting and book pick:** *My Own Country* by Abraham Verghese, meeting is Feb 17th at 7 PM at Arlene McCarthy's house

## 2011 OO DIRECTORY TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT PATIO PARTY

The 2011 Omicron Omicron Directory, which lists the names, addresses, phone number and email addresses of Twin City area Alpha Chi Omega alumnae will be distributed at this year's Patio Party which will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd.

Directories will be available for dues paying members. Dues are \$30 if you are age 29 or younger. For those who are age 30 and over dues are \$35. If you have not yet paid your 2010-2011 dues and would still like to, you may send your checks to Julie Decker, 5055 Holly Lane North, Unit 7, Plymouth, MN 55446 or you can pay your dues online on our website– [www.OmicronOmicron.org](http://www.OmicronOmicron.org).

Please submit any changes in your name or contact info by April 1st to the Directory Chairperson, Elena Biessener at [Elen2b0916@comcast.net](mailto:Elen2b0916@comcast.net) or visit the 'Newsletter' page on the OO website ([www.OmicronOmicron.org](http://www.OmicronOmicron.org)). If you would like any or all of your information excluded from the directory, please let Elena know by April 1st as well.

## PATIO PARTY

**SAVE THE DATE!** Come help the Alpha Lambda Chapter Class of 2011 celebrate the ending of their collegiate lives and the beginning of their alumni lives with dinner, socializing and the Hall of Commitment Ceremony on **Tuesday, May 3rd.**

This year's patio party will be hosted by Aneessa Musa at the Camerata Apartment Building (part of Hoigaard Village) Party Room: **5600 Camerata Way, St. Louis Park, MN 55416**

More details, including the exact time, event cost and directions will be available late March. Please contact Amanda Neil, [manders.neil@gmail.com](mailto:manders.neil@gmail.com) or 612-270-3613 if you would like to help with planning or if you have questions.

## SILENT AUCTION RECAP

The 2010 annual OO Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction was held once again at the Minneapolis Golf Club on Saturday, December 4th. 49 sisters & guests gathered together on a beautiful morning to kick off the holiday season & celebrate. Thanks to all those able to attend!

This was another fabulous year! The auction raised over \$1,500 for OO programs & philanthropies.

The generosity and talents of our sisters was again displayed through our donated auction items including: homemade goodies & crafts, holiday décor & gifts, theme baskets, pictures, sports paraphernalia, and of course, Golden Gopher & AXO memorabilia. All donations were greatly appreciated & helped to ensure a successful day.

The money raised through this year's auction will be used to support OO programs, the local Alpha Lambda chapter & the Women's Advocate Shelter. Additionally, \$145 in target gift cards were donated by attendees to be given directly to the WAS for their guests needs. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

We began a new tradition in 2010; this event is now the time when we will honor our 25-year members with the 25-year pin ceremony. Four individuals whom reached this membership milestone were presented with their 25-year membership pins: Pamela Anderson, Judy Rockvam Ehlers, Georgi Kuehn and Julie Jo Petersen.

Mark your calendars for the 2011 OO HB&SA, which will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2011. We look forward to seeing all of you again & hope that many more will join us for a fabulous day of good food, bidding fun & sisterhood. Thanks again to all of you who contributed this year's event.

LITB,  
Evelyn Sluiter

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There's always something to look forward to with Omicron Omicron and Alpha Chi Omega! Make sure to mark down the following upcoming events:

<b>Hera Day Celebration</b>	March 6, 11:15 AM
<b>Fine Arts Outing</b>	April 2nd, 10:30 AM
<b>Province Day Weekend</b>	April 9th & 10th
<b>Patio Party</b>	May 3rd

