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# Rubies & Pearls

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## A Quick Note from the President

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome and thank you to all our new members. I would also like to invite everyone that has been unable to attend in the past to come out and take part in the fun.

Remember, being a part of our alumnae chapter can be a rewarding experience. There are women from all age groups, universities, and professions.

We have a lot of exciting and fun events planned for the coming months. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming months and welcome your participation.

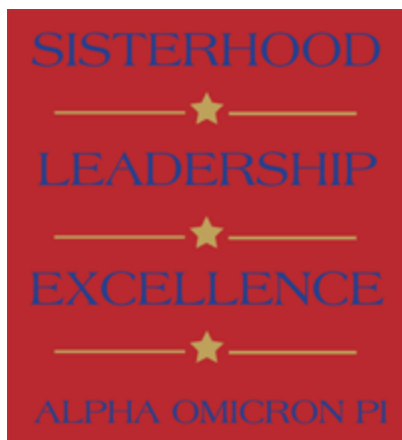
Laura Eppes

Chapter President



Imagine the sounds of hundreds of thousands of bells jingling as people from coast to coast run, walk and cheer in the Arthritis Foundation's Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis®. Across Birmingham, bells will be ringing as people like you tie jingle bells to their shoelaces, don festive holiday costumes and join friends and neighbors in support of the Arthritis Foundation's mission to prevent, control and cure arthritis and related diseases. The Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis raises awareness of America's leading cause of disability, while raising desperately needed funds to find a cure for arthritis.

We are currently forming a team to participate in this year's Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis that takes place on December 3, 2005. If you are interested, please contact us NO later than November 15, 2005.




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If you know of any locations that would be free or reasonably priced, please let us know!!!

## Upcoming Events

October 20, 2005: Halloween Meeting @ the home of Laura Eppes

November 16, 2005: Bring canned goods. Location TBD.

December 3, 2005: Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis 2005 @ Underwood Park in Birmingham 9:30 am

December 8, 2005: Holiday Meeting. Bring a toy for Toys for Tots as well as an ornament for dirty Santa. At the home of Laura Eppes.

January 18, 2006: Founder's Day. Bring a panda to donate to Children's Hospital and Local police. Location TBD.

February 21, 2006: Mardi Gras Theme. Location TBD

March 24, 2006: Wine and Cheese gathering. Information forthcoming.

April 19, 2006: TBD

May 4, 2006: Ritual to welcome graduating seniors to Alumni status.

June 15, 2006: New Member BBQ

## Collegiate Corner

Rho Delta (Samford University) had an amazing Recruitment this year. They picked up 32 new members, which puts them at chapter total!!! They had Pledging on 09/29, and will be having Fall Party on 10/14, Initiation 11/05 followed by Sisterhood Retreat. A very special event is the open house, in our brand new house, on 10/29 at 1pm for Homecoming.

If anyone might be interested in serving on AAC, please let the CA, Melanie Carlisle know at [carlislemm@vestavia.k12.al.us](mailto:carlislemm@vestavia.k12.al.us).

If anyone has any information regarding a Collegiate chapter, please contact us.





## Joining the Alumnae Chapter

Welcome Members!  
The following ladies are members of the newly reorganized Birmingham Alumnae Chapter:

Pat Garlikov  
Laura Eppes  
Meg Norstedt  
Jessica Grizzard  
Sabrina Dotson  
Amy Crew  
Kathy Reynolds  
Susan Evans  
Jennifer Kusta  
Lindsey Martin  
Amanda Daniel  
Angela House  
Tracy Pearson

We want YOU to be a member too!!! Dues are 50.00\* yearly and are due by our next meeting on October 20, 2005. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please mail your check (made payable to "AOII") to:

Tracy Pearson, Treasurer  
122 Charlton Lane  
Calera, AL 35040.

\* If you are a 2005 graduate, you may deduct \$16.00 for this years dues or a member of Life Loyal, you may deduct \$16.00.

[www.lifeloyal.org](http://www.lifeloyal.org)



Get your bracelets now! If you have paid your dues and have not received on, please see Tracy @ the next meeting.

## Where does my \$50 go you ask?

Below is a breakdown of where the money is allocated:

\$16.00- Currently the Annual Alumnae Operating fee paid to International by the chapter.

\$7.00- Currently the Annual Leadership Institute fee paid to International by the chapter.

\$5.00- Philanthropic Contribution paid to International by the chapter.

This comes to a total of \$28.00. The remaining \$22.00 goes into the chapter's treasury for expenses for meetings, fundraising, and also for community and international charitable contributions. In addition, International has stated that all chapters need to budget for the following expenses for next year:

\$100.00- for the new Ritual book of instructions and new Ritual education manual.

\$30.00- for a copy of the current governing documents.

These will, of course, be paid by our chapter with money from our treasury which comes from our dues.

So now you see the importance of paying your dues.

