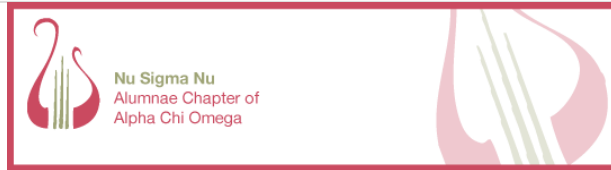


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## The Future of Nu Sigma Nu

I was honored to attend Alpha Chi Omega National Convention in Palm Desert, California, July 10-15, 2014, as a voting delegate and as the Province Alumnae Chairman for Tennessee and Kentucky. The convention was held at the beautiful JW Marriott Resort. As is typical, we were busy from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day with very few breaks. I did take the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway ride up 8,516 feet near the top of Mt. San Jacinto where I was treated to a beautiful view of the area. You could see Mexico, the desert, wind farms, the San Andreas Fault and the America Fault up there! It was quite an adventure.

Getting back to the business of the fraternity, the following women were elected to the National Council:

President: Diane Wilson Blackwelder, Omicron, Baker University  
Vice President: Mary Kacmarcik Baker, Delta Mu, University of Massachusetts  
Vice President: Jennifer Daurora, Delta, Allegheny College  
Vice President: Angela Costley Harris, Alpha Beta, Purdue University  
Vice President: Lynne Biggio Herndon, Alpha Upsilon, University of Alabama  
Vice President: Mary McMurty Winkler, Epsilon Zeta, Auburn University

The following women were elected to the National Nominating Committee:

Chairman: Anne Helliwell, Gamma Iota, University of Florida  
Chair-Elect: Lee Bradford Lucas, Gamma Chi, Stetson University  
Member: Carol Lutz, Epsilon Chi, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill  
Member: Linda Matthew Sheldon, Rho, University of Washington  
Member: Tori Trobak, Alpha Lambda, University of Minnesota  
Alternate: Angela Kern Seaworth, Delta Xi, Denison University  
Two collegians, a member and an alternate, will also be selected to serve on the committee.

I purchased a star from the star booth at Convention in honor of each one of you. So a donation has been made to the Foundation in your name. If you have an email address, you should have been notified of this via email.

There is a lesson for me to take away from every convention. This time it came to me quickly: Alpha Chi Omega's take wonderful care of other people, but not of themselves.

Likewise, since 2006 I have been taking good care of our chapter, but I have not been taking good care of myself. I have several health issues which I need to focus on to become a healthier person. I need more time for me.

I have enjoyed being your Founder, President, and Treasurer. I feel like I have made a great effort, since 2006, to serve you as best I can. However, I have usually felt quite alone in my level of effort and enthusiasm for Alpha Chi Omega. I cannot continue this endeavor alone. After nine years as your Founder, President, and Treasurer, and after 14 years as a Province Alumnae Chairman, I've done enough. It is time for some one (or two, or more) to step up and take over for me to run this chapter. There is much potential and opportunity for those who have the time and love to devote to it. Of course I will help you, and you will not be alone. **If you care about this chapter, please HELP.** Otherwise we will no longer have a chapter. I will not be conducting any more membership drives. Please respond if you are willing to help.

Loyally,  
Jane Short

## Ritual Moment

As we flip our calendars and welcome summer fun, it's also the perfect time to reconnect with Alpha Chi! If you're planning a trip, see if there are any sisters or chapters to visit in the area. Send a good old-fashioned letter on peacock decorated stationery. Pick up a bouquet of red carnations for an easy dinner table centerpiece. Show off your badge the next time you get to dress up. Gear up for some truly AXO centered days at our 2014 National Convention in Palm Desert, California. Support the Foundation and honor a sister with a star! However you choose to make the AXO connection this month, take a few minutes to reflect on our ritual, history, and bond. Think about your fondest memories and also the moments you're looking forward to! May every day in June (and July) be full of love, unselfishness, and sincerity.

(Reprinted from the June 2014 issue of the *Lifetime Engagement Volunteers Newsletter*)

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Jane Short, President

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August 26 - Bonnie Smith Rigg

## Members

Anne Freeman Ball, Billings  
Florence Wohlschlegel Black, Billings  
Mary Cloninger, Bozeman  
Helen Hales Elliott, Conrad  
Leslee Purdy Haylett, Helena  
Marilyn Blanche Hertz, Anaconda  
Susan McCarl Hills, Billings  
Daria Davis Jones, Billings  
Virginia Henningsen Lisac, Butte  
Sharon S. "Susie" Webb Park, Kalispell  
Kristin Piatkowski, Billings  
Bonnie Smith Rigg, Kalispell and Miami Beach  
Antoinette "Toni" Canepa Scully, Ennis  
Jane Bonnell Short, Big Sky and Nashville  
Karin Mikkelsen Utzinger, Bozeman

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[NuSigmaNuMontana.weebly.com](http://NuSigmaNuMontana.weebly.com)

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nusigmanu/>

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## Chapter News

The balance in our treasury is unchanged, currently: \$747.43.

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## Alpha Chi Omega Dates and Reminders

September 1 – Labor Day

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## Member News

Thank you very much to **Karin Mikkelsen Utzinger** of Bozeman, who met me for lunch on July 15, 2014 as I was returning from Convention. She got to hear all about it. I got to hear all about her planned 10-day horseback adventure in the Montana wilderness. I can't wait to hear how she liked it, once she returns.



(L-R) Jane Short and Karin Utzinger

Thank you very much to **Anne Freeman Ball**, who invited me to her birthday party on July 28, 2014 in Big Sky! I was delighted to help her celebrate. Also attending were her father, Tom Freeman; mother, Susan Freeman (Alpha Chi Omega at Indiana University); husband, Christian; children, Max and Elliott; and my husband, Brock. Anne is enjoying her beautiful new second home in Big Sky! And she doesn't look a day over 29! ;)





(L-R) Jane Short, Susan Freeman, and Anne Freeman Ball

I was delighted to get to meet our Province Alumnae Chairman, **Michelle Mattox Hawes** (Beta Xi, Utah State University), and her husband, Bob, when we recently visited Seattle. I also saw her at Convention. Michelle is a wonderful, enthusiastic Alpha Chi Omega, and we are so lucky to have her on our team! Thank you for making the effort to meet me, Michelle! For more on Michelle, see below.

**Sharon "Susie" Webb Park** of Kalispell says she has been doing research for Kalispell sisters to sign up to help at Abby House (the battered women's shelter) or the Light House (shelter for people with developmental disabilities). If you are interested, please email Susie ([drsuewriter@yahoo.com](mailto:drsuewriter@yahoo.com)) or call her (406-393-2184).

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## Member Spotlight: Michelle Hawes

Dear All

It is my pleasure to introduce myself to you as your new Province Alumnae chair for the Northwest. I am delighted to be the PAC of this amazing group of Real. Strong. Women. of Alpha Chi Omega and hope to be able to meet each and everyone of you sometime within my two-year term.

A few of you might know me already, but for those of you who do not, here is a little bit of my history with AXO. My initiate chapter is Beta Xi of Utah State University. Although the university and Greek life were small at that time (mid '70s) it was a very close, nit group and we were very engaged in both campus and community events. Not only did I meet my wonderful husband (a Sigma Nu) through Alpha Chi Omega I was able to enrich my life with life-long friendships and sisterhood.

Not long after college Bob and I were married and had two children. It was at this time we decided to move to Seattle. Time went on and my daughter became an AXO at the University of Washington. This was an unbelievable, cherished moment for me. Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to have a legacy; and with this unexpected surprise (I should say gift) I found myself wanting to be more involved. I was asked to be Rho Chapter's Parent Club President, then this position evolved into VP Fraternity Relations for Iota Iota of Seattle, and then I became president of Iota Iota.

Along with meeting some fabulous women (which I would never have met if it were not for AXO) I was part of a sisterhood of alumnae that supported Rho Chapter (AXO of University of Washington) in celebrating their 100 years. After five years of presidency it was time for me to step down and become my daughter's Mother-of-the-Bride for the next year. However, I still could not give up everything. I remained involved as a trustee on Rho Chapter's House Corporation Board, and was Facility Operations Advisor on Rho's Advisory board.

After fulfilling the wonderful opportunity of being Mother-of-the-Bride, and sending the wedded, blissful couple on their way into joyous matrimony it was then that I realized I needed to get more involved with AXO. Funny how serendipitous life can be, because at this same time I was asked to put my name in for PAC. I will admit I was quite honored to have been asked, and then nominated for this position. When I received the email announcing that I had been elected... well let's just say I was THRILLED!

I'm very excited for these next two years and although I have a lot to learn (thank goodness for this coming Convention) I look forward to hearing from all of you, and your chapters about your many accomplishments, events and programs.

If any of you will be attending this years' convention please let me know. I would love to take this opportunity to host a simple meet and greet.

Please feel free to reach out to me, anytime, my cell number is: 425-445-2530, and my email address is: [rhawes4541@aol.com](mailto:rhawes4541@aol.com)

Loyally,  
Michelle Mattox Hawes  
Province Alumnae Chair  
WA/AK/OR/MT/ID/HA

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## Recipe: Kissing Kookies

From **Susie Webb Park** of Kalispell

Set oven to 375 degrees.

Stir up 1-2 pkgs. of Betty Crocker peanut butter mix with egg, oil, and water.

Two pkgs. Will make 80 one inch rolls.

Roll 40 to 80 cookies (2 t. rolls) and mash with fork on ungreased baking sheet.

Bake 10 min. Take out. Press unwrapped chocolate kiss on cookie center. Bake 4 more min. and take out to cool. Yummy!

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