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Kate Farrell Westlake

2006 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree



The Fall 2006 Pledge Class Namesake Honoree is someone you may not recognize immediately, but her path is typical of many Brothers and yet her impact, both on the Fraternity and beyond, has been quite impressive.

Kate Farrell Westlake joined Alpha Phi Omega as an affiliate member in the winter of 1975 at the University of Michigan, Gamma Pi Chapter. She was in Atlanta, Georgia, at the 1976 National Convention when women were granted full membership and became one of the first nine women officially recognized as Brothers. Kate distinguished herself at Gamma Pi, serving as president for two years and receiving the Chapter Distinguished Service Key. She is also a Life Member of the Fraternity. Kate earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from the University of Michigan in 1978.

Since graduating from Michigan, Kate has kept service to others a mainstay in her life. Accepting a position at Western Electric required relocating to the Chicago area. Not knowing any Brothers there, she quickly volunteered to lead a Junior Girl Scout troop. In her spare time, Kate earned a Master of Management degree from Northwestern University. She has been a Girl Scout leader and volunteer for 20 years and has filled various roles with the Boy Scouts, aiding and inspiring 13 youths to achieve the highest honor in their respective scouting organizations. Kate has also led workshops to help scouts earn more than 200 religious medals.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY DR. FRED C. HEISMEYER III, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Building Stronger Communities

"One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade."

— Chinese Proverb



Alpha Phi Omega is a Brotherhood of generations who have come before us, planting the seedling of what is now a National Service Fraternity that provides hundreds of thousands of service hours each year, countless opportunities for developing friendships and numerous leadership experiences. Further, our Fraternity Brothers of today continue to plant the seed by developing future servant-leaders who will provide the shade for those who will come after us. We are building upon a rich 81-year history and are looking forward to a very promising future.

Each day, actives and alumni build stronger communities through service to others and through their commitment to our Brotherhood. We build a stronger community outside our Fraternity by helping those in homeless shelters, mentoring children, visiting the elderly and cleaning up our environment. In another sense, we build a stronger community within our Fraternity that fosters a strong bond of friendship. This friendship embraces those who have the drive to further our Cardinal Principles, educating those who are part of our Brotherhood about our purpose, traditions and goals, as well as developing each Brother into a servant-leader with the commitment of lifelong service to others.

Our great Fraternity cannot focus on the external community without focusing on the internal community. We cannot focus on the internal community without focusing on the external community. Each goes hand-in-hand and is dependent on the other. How do we provide service to the community around us and meet the needs of our Brotherhood? How do we balance our service program so that we improve the many communities in which we are an important part – the host campus, the town/city in which we reside, our nation as participating citizens, and the Fraternity for which we have strong commitments and dedication? How do we meet personal needs and desires of Brothers, and those competing needs of the greater society as we address the needs of those many communities? These are just some of the challenges our Brotherhood faces as we build and improve our communities.

It's apparent that the answers to these questions are not easy. We must maintain a balance of focus through empowerment, engagement, stewardship, planning and execution. We need to empower others to enhance their community through involvement and commitment; engage others in the uniqueness of Alpha Phi Omega and our mission to develop campus and community leaders; emphasize stewardship as a way to advance our Cardinal Principles by sharing the spirit of Brotherhood with future generations; and, finally, plan and execute a balanced program to build communities based on Leadership, Friendship and Service.

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Alpha Phi Omega – Diverse Before it was “Cool” to be Diverse

“I was country when country wasn’t cool...what you see ain’t nothin’ new” – Barbara Mandrell

“Here, I was impressed with the religious tolerance in the hearts of boys. This I had not found so easily among older people. Scouts of the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant faiths worked together in everything at camp, and everyone had an opportunity to worship on his Sabbath in his own way...” – Frank Reed Horton

Diversity is on the minds of many colleges, universities and organizations today. We’ve looked at diversity in APO – what diversity is, how to obtain a diverse membership, how to keep a diverse membership. But, why is it important to APO? It’s part of our heritage! We were a diverse organization way before it was “cool” to be diverse.

In the 1920s, religious intolerance was the norm. After the Great War, the country became fearful of both immigrants and internal radicals, which, in turn, sparked religious and ethnic bigotry. To have an organization in which individuals from different faiths were working together was very unusual. In fact, the 1920s are historically known for the rise of anti-Semitism and anti-Catholicism, and the increased “power” of the Ku Klux Klan. The year 1924 was the peak of the Klan’s influence and numbers, and it claimed to control 24 of the nation’s 48 state legislatures.

College campuses were not immune either. Many “social” Greek-

letter organizations had barriers in place to prevent students of one religious background or another from becoming members. Those clauses were not rescinded until many decades later.

Enter Frank Reed Horton – a Navy veteran, a student who today would be considered “non-traditional” (i.e., not the standard 18-22 years of age) – who became involved with the Boy Scouts of America and saw something different there. He saw an organization of young boys who could put aside their religious differences, work together and accept each other as fellow Americans. He was not seeing this in the adult community, but wanted to instill this tolerance into the college world. In 1925, Alpha Phi Omega was born – an organization accepting students of all faiths and collegiate affiliations.

Fast-forward 22 years...Alpha Phi Omega chartered its first chapter at a historically black college/university in North Carolina. This was seven years

before Brown vs. Board of Education, eight years before Rosa Parks’ bus ride, 13 years before the lunch counter sit-in at Greensboro and a whole 18 years before the Voting Rights Act of 1965 assured African-Americans the right to vote! And yet APO recognized their Brothers by the colors of Royal Blue and Old Glory Gold, not by the color of anyone’s skin. And 30 years ago, we welcomed women into APO, further enhancing our commitment to diversity.

So why is diversity important to us today? It’s part of our heritage. It’s part of why we were founded. It’s who we are. Diversity isn’t anything new to Alpha Phi Omega. The rest of the world is just catching up to what we started 81 years ago on December 16, 1925. It’s your job as current Brothers of our Fraternity to continue this legacy and history for years to come.

We thank Jamie Conover, Diversity Committee member, for her time and contributions to this article.



APO Brothers from Alumni Associations and Chapters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Alumni Association Renewals

Alumni associations provide the opportunity for alumni to work with their peers while continuing the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service. Associations are renewed yearly through Alpha Phi Omega as registered groups of alumni living in a particular geographic region or former members of a particular Chapter.

To obtain more information about starting, joining or renewing an alumni association, please contact the National Office at 816-373-8667 x15 or visit our website for further details at http://www.apo.org/show/Alumni_Resources/Alumni_Associations.

New Charters

Welcome!



ALPHA ZETA EPSILON CHAPTER

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College of Mount Saint Joseph
Cincinnati, OH
Chartering Ceremony
May 7, 2006
17 Members

ALPHA ZETA DELTA CHAPTER

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Lake Forest College
Lake Forest, IL
Chartering Ceremony
April 23, 2006
16 Members



UPSILON IOTA CHAPTER

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DePaul University
Chicago, IL
Re-Chartering Ceremony
April 9, 2006
18 Members



ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER

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DePauw University
Greencastle, IN
Re-Chartering Ceremony
April 2, 2006
18 Members



ALPHA ZETA GAMMA CHAPTER
The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ
Chartering Ceremony, March 5, 2006 – 25 Members



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ALPHA ZETA BETA CHAPTER

University of Hartford
West Hartford, CT
Chartering Ceremony
February 25, 2006
29 Members
4 Honorary Members

ALPHA DELTA SIGMA CHAPTER

(no photo available)
Lindenwood University
St. Charles, MO
Re-Chartering Ceremony
February 25, 2006
19 Members

CHAPTERS in Action



ALPHA BETA OMEGA Old Dominion University Norfolk, VA

During Spring Young Service Day, Alpha Beta Omega Chapter led a hand-washing education project for local children. David Hobbs, an APO Brother, wrote a story specifically catered to the university titled "Wash Your Paws" that inspired the children to learn about the importance of hand-washing in relation to good health.

BETA IOTA CHAPTER New York University New York, NY

This past spring, Beta Iota Brothers held a fundraising event titled "Buy Ice Cream, Fight Cancer" at the local Times Square Cold Stone Creamery. Even though the weather was quite chilly, Brothers encouraged customers to purchase ice cream so 15 percent of the profits could be donated to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. More than \$350 was raised to support cancer research. To learn more about Beta Iota Chapter, visit www.nyu.edu/clubs/apo/.



SECTION 61 CONFERENCE

In March, more than 50 APO Brothers from Section 61 joined together in fellowship for an ice-skating event. The conference, hosted by Lambda Omicron Chapter at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV, was a huge success. One of the highlights was singing the Toast Song together on the ice.

OMICRON ALPHA CHAPTER
Kutztown University
Kutztown, PA

Omicron Alpha Brothers raised more than \$450 to benefit AIDS awareness and research during the 19th annual Philadelphia AIDS Walk. The weather was beautiful last fall when 16 APO members and one guest walked 8.5 miles to help raise money and show their support.



NU BETA CHAPTER
Hope College
Holland, MI

Last fall, Brothers of Nu Beta Chapter organized the "Rake and Run" service project in their community. Working together, APO members spent an afternoon raking and bagging leaves in the yards of four local residents.



ALPHA DELTA ETA CHAPTER
SUNY at Albany
Albany, NY

In October 2005, Alpha Delta Eta Chapter participated as volunteers at a local haunted house. Brothers dressed up as various monsters and scared visitors in the name of service. Funds raised during this event were donated to families affected by Hurricane Katrina. Visit <http://cgi.albany.edu/~apol/home.cgi> for more information about Alpha Delta Eta Chapter.



National Service Week 2006:

Building Stronger Communities

November 5-11, 2006

Who are the People in YOUR Neighborhood?



By Carla Moran,
National Service & Communication Program Director

Who are the people in your neighborhood? I ask this because the 2006 APO National Service Week theme of *“Building Stronger Communities”* makes me think of a song from a children’s television show. The song asks, “Who are the people in your neighborhood?” and introduces children to people from all walks of life – firefighters, teachers, doctors, grocers and others who are key resources in a strong community.

National Service Week (NSW), November 5-11, 2006, is the perfect time to get to know the people in your neighborhood and make sure they know the APO community. NSW could also be called Service & Publicity Week since NSW provides a key opportunity for you to increase community awareness of your Chapter, and Alpha Phi Omega in general, through a well-planned and well-promoted service project involving your Chapter, alumni and non-APO members.

Your service project should reflect the theme *“Building Stronger Communities”* and **the idea is community involvement.** Your project could be washing ambulances, taking inventory at a food pantry, collecting portable toiletry kits for disaster victims or something similar. Your community may be your campus, your municipality or a local park – any inviting location for a great service opportunity.

We’re counting on you to show leadership in your community by identifying an important need your Chapter can

meet through service. If you can’t think of a project, take a walk through your neighborhood to see what improvements you could make through service. Maybe the local fire department never thought of allowing volunteers to plant flowers outside firehouses, but they’d be open to it if you stepped up and organized a project.

Someone in your Chapter should be that “community leader” to coordinate your Chapter’s efforts. In addition, there are unlimited tasks members of your Chapter can take on for NSW. There’s so much talent in your APO community (Chapter members, advisors, alumni volunteers) and in the larger community (other service organizations, Scout leaders, local officials), – all from which your NSW project could benefit!

During NSW, your Chapter should strive to meet these goals through your service project:

1) **INVEST** – Plan and complete a service project that reflects the theme during National Service Week – November 5-11, 2006. Part of our message as a national organization is that we’re invested in NSW, and we’re ALL doing projects related to this theme during the timeframe while making a huge impact in *“Building Stronger Communities.”* If you cannot complete your service project

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during the suggested week, please complete one as close to these dates as possible.

2) GROW – Involve non-Chapter members in the service project. Include other students on campus who are not yet in APO. This is one of the best ways to recruit new members and people who will offer you service projects. Show them who we are and what we do, and our size and impact will grow locally and nationally. Consider using your NSW project specifically as a Chapter recruitment event, and keep in touch with participants about joining APO.

3) SHARE – PUBLICIZE YOUR PROJECT!!! You'll find publicity tips in the NSW handbook. Promote NSW on your web site, get a Governor's proclamation...pull out all the stops to get people talking about our Fraternity in a positive way. Visibility is important for your Chapter and for the Fraternity as a whole – each of us learned about APO somehow and then joined. By sharing APO, more people can experience the opportunities you have enjoyed. Someone who joins in your NSW project may also join your Chapter next semester, or even start a new Chapter on another campus.

4) IMPROVE – Report on your project at www.apo.org by Wednesday, November 15, 2006 (required deadline, regardless of your project date). Reporting on service projects improves what we know about the nature and breadth of our service. Last year, Chapters reported 32,495 service hours from NSW projects, some of which were fund-raising projects that raised a total of \$48,373 – WOW! Sharing this information is part of what has recently helped APO receive national awards recognizing the outstanding service of our Chapters. Please Note: Reporting on NSW is required for your Chapter to remain in good standing with the Fraternity.

NSW allows your Chapter to join thousands of Brothers across the nation while staying at home doing what you do best – planning and performing effective service projects on your campus and in your community. That's the "national" part of National Service Week – we're all serving and giving others the chance to serve with us. Getting your Chapter aware of and involved with NSW is part of what being in a

national fraternity is all about. Even though each Chapter serves in a different neighborhood, our NSW involvement makes every one of us part of the larger APO community. Being involved with your Chapter's NSW project is a wonderful way to be of service to the Fraternity today and learn skills you'll take with you after graduation.

Our Founder, Frank Reed Horton, did the same things we are asking you to do for NSW when he founded APO. He got to know the people in his neighborhood and on his campus, and together they made a lasting difference locally and in the world. Chatting with Herbert Horton at the American Legion banquet led to Frank Reed Horton's involvement in Scouting – a key experience for him as he created (what became) APO. On campus, he spoke with other students and invited them to do things that helped form the foundation of our great Fraternity. Scouts Everett W. Probst designed the pin and drew the coat-of-arms; Thane S. Cooley suggested the handclasp; Ellsworth S. Dobson and Gordon M. Looney helped write the Constitution and Bylaws. He asked each of them to use their special talents, and here we are, almost 81 years later!

Horton "anticipated that our Service program would expand to help people in need everywhere and to do service on the campus of each Chapter." In other words, he expected that we would share APO through our service, which is what NSW is all about. I challenge you to live this valuable lesson from Frank Reed Horton. Ideas and ideals are a good start, but you need people – especially a strong community – to make them successful realities.

Who are the people in your Chapter who will be helping with your NSW project? Who are the people in your community you'll be sharing Leadership, Friendship and Service with this fall? There's something that makes each neighborhood, each community, special. I hope your Chapter's NSW project adds to or creates something special and positive where you live.

I wish you the best of luck in your efforts and can't wait to read your reports!

More details and ideas are in the National Service Week handbook that was mailed to your Chapter from the National Office earlier this fall and posted on www.apo.org. Your regional service chair and others are eager to help you with this project.

Be Careful with Internet Postings

by Maggie Katz, National Vice President

Facebook, MySpace, and LiveJournal, just to name a few, are fun ways to meet other students, share photos and tell people about yourself through the internet. Within Chapters, it can make scheduling meetings and service projects easier if members post work and class schedules. Contacting Brothers can also be easier if addresses and phone numbers are included. But you should be cautious and fully aware that you could be sharing personal information with the wrong people. Posting information on social networking sites can be easily accessed by almost anyone with a personal computer, and many people you would not expect are doing just that.

Recently, an Alpha Phi Omega Chapter was put on probation due to online photos. A disgruntled student complained to campus administrators who took the concerns quite seriously. Based on photos of Chapter members drinking unidentified liquids at various events, the dean of students placed the Chapter on probation for three semesters. This Chapter has been limited in its ability to recruit pledges and is not allowed to participate in social activities on or off their campus.

Potential employers are beginning to use social networking sites to research job candidates as well. Recent news stories have documented cases where job offers have been reconsidered and rescinded after the hiring authority viewed prospective employees' entries. Please take note that your future could be at serious risk over what you consider harmless fun.

Other social network lurkers are proving even more dangerous to users. Sexual predators are using the sites to identify targets. Police officers in Connecticut are investigating sexual assaults on seven teenage girls by men they met on MySpace. More such cases are coming to light every day throughout the country.

Social networks have also proven fertile ground for those engaging in identity theft. More often, just enough information is included on sites to allow a person's identity to be stolen. The consequences can be devastating to your bank account and credit rating, while taking valuable personal time to resolve such harmful issues.

Suggestions on how to protect yourself and your Chapter include the following:

1. Understand that there is truly no such thing as privacy in today's world. Virtually any information on the internet can be accessed with enough effort. As MySpace warns its users, never post personal, identifiable informa-

tion. In fact, never post anything that you are not willing to have come back to you.

2. When posting details about your Chapter and/or your service projects, do not use the name AlphaPhi Omega, as this could be a serious liability issue. Instead, be specific and use your Chapter or Petitioning group name.
3. Be cautious and fully aware of how others might view items on your home page. A photo of friends at a party having fun may look like a case of underage drinking to a college administrator, and inside jokes among Brothers can be taken out of context and lead to accusations of hazing.
4. Take note of who is linked to your home page and what their entries consist of. In life, we are often judged by our associations, and the pages of others could have a negative effect on you and your Chapter. Stay alert to the people on your list of friends, and do not accept those whom you do not know without some type of confirmation. Put everything behind password-protected walls and only share your password with the people you know and trust. But remember, even with passwords, your information is not guaranteed private.
5. For more tips, visit <http://www.fbi.gov/publications/pguidel/pguide.htm>.

Have fun and stay safe!



2006 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree *continued from page 1*

Kate developed and ran an after-school enrichment program for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. She recruited teachers, compiled course descriptions and registered students for classes. In addition, she started and continues to run a parish-wide ongoing service club called Helping Hands. Her desire to plan and ability to organize these activities to broaden the horizons of youth have inspired others to become similarly involved.

Kate has helped the Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa with the Chapter's two biggest events – Girl Scout University and Merit Badge University. These two annual events usually draw more than 1,500 scouts. Kate taught badge classes and provided other assistance, in addition to encouraging troops to make the pilgrimage from the Chicago area to Iowa City for these programs. For her efforts, Kate was recognized as Omicron's Spring 2006 Pledge Class Namesake Honoree.

Kate has received the highest national Girl Scout award for Catholic women, the St. Anne Medal, for her service to youth. For her contributions to her parish community, she was also named 2005 St. Emily Catholic Woman of the Year.

While much of Kate's service is outside the bounds of Alpha Phi Omega, she has always remembered the Fraternity

in her efforts. It is quite telling that APO is truly a family tradition. She met her husband of 25 years, Ken (Beta Beta Chapter), at an APO sectional conference. Her two brothers are Alpha Phi Omega alumni. The couple has three children – Beth (21) is studying industrial engineering at the University of Iowa (Omicron Chapter); David (19) is in his second year at Michigan State University (Beta Beta Chapter), majoring in international relations and economics; and Stephen (17), is a high school senior. Both Beth and David pledged in the fall of their first year on campus and consider themselves avid APOers. Stephen looks forward to college and the opportunity to join Alpha Phi Omega as well.

Kate and her family reside in Mount Prospect, Illinois. She is currently employed as an industrial engineer at Sonoscan, a small international company that manufactures ultrasonic test equipment for the electronics industry. She is also the president of SAGA, a national sewing organization.

The ultimate goal of Alpha Phi Omega is to keep the Cardinal Principles working to make the world a better place and Kate Farrell Westlake is setting examples of Leadership, Friendship and Service to others that we all should strive to attain.

By tradition, the Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree challenges the Fall Pledge Class.

Here is Kate's challenge:

I am thrilled to be the Fall 2006 Alpha Phi Omega Pledge Class Namesake Honoree! I'm also pretty surprised. I was just living my life, trying to live the message of Alpha Phi Omega – be a friend, be a leader, be of service and, shockingly, I'm being recognized for it.

My challenge to the members of Alpha Phi Omega is to do just that. Be of service. Live the Boy Scout slogan – "Do a Good Turn Daily" by doing something for others every day. Don't wait for a special day to be set aside – make a difference each day. It doesn't need to be a big thing. Hold the door, help your roommate with the calculus problem he doesn't understand, give up your seat on the bus, do the dishes even if it isn't your turn, or make sure all the cans get recycled. Sometimes you might do something more noticeable like lead a Scout troop, plan a fund-raiser or take responsibility for a highway cleanup project. Soon, service will become an indispensable part of your day, and that will be a part of your college APO experience that will always be with you.

President's message *continued from page 2*

With excitement and anticipation, we are entering a new fall semester. Let this quote from Jim Collins, author of "Good to Great," be our guide... "Greatness is not a function of circumstance. Greatness, it turns out, is largely a matter of conscious choice, and discipline." Let each Brother make a conscious choice to further the work of Alpha Phi Omega and embrace the discipline to carry out the plan.

Brothers, may our generation plant the trees so there will be shade for those who follow.

In Service/In Brotherhood,

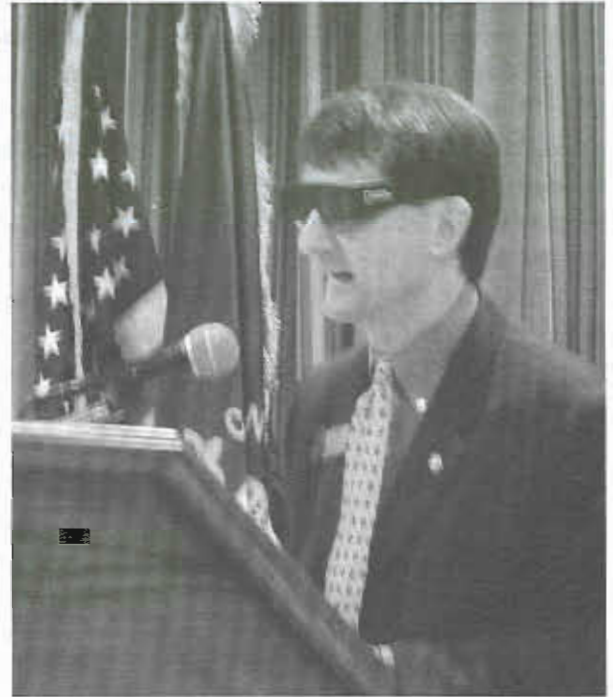


2006 National Volunteer Conference *Highlights*

Roadmap To The Future: Tools For The Trip was the theme of this year's National Volunteer Conference held at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky – the site of this year's National Convention. The programming was built on our two previous conferences, with the addition of the advisors track. The most common feedback from those who participated in the advisors track of programming was, "How do we get more advisors to attend NVC? This is a great program and has helped me tremendously."

Past President Jack McKenzie gave an outstanding banquet address that focused on the tools necessary for those who work on a daily basis with Chapters and actives. Using the tools that Jack suggested will allow each volunteer to help grow APO, share APO, stay focused – don't let bumps in the road distract you from the mission – stay organized, meet deadlines, become a Torchbearer, lead a balanced life, stick to the facts instead of hearsay, listen carefully to the meaning and not just the words being used, and, finally, make the most of each year.

The 160 participants departed the conference energized and ready to help push Alpha Phi Omega toward the best year ever!



2006 National Convention

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

when

Wednesday through Saturday, December 27-30, 2006

legislation

All legislation is due to the National Executive Director by 09/30/06. Legislation needs to be submitted by using the templates located at www.convention.apo.org.

how to register

Visit www.convention.apo.org to register on-line. To request a National Convention Registration packet, please call (816) 373-8667 or e-mail convention.admin@apo.org.

where

The Galt House Hotel & Suites • 140 North Fourth Street • Louisville, KY 40202

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel.

Please call 1-800-THE GALT and tell them that you're with the 2006 APO National Convention.

who

All pledges, actives, advisors, Life Members, Honorary Members, alumni, family members and friends of Alpha Phi Omega are invited and encouraged to attend this fantastic four-day extravaganza of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

cost

HOTEL ROOMS:

\$69 per night - for single, double, triple or quad occupancy
(12/24/06 through 01/02/07)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (prior to 11/15/06):

- Students/Advisors: \$65
- Alumni: Life Members: \$85
- Alumni: Non-Life Members: \$90

LATE REGISTRATION (after 11/15/06):

- Students/Advisors: \$85
- Alumni: Life Members: \$105
- Alumni: Non-Life Members: \$105

FELLOWSHIP BANQUET (12/28/06): \$30

AWARDS BANQUET (12/30/06): \$35

(NOTE: Banquet tickets must be purchased in advance because the Fraternity must guarantee payment for a specific number of meals well in advance of the event.)

what to do

There will be legislative and leadership development activities that will shape the future of the Fraternity, as well as fellowship experiences ranging from casual conversations to dances, alumni events, a talent show and two great banquets. During your visit to Louisville, you'll have the opportunity to explore the flourishing cultural district, the vibrant performing arts community, as well as many shops, restaurants and museums.

getting to Louisville

Check with your Section or Region to see about group transportation opportunities. You can also check the National Convention website at www.convention.apo.org for additional transportation options.

Unbridled Service



2006 National Convention
Louisville, Kentucky

SUMMER BOARD ACTION

Action taken at the July 8, 2006, National Board of Directors Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

- Adopted the 2006-07 budget of the Fraternity as proposed by the Finance Committee.
- Designated Kate Farrell Westlake, Gamma Pi Chapter, as the 2006 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree.
- Pursuant to Article IX, Section 7 of the National Bylaws, President Heismeyer declared the following Chapter charters null and void: Nu Kappa, Campbell University, Buies Creek, North Carolina; Tau Epsilon, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee; Xi Nu, Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas; Theta Eta, Kansas City University of Medicine & Biosciences, Kansas City, Missouri.
- The Board of Directors proposed a Diversity Resolution to the 2006 National Convention.

Commitment to Diversity

Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity strives to identify, recruit, and promote a diverse, open membership throughout our Fraternity. We seek a diverse Brotherhood that reflects the populations of our host campuses and the community at-large, and respects individuals' differences.

- Approved creation of a Student Advisory Committee with 11 student members serving on this committee, one per region, and the president and vice president serving as chair and vice chair respectively. The purpose of this committee will be to provide input, suggestions and advice to the leadership of the Fraternity. Selection of the 11 active members shall be by recommendation of the respective regional directors and appointment by the National President. The term of appointment for members shall be one year, with appointments taking effect on the first day of February (beginning in 2007) of each year. Qualifications of the 11 active members should include, but not be limited to:

- 1) Active membership in the Fraternity for the full term of office.
- 2) An active member who has demonstrated leadership in his/her Chapter.
- 3) An active member who is willing and able to commit the time to participate in monthly online discussions and regular e-mail exchanges.

The next meeting of the National Board of Directors will be held December 30, 2006, at The Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

In Honor and Memory of Two Dedicated Brothers

On March 17, 2006, two devoted Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega passed away.

Lewis Norton Jones, 93 years old, died in Lubbock, Texas. He served as an advisor to Beta Sigma Chapter from 1948 until his retirement in 1978, and also served on the National Board of Directors from 1958 through 1972. Lewis completed his 31-year career as dean of students in 1978 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Edward A. Grandpre, Ph.D., 49 years old, died in Anderson, South Carolina. He served as an advisor to Gamma Lambda Chapter. The Chapter named its spring 2006 pledge class the Ed Grandpre Pledge Class as a tribute to him. Ed was also the assistant professor of higher education at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina.

The legacy of these Brothers will continue to enrich the lives of members who were personally acquainted with these men, as well as those who will become members in the future — serving Alpha Phi Omega through the Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

Brothers Receive Scholarships

The John Mack Scholarship, awarded annually to undergraduate Brothers, recognizes outstanding participation and leadership in extracurricular activities to benefit individual needs, and charitable or humanitarian organizations. This year, 20 scholarships were awarded to deserving Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega. Congratulations to the following individuals who were selected:

<u>APO Brother</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Rajee Aerie	Elmhurst College	Alpha Beta Omicron
Colby Albarkat	Albion College	Alpha Gamma Lambda
Christine Angsten	Augustana College	Lambda Rho
Kara Beisner	University of Cincinnati	Delta Alpha
Sarah Blaine	Alma College	Omicron Tau
Terria Cheatham	Delaware Valley College	Sigma Nu
Jeffrey Falta	University of Michigan	Gamma Pi
Philip Koberlein	Milliken University	Eta Epsilon
Kristen Kopf	Illinois Wesleyan University	Omega Epsilon
Susan Mallien	Saint Louis University	Delta Delta
Robert Menard	University of Wisconsin - Platteville	Tau Epsilon
Courtney Meyer	University of Michigan	Gamma Pi
Claire Mitchell	Villanova University	Sigma Eta
Jason Poland	SUNY Oswego	Epsilon Nu
Kristina Poston	Saint Louis University	Delta Delta
Abby Rardin	Saint Louis University	Delta Delta
Jamie Ryker	University of California San Diego	Rho Pi
Kelsi Wilcox	Clarion University of PA	Omega Mu
Rachel Ann Williams	University of Georgia	Beta Zeta
Lindsey Wood	Virginia Tech	Zeta Beta

These scholarships were made possible through the John Mack Scholarship Fund of the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment Trust. The purpose of the Endowment Trust is to provide long-term benefits for the goals and perpetuation of the Fraternity. In addition to annual scholarships, the Endowment Trust also provides support toward leadership programs, including APO LEADS, Youth Service Grants and the National Volunteer Conference. Scholarship applications are due May 1 and the applications can be located at www.apo.org.

For more information on the Endowment Trust or to make a gift, contact the APO Development Director at 816-373-8667 x18 or development.director@apo.org.

Supporting APO's Annual Fund

Your gift to the Annual Fund provides support to offer our undergraduate Brothers a better Fraternity experience!

Examples of programs and services supported by the Annual Fund include:

- Member Services – Recruitment and Expansion Materials
- Chapter Support – Training Materials and National Service Week
- Fraternity Publications
- APO's Leadership Programs – APO LEADS Program and the annual National Volunteer Conference

Brothers who are employed by organizations that participate in United Way campaign programs can designate Alpha Phi Omega as one of their giving choices.

Likewise, Brothers who are employed by government organizations that participate in the Combined Federal Campaign can also select Alpha Phi Omega as a gift recipient.

Many employers offer a Matching Gift Program through the Human Resources department.

These are great opportunities to increase the impact of your gift to the Annual Fund!

WHO, what, WHEN & Where?

ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 30

Deadline for submission of proposed legislation to National Executive Director at executive.director@apo.org

October 14

Section 4 Conference
Host: Omicron Zeta
California State University-East Bay
Hayward, CA

October 20-22

Fall 50 Conference
Host: Alpha Alpha
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Urbana, IL

Sections 94/96 Conclave
Host: Alpha Gamma Pi
Univ. of Maine at Farmington
Farmington, ME

October 27-29

Fall 53/55 Conference
Host: Eta Pi
University of Detroit-Mercy
Detroit, MI

October 28

Section 99 Conference
Host: Theta Alpha
Stephens Institute of Technology
Hoboken, NJ

November 3-5

Region IX Rally
Host: Tau Upsilon
University of Wisconsin - Platteville
Platteville, WI

Section 8 Fellowship Conference
Host: Zeta Psi
University of Oregon
Eugene, OR

Sections 32/33/34 Tri-Sectional Conference
Host: Pi
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS

Sections 88/89 Conference
Host: Epsilon Zeta
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Troy, NY

November 5-11

National Service Week
"Building Stronger Communities"

November 15

National Service Week
Reporting Deadline

Charter Reaffirmation Deadline

Annual Active Membership
Dues Deadline

2006 National Convention
Early Registration Deadline

November 18

Sections 1/2 Fall Conference
Host: Chi
University of California at Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA

December 27-30

2006 National Convention
Louisville, KY



December 30

Meeting of the National Board of Directors
Louisville, KY

2007 February 8-11

Meeting of the National Board of Directors
Kansas City, MO

February 23-24

Sections 65/66 Conference
Host: Kappa
Carnegie Mellon University
Pittsburgh, PA

February 23-25

Section 90 Conference
Host: Xi Iota
Susquehanna University
Bloomsburg, PA

March 2-4

Section 8 Business Conference
Host: Zeta Psi
University of Oregon
Eugene, OR

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