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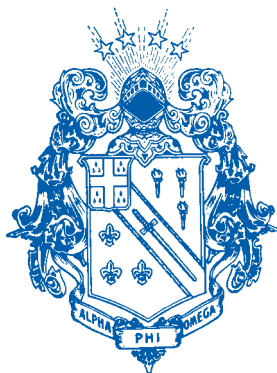
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Wilfred M. Krenek —

2008 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree

It is with great honor that the Alpha Phi Omega National Board of Directors announces Brother Wilfred M. Krenek as the 2008 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree.

Brother Krenek was initiated into Alpha Rho Chapter at the University of Texas at Austin in 1971. Over the course of his 37-year relationship with APO, Krenek has served at every level of the Fraternity, and continues to soar as a brother, donating both his time and experience.

"In my first semester at the University of Texas as a shy and introverted freshman, I joined Alpha Rho Chapter after a friend's brother from my high school said it was 'fun,'" said Krenek. "It definitely has been more than that for me. Through the leadership skills learned, the friends made and the service provided, [Alpha Phi Omega] has helped shape my life and who I am today."

Brother Krenek began his Fraternity volunteerism as Section 42 Chair (1977-1980). He then became Region VII Director (1980-1988), Member-at-Large and National Finance Chair (1988-1990). He served as National Vice President with National President Jerry Schroeder (1990-1994). After his term as National Vice President was complete, Brother Krenek was elected National President (1994-1998).

Since that time, Brother Krenek has continued to serve the Fraternity as a Life



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

BY MAGGIE KATZ, NATIONAL PRESIDENT



I hope you enjoyed your summer. It is amazing how, years after we finish school, we still look forward to summer as a break of some kind, even those of us who do not work in education. I used to think that summer would at least bring a decrease in Alpha Phi Omega activity. I have found that is not the case. In fact, your National Board is busier than ever while the students relax from classes for a couple of months and alumni take summer excursions. Let me share a few examples.

In May, the Board met for what is fast becoming a regular occurrence — a work session. We take time to delve more deeply into one topic, by working in small groups to address big issues. This year, our topic was assessment. In particular, we looked at how we should measure success in APO. Our initial conclusion was that all endeavors and activities should be evaluated using, at minimum, the following four constants — participation, engagement, use of resources, and advancement of strategic goals. This serves as the foundation upon which we will identify our current status, what we want to accomplish, what milestones we expect to reach along the way, and how well we have met our goals.

June was a month of number crunching for the Finance Committee. The committee members met at the National Office to develop the 2008-2009 budget for the Fraternity. Prior to the meeting, budget requests were submitted for furthering costs of Fraternity programming, in order to continue the success of these national programs. For the second year in a row, the Board approved an ambitious budget with the potential to positively impact the future of APO.

In July, the Board held its semiannual meeting. In keeping with tradition, we spent the weekend in the Boston Convention hotel as a test run for December. In addition to approving the aforementioned budget and Convention preparation, we reviewed our progress for the year, selected the Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree — see page 1 for more information — and made plans for the fall and beyond.

In August, the Endowment Trustees met via conference call to discuss a game plan for the continued financial success of the Fraternity. This group of talented, generous individuals give their time, energy and financial support to provide the Fraternity with a method to perpetuate Leadership, Friendship and Service for future generations. Even as we enjoy record membership numbers, we are ensuring that APO will always remain a constructive force on our campuses.

I hope you had a good summer. Personally, I am glad school has started so I can get some rest! After all, I want to be at full strength for the National Convention. See you in December!

Fraternally,

Maggie

Pledge Class Namesake *(Continued from Page 1)*

Member on the National Board of Directors. He is also the current Chair of the Endowment Trustees and is a member of the Blue & Gold Society and a Gold Founders' Circle Torchbearer.

Krenek chaired for and served on a number of APO committees, including the National Executive Director Search Committee, the 75th Anniversary Committee and the "Target 30" Fundraising Effort for the construction of the National Office.

As a man of great passion and commitment, fellow brothers honored Krenek for his service and commitment to APO by awarding him the National Distinguished Service Award at the 2000 National Convention in Philadelphia. Brother Krenek has also received the Chapter DSK, Sectional DSK and Regional DSK.

Brother Krenek resides in Houston,



Texas, with his wife, Kay Hairgrove Krenek, Beta Sigma. Kay was the first female elected to APO's National Board of Directors. Professionally, Brother Krenek is vice president and chief financial officer of the WEDGE Group, a Houston-based investment firm. Within his community Krenek is an advocate of blood donation and has personally donated more than 100 pints of blood. He is an active member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Community, where he has served on



the Parish Council, and is a member of the Supervisory Committee for Members Choice Credit Union.

Leadership, Friendship and Service are the Cardinal Principles by which all APO brothers live. However, it is Brother Krenek's constant effort to better exemplify these principles within the Fraternity and his community that made him the perfect choice for the 2008 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree. Congratulations, Brother Krenek! ■

A Challenge to the 2008 Fall Pledge Class ...

Early in my APO career as a young section chair, my nickname was "Yoda." Initially, I attributed it to my wide-set eyes and being a little on the short side. However, I came to realize it was more because of the "advice from an elder's perspective" that I was able to provide. Later, as Region VII Director, it became even more clear to me the important role our chapter advisors play. The really strong chapters always have an assortment of great advisors. They provide direction, a sense of stability and maintain a historical perspective.

Advisors may represent the college administration or staff, be community leaders or even alumni. The number of advisors usually varies by the size of the chapter, but I believe every chapter should have a minimum of five to seven active advisors from varied backgrounds. Or, as Yoda would say, "Good are the advisors with experiences different have they."

My Challenge: *For each pledge to get the signatures of 100 percent of his/her chapter's advisors. While this may not be a chapter requirement, it is a wonderful opportunity for the pledges to get to know the advisors, which in turn allows both the pledge and the chapter to learn from the advisor's experiences. This will make better, more resourceful members of Alpha Phi Omega.*

The Bonus: *All pledge classes that meet this challenge and have their pledge trainer verify and submit their entry by November 1, 2008, to director.communications@apo.org will be entered into a drawing. I will attend the pledge class activation and/or banquet of the winning chapter.*

*In Leadership, Friendship and Service,
Wilfred Krenek, 2008 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree*

CHAPTERS in Action



Omega Sigma Chapter at California State University at Fullerton held the Region X Games at Craig Regional Park in Fullerton on May 31, 2008. Chapters from across the region competed against one another in different activities such as tug-of-war, tidal wave, clothesline, rat race and steal the bacon. Congratulations to **Alpha Delta Theta** Chapter at the University of California at Riverside for taking home first place!

Alpha Delta Theta Chapter Web site:
www.apoucr.com



Brothers from **Alpha Delta Lambda** Chapter at Florida Atlantic University and **Alpha Delta Tau** Chapter at Nova Southeastern University cooled off after a long day of weeding, planting and picking up trash during the Section 74 Conference at the University of Central Florida campus in Orlando. Brothers of the recently split Section 74 helped landscape the UCF campus around the new arboretum.

Alpha Delta Tau Chapter Web site:
www.nova.edu/~aphio/



Brothers from **Alpha Delta Upsilon** Chapter at Saginaw Valley State University in University Center, Michigan, had some fun in the sun at their Saginaw Summer Shindig BBQ. Brothers played board games, volleyball and went swimming during this fun and relaxing weekend.

Alpha Delta Upsilon Chapter Web site:
www.svsuapo.com

Chapters in Action

Mu Chapter at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, held its 18th annual Rubber Duck Regatta on April 20, 2008. The Rubber Duck Regatta featured a series of rubber duck races down the Mighty Jordan River, which flows through the middle of the IU campus. Each duck had a sponsor who won if his/her duck placed in each race. All proceeds from this year's event funded the wish of a 4-year-old girl named Alexis. Mu Chapter partnered with the Indiana Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and helped raise \$4,000 to help fund Alexis' wish.

Mu Chapter Web site:

www.indiana.edu/~apo/



Congratulations to **Rho Rho** Chapter from the University of California at Irving for winning the 6th annual iDance Competition. The iDance Competition is a fundraiser hosted by **Rho Pi** Chapter at the University of California at San Diego to benefit Invisible Children: Schools for Schools. The competition took place on May 17, 2008. The second place dance crew was **Chi** Chapter at UCLA; third place was Rho Pi. You can watch the video of "JiggaRho" at www.youtube.com.

Rho Rho Chapter Web site: <http://spirit.dos.uci.edu/aphio>

Rho Pi Chapter Web site: www.aporhopi.org/

Chi Chapter Web site: www.apo-x.org/



Zeta Chapter at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, received the Dean of Students Outstanding Achievement Award on May 21, 2008, at a formal ceremony presented by Vice Provost for Student Affairs Greg Boardman. This award recognizes registered student groups that have singularly enriched the quality of life on campus, and for outstanding achievements and contributions to Stanford. Zeta received a plaque featuring a photograph of the main quad on campus, which was engraved with citations recognizing its accomplishments.

Zeta Chapter Web site:

www.stanford.edu/group/APhiO/



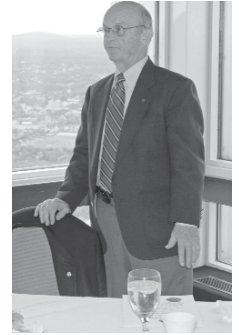
Brother Jim Chandler Retires as National BSA Liaison

Brother Jim Chandler has announced his retirement as director of the executive career administrative division after 40 years with the Boy Scouts of America National Council, including 17 years as the National BSA Liaison between BSA and the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors.

Chandler's relationship with APO spans back to 1965, when he was inducted into the Fraternity as charter advisory chair for Omicron Tau at Alma College in Alma, Michigan. Brother Chandler served this chapter for a little over a year until he was appointed dean of students at the University of Colorado at Boulder and transferred. However, he continued serving the Fraternity during his time in Colorado as a chapter advisor to Gamma Theta. In 1968, Brother Chandler joined the professional staff of the Boy Scouts of America, where he continued his loyalty to the Fraternity by promoting APO to local councils.

Chandler worked vigorously to ensure APO's presence in BSA publications and documents during his time as director of human resources administration for the BSA. His continuing efforts and close relationship with the Fraternity made him the appropriate nominee for the Board's National BSA Liaison position, which was established in 1991.

"Jim Chandler's 17 years of expertise, dedication and friendship will be sorely missed on the Alpha Phi Omega National Board of Directors," said National President Maggie Katz. "His legacy is a strengthened relationship between APO and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as an enhanced understanding between the



two organizations. I will continue to seek his wise counsel as long as he continues to take my calls."

Brother Chandler's most significant project with APO was working with Past National President Jerry Schroeder in 1992 and early 1993 to preserve the mutually supportive relationship between the Fraternity and the BSA. In a dialogue initiated by BSA in response

backchannel line of communication, opening an informal yet frank exchange of views that ultimately became the basis for an agreement between the National President and the chief scout executive.

This agreement confirmed Alpha Phi Omega's rich Scouting heritage, continued the relationship between the two organizations and acknowledged the right of all private, voluntary organizations to determine their own values and policies. With Brother Chandler's enthusiastic encouragement, this clarification of APO/BSA common interests also enhanced the Fraternity's ability to cooperate with other youth groups, including the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

"Jerry [Schroeder] being National President and me being the BSA Liaison was heaven sent. We were both supposed to be there... My most valuable experience with APO was working with Jerry to save the relationship with BSA and the Fraternity," said Brother Chandler.

During his time with APO, Brother Chandler was recognized with the Outstanding Service Award from Gamma Theta in 1967, as well as the National Distinguished Service Award from the National Fraternity in 2002. Brother Chandler is also a member of the Silver Founders' Circle. ■

Thank you to National Past President Jerry Schroeder for his contributions to this article.

"(Jim's) legacy is a strengthened relationship between APO and the Boy Scouts of America as well as an enhanced understanding between the two organizations."

—Maggie Katz, APO National President

to perceptions of official affiliation on the part of some members of the public, BSA and APO examined the future of their relationship, particularly in light of their different membership policies.

Chandler understood that friends often find it necessary to talk about individual and mutual interests, sometimes from differing perspectives, but also strongly believed that the relationship between the two organizations that had existed for then 67 years had to continue. As formal negotiations between the National President and the chief scout executive extended from weeks to months, Brother Chandler and Brother Schroeder established a

Fifteen Chapters Attend APO's First Membership Academy

The first ever Alpha Phi Omega Membership Academy was held in Cincinnati, June 20-22, 2008. The pilot program consisted of 32 students from 15 chapters in six different regions. Participants received hands-on training from volunteer staff, networked with brothers and alumni from around the country, and left the course with tangible skills, ideas, information and membership action plans that could immediately be put to use in their chapters.

Participants had a great opportunity to get to know each other through mock rush and recruitment activities. The activity details and descriptions were provided to each member so he/she could duplicate and teach these skills to his/her chapter. Membership Academy participants were also given the opportunity to design or redesign their chapter's pledge program; they also explored the underlying factors of individual and team motivation and how they relate to all areas of membership, particularly retention.

Interest groups and petitioning groups had time to consult one-on-one with Membership and Extension Director John Ottenad about their group's progress toward becoming chapters. In addition, the groups generated new and different ideas and tips for building brotherhood. The students also gained advice for recruiting and using advisors.

Over the course of the weekend, participants designed custom plans for recruiting prospective members to their chapters; they were also given organization and evaluation tools for their recruitment program to duplicate their successes. Rho Chi Chapter at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania, used these tools to generate its entire fall recruitment plan. The participants are now able to effectively communicate with and recruit potential members.

After the Membership Academy,

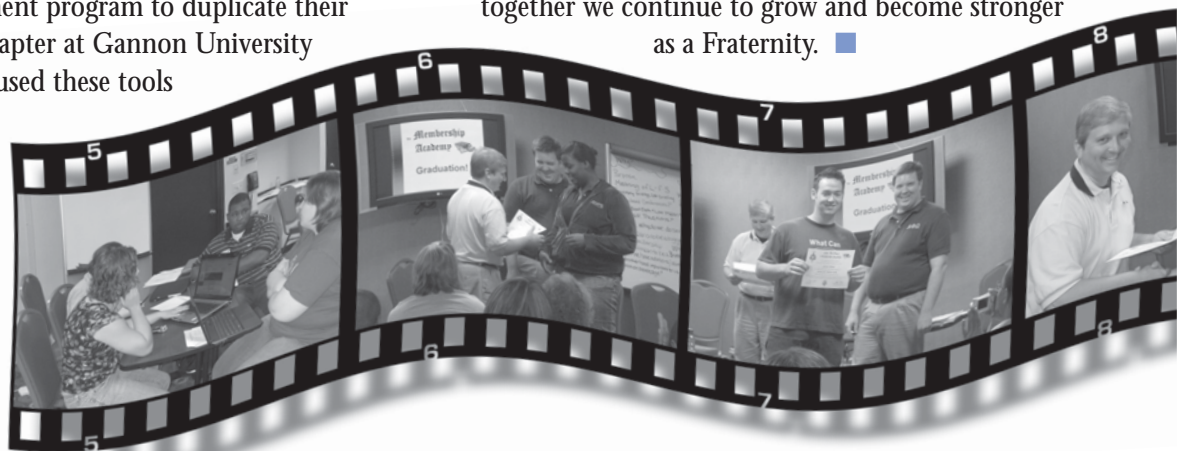
each chapter can develop an informed pledge program that meets the Diamond Level Pledge Program of Excellence requirements. The pledge program requirements, which are designed specifically for each chapter, also include a pledge program syllabus and lesson plan to support the pledge program.

In addition, each chapter in attendance designed a detailed membership calendar for the fall 2008 semester

that included recruitment events, pledge program meetings and ideas for member retention activities. There also was time for brothers to ask questions about the Chapter of Excellence and Pledge Program

of Excellence Award, and to design plans for their chapter to attain these awards.

One of the most important aspects of the weekend was the forging of new friendships and relationships. This is our Fraternity's strongest asset — the opportunity to come together and learn from one another. As the participants learned at the Membership Academy, even though we come from different chapters, different schools and different parts of the country, we are all brothers, and when we work together we continue to grow and become stronger as a Fraternity. ■



Spring Youth Service Day

REGION IX Omicron

**University of Iowa
in Iowa City, Iowa**
www.uiowa.edu/~apo/
Merit Badge University
976 Youth Reached



REGION V Zeta Lambda

**University of Toledo
in Toledo, Ohio**
<http://alphaphiomega.utoledo.edu>
Under the Sea Shindig
20 Youth Reached



REGION XI Nu Omega

**University of Alaska Fairbanks
in Fairbanks, Alaska**
www.apouaf.com
St. Baldrick's Spaghetti Dinner
1,000 Youth Reached



REGION X Gamma Beta

**San Jose State University
in San Jose, California**
www.apogh.org
Volunteer at Children
Discovery Museum
500 Youth Reached



REGION VI Zeta Alpha

**Bradley University
in Peoria, Illinois**
www.apo.bradley.edu
Children's Home Mural Painting
50 Youth Reached



REGION VIII Epsilon Pi

**Southern Illinois University
at Edwardsville
in Edwardsville, Illinois**
Healthy Youth Development Day
65 Youth Reached



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Spring Youth Service Day 2008 Statistics

Total Number of Service Hours 35,932.39
 Total Number of Member Participants 4,682
 Total Number of Youth Reached 45,678
 Total Number of Funds Raised \$73,500
 Total Number of Service Projects 264

REGION II *Theta Kappa*

SUNY - Binghamton University
in Binghamton, New York
www.sa.binghamton.edu/~apo
 Interchapter Story Garden Service
 200 Youth Reached



REGION I *Nu Alpha*

Quinnipiac University
in Hamden, Connecticut
 Badge Day for the Girls Scouts
 19 Youth Reached



REGION III *Omicron Pi*

University of Richmond
in Richmond, Virginia
www.student.richmond.edu/~apo
 Teeter for Tots
 100 Youth Reached



REGION IV *Iota Rho*

Florida State University
in Tallahassee, Florida
www.fsuaphio.com
 Teddy Bear Bags
 200 Youth Reached



REGION VII *Alpha Epsilon*

Louisiana State University
in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Parker House Cookout
 8 Youth Reached



Spring Youth Service Day 2008:

Promises Worth Keeping!

By Carla Moran, Service and Communication Director

I am honored to serve on Alpha Phi Omega's Board of Directors — I feel lucky to have the chance to present workshops to students, visit campus administrators, and speak with everyone from pledges to alumni and much more. Lots of e-mail comes with the territory, too, including the hundreds of messages I receive when chapters use the Service Database on www.apo.org to submit their Spring Youth Service Day (SYSD) reports. Sifting through service report e-mails takes time, but reading them and learning the details of their Spring Youth Service Day projects is one of the most rewarding parts of being APO's Service and Communication Director.

SYSD is the way APO participates in the Youth Service America Global Youth Service Day so each SYSD project is also part of the largest service event in the world! Proper planning of projects with good promotion within the chapter, communicating well with the organizations/youth the chapter will be working with, choosing a time when chapter members and children are available for the project and many other steps help set the stage for success.

America's Promise, an APO national partner, outlines Five Promises for children, which APO can also think of as five elements offered to youth through top notch SYSD projects: Caring Adults, Safe Places, A Healthy Start, Effective Education and Opportunities to Help Others. SYSD projects — those large and small, those that help youth near and far — serve youth in myriad ways by meeting one or more of the Five Promises. Rising to this challenge does more than just make us feel good — we're having a significant impact on our nation. America's Promise tells us that children who receive at least four of the Five Promises are more likely "to succeed academically, socially and civically. They are more likely to avoid violence, contribute to their communities and achieve high grades in school."

Each time I read a Spring Youth Service Day report it is not just "one more e-mail" in my inbox. It is a reminder that every day APO students and alumni are keeping the promise Frank Reed Horton made to "help young people get the right start in life" — and that's a promise worth keeping. ■

The Brothers are Coming! The Brothers are Coming!

From the founding of the first institution of higher learning in the New World to the catalytic nation-shaping acts of the American Revolution, the city of Boston has served as an international icon of leadership, community service and avant-garde thinking. So too has APO become synonymous with a commitment to leadership and service in fostering the youth of the world.

From December 27-30, the 2008 Alpha Phi Omega National Convention will set its name within this illustrious history, as well as that of our own Fraternity, with a boat-rocking revolution of its own. “Revolutionary Service: Make History in Boston” will offer actives, alumni, staff and guests a host of unique, never-before-seen opportunities. Take up the rallying cry and join the revolution!

Are YOU Ready for a Revolution?

Convention registration is LIVE! If you're ready for the time of your life APO style, either visit www.apo.org or contact the National Office at (816) 373-8667 to set sail for Boston.

- **Active and Advisor Rate: \$75**
- **Life Member Alumni Rate: \$85**
- **Non-Life Member Alumni Rate: \$105**

While you're online, don't forget to reserve your room at the luxurious Sheraton Boston at the Prudential Center. Our room rate is \$104 per night and is good from December 24-January 2. See the Convention Web site for more hotel information and links.

The four-star Convention hotel in the heart of Boston is connected to the Prudential Center Mall, with more than 200 shops and services, and is next to a 24-hour supermarket. Visit www.PrudentialCenter.com for more information on what the Prudential Center has to offer during your time in Boston.

Join 2,000 of your closest brothers in a celebration of Alpha Phi Omega! Don't miss:

- **Incredible opening ceremonies, dances, entertainment and social events**
- **Access to dozens of workshops**
- **Participation in unique service projects**
- **Special souvenirs**
- **The honor of representing your chapter at the 2008 Boston National Convention!**

NEW! Professional Child Care

Hey, brother-parent! Let your kids have fun while you have fun attending banquets, workshops and other Convention events. Professional onsite child care will be offered by Children's Conference Care (www.childrensconferencecare.com). Pre-registration is required. Attendance minimums must be met for each session. Various sessions will be available for tots (1-2 yrs), kids (3-12) and teens (13+). Visit www.apo.org for fees, schedules and more information.

Dump the Pump

Driving from Minneapolis and want some company for the long trek, as well as someone to share the price of gas? Check out the ride board at <http://2008conventionrideboard.blogspot.com>. Stuck in South Carolina with no way to get to Convention? Post a shout out and let your brothers know that you want to be in Boston.

If driving isn't an option, there's a section for brothers from across the nation to coordinate plane, train or bus travel. Stay tuned for more announcements on our transportation page.

Concerned about trip costs? Take a look at our “Fundraising Tips Sheet” and promotional downloads so you can get your brothers fired up for Convention while making the most of your financial resources.

Most importantly, stay safe by validating your contacts with the safety check posted on the ride board. Save money, travel in groups and make a friend of your brother in the process.

NEW! Alumni Sunday

Going to Convention? Carve out some time for special alumni events. A modest upgrade to your registration fee entitles you to participate in the new Alumni Sunday activities.

Not going to Convention? Please reconsider! Drop in for just the day, or plan a weekend in Boston. A special one-day Alumni Sunday registration rate lets you join this exciting reunion.

Highlights of Alumni Sunday include the Alumni Luncheon — a private function in the Skywalk Observatory on the 50th floor of the Prudential Building, which is a brief indoor stroll from the Convention hotel. Lunch will be catered by the award-winning and elegant Top of the Hub restaurant. Alumni Sunday will be a time to catch up with old friends, make new ones and enjoy fine food and the best view in Boston.

ALUMNI SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 28, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Fraternity Update

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Alumni Luncheon

Catered by Top of the Hub

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Workshops

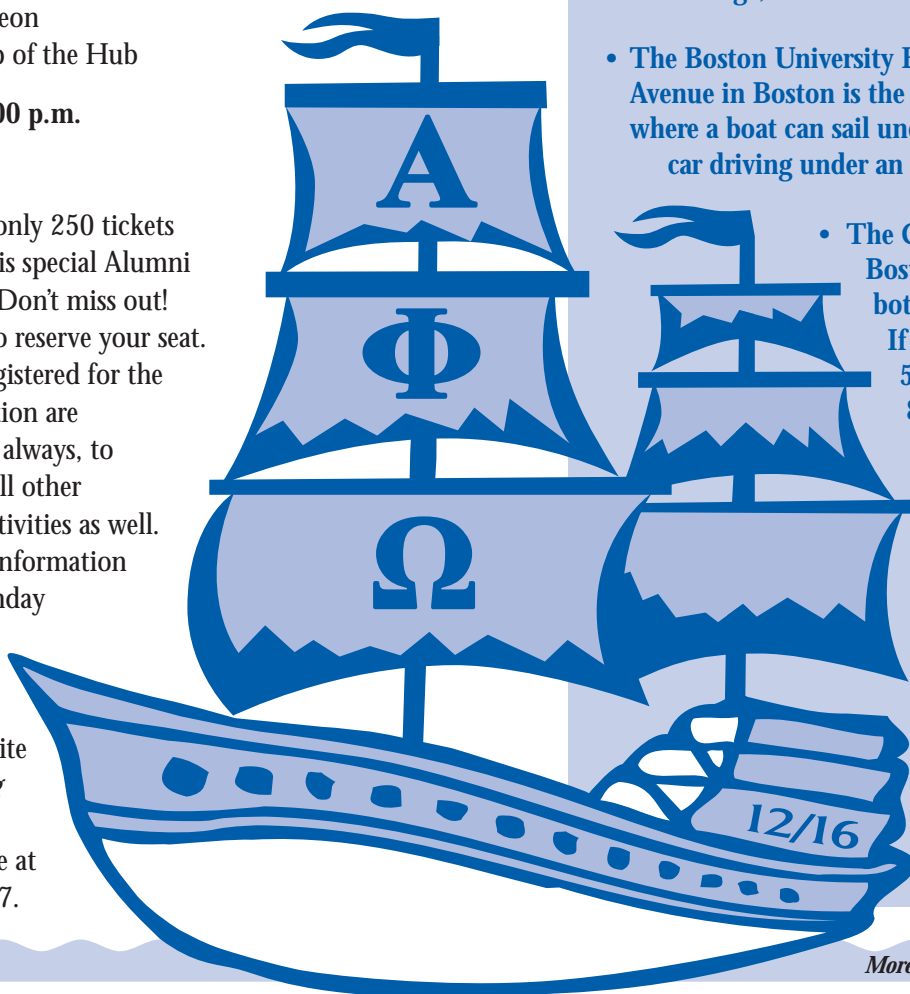
There are only 250 tickets available for this special Alumni Sunday event! Don't miss out! Register now to reserve your seat.

Alumni registered for the entire Convention are encouraged, as always, to participate in all other Convention activities as well.

For more information on Alumni Sunday registration and events, visit the national Web site at www.apo.org or contact the National Office at (816) 373-8667.

Fun Facts about Massachusetts

- Boston is famous for its many colleges, its annual marathon and its baked beans.
- The Fig Newton, a popular fig jam-filled cookie, was named after the Massachusetts town of Newton.
- Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox, is the oldest Major League ballpark. It opened on April 20, 1912.
- Lowell, Massachusetts was one of America's first planned industrial cities. It was also a pioneer in employing women workers.
- Paul Revere made his famous ride from Boston to Lexington, Massachusetts at the dawn of the American Revolution to report that British troops had closed Boston Harbor.
- Harvard University, the oldest institution of higher learning in the United States, was established in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1636.
- The Boston University Bridge on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston is the only place in the world where a boat can sail under a train driving under a car driving under an airplane.
- The Children's Museum in Boston displays a giant milk bottle on the museum's wharf. If it were real it would hold 50,000 gallons of milk and 8,620 gallons of cream.
- There is a house in Rockport built entirely of newspaper.
- On January 15, 1919 the Great Molasses Flood occurred in the North End of Boston. Some say that on hot days, the streets have the faint odor of molasses.



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The Brothers Are Coming! *(Continued from Page 11)*

Calling All Brothers!

No more struggling to see, straining to hear or long hours at opening ceremonies. Make roll call unforgettable this Convention with the "APO Roll Call 2008" group on www.YouTube.com.

Who: *ALL active chapters*

Those chapters that are not planning to attend Convention are still welcome to submit a video; however, your chapter must be present to have your video displayed during opening ceremonies and to win the Roll Call Award.

What: *Submit one roll call video for the 2008 National Convention. Videos should be no more than 30 seconds in length.*

Please remember to follow appropriate risk management guidelines in designing your roll call. Each submission will be judged on overall creativity, spirit, teamwork and presentation.

When: *The group will be made available starting September 1. The deadline for all video submissions is midnight on November 8.*

If your chapter is unable to submit a video online for any reason, there will be an opportunity to do so after registration at Convention.

Where: *YouTube Group Page called "APO Roll Call 2008."*

Your video title must include your chapter name and NC2008.

We welcome all brothers to view these videos at their leisure and, of course, vote on them. The ratings each submission receives will determine which roll calls are presented at opening ceremonies and will have weight in determining the recipient of the Roll Call Award at Convention. Stay tuned to the Convention Web site for more details.

Party Like It's 1776

First Night, a city-wide New Year's Eve festival of the arts, was started in Boston more than 30 years ago. Join the thousands of Bostonians who fill the streets on December 31 from 1 p.m. through midnight for this family friendly celebration.

A First Night button (\$15) grants admission to venues featuring the best in theatre, dance, music, visual arts and film. Museums, theaters, churches and performance centers open their doors to First Night button holders throughout the day. Even without a ticket, there are performances along the streets, ice sculptures, a Mardi Gras-style parade, food and souvenirs for sale, and two fireworks displays.

It all starts just a few blocks from our hotel. Book your hotel room now at the low Convention rate through January 2, and follow our Convention with an unforgettable start to 2009! Visit www.firstnight.org more information on First Night.

With Convention less than a semester away, the National Convention Committee is plugging ahead in planning. On our Convention Web site you can check out our progress, get answers to any questions you may have, chip in ideas and suggestions, and even sign up to volunteer. Help make this the best

Convention to date. Get ready for revolutionary brotherhood, and make history in Boston!

Keep an eye on the national Web site www.apo.org for updated articles, Convention information and links. ■



In Memory of Our Alpha Phi Omega Brothers

Margaret "Jimmy" Bartle Taylor, daughter of Alpha Phi Omega Past National President H. Roe Bartle, who served from 1931-1946, passed away Friday, July 4, 2008, after suffering a fall at a friend's home in Kansas City, Missouri. Taylor was 83.



Margaret "Jimmy" Bartle Taylor

Taylor, from Fort Worth, Texas, stopped in Kansas City to visit friends on her way to the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation in Osceola, Kansas. Taylor planned to attend a dedication ceremony for a new Scout council, which was being named after her father.

After her father's death in 1974, it became Taylor's mission to share his legacy and continue his relationship with both APO and the Boy Scout community. Taylor made it a point to attend APO National Conventions and events over the course of her life, as well as spend many summers traveling to the Bartle Reservation to speak about Scout traditions and her father, whom many knew as "The Chief" or Chief Lone Bear.

H. Roe Bartle was the founder and scouting advisor of APO's Iota Chapter at Park College in Parkville, Missouri, and the second National President of APO. During his term as President, Bartle assisted the Fraternity in its growth from 18

chapters at the start of his term in 1931 to 109 chapters when he stepped down as National President in 1946. Based on these numbers, Bartle was credited with expanding the national reach of APO.

Margaret Bartle Taylor was the only child of H. Roe Bartle (1901-1974) and Margaret Raines Bartle (1904-1987). Taylor was preceded in death by her husband, John James Taylor, who died in 1993. She leaves behind three daughters, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Joe Kuchta, advisor to Alpha Chi Chapter at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, passed away June 23, 2008. Brother Kuchta served Alpha Chi for over 30 years as a chapter advisor, as the Section 95 Scouting Chair in the mid-1980s and as the Region I Scouting Chair from 1989 to 1994. During his time as Region I Scouting Chair, Brother Kuchta was active on the National Scouting Relations Committee. In 1998 Brother Kuchta was honored as the Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree. Brother Kuchta will be remembered fondly for his passion and legacy of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

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Caleb Wesley Page Sr., the first president of Alpha Mu Chapter at William Jewel College in Liberty, Missouri, passed away August 25, 2007. Brother Page was introduced to Alpha Phi Omega by H. Roe Bartle and was initiated into the Fraternity on December 28, 1934. Brother Page was an Eagle Scout and considered Scouting a turning point in his life. His passion for Scouting is what led him to both H. Roe Bartle and APO.

July 31 - August 3, 2008 • Independence, Missouri

National Volunteer Conference



More than 120 Alpha Phi Omega brothers gathered July 31 through August 3 in Independence, Missouri, for the Fifth Annual National Volunteer Conference. Alumni volunteers and chapter advisors joined for a weekend of leadership development, fellowship, committee meetings, program updates and advisory skills training. Brothers who attended were the first to hear about major program accomplishments, Convention updates and Fraternity news! If you were unable to attend this year's NVC, here's some of the news you missed out on...

- *The Membership Committee announced that the Fraternity reached its goal of 10,000 pledges!*
- *During the 2007-2008 academic year, APO chapters touched the lives of 105,220 youth from their surrounding communities!*
- *The Fraternity finished the 2007-2008 fiscal year with greater revenues than expenses in overall operations!*

Summer Board Action

- Adopted the 2008-2009 budget as proposed by the Finance Committee. The budget includes three membership academies, two APO LEADS content training sessions and the addition of a Director of Educational Programs to the National Office staff.
- Designated Wilfred Krenek as the 2008 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree
- Pursuant to Article IX, Section 7 of the National Bylaws, President Katz declared the charter null and void for Alpha Beta Tau Chapter, Washington & Lee University (Region III, Section 82)
- Unanimously approved the rechartering of Sigma Beta Chapter, University of Redlands (Region X, Section 2)
- Amended the following in the Board Policy Manual:
 - **Appendix E, Formation and Reactivation of Chapters**
Added clarifying language and timeframes to this appendix
 - **Article XII, Section 11, Bank Account Signatures**
Changed the dollar amount of checks requiring two signatures from \$1,500 to \$3,000
 - **Article II, Section 12, Convention Refunds**
Gave full Convention refunds to cancellations made at least two weeks prior to the start of Convention
 - **Appendix F, Affinity Programs**
Granted the Executive Committee the authority to make exceptions to the policy
- Approved proposing the following legislation to the National Convention:
 - **Big Brother Revelation Ceremony**
 - **Changes to Article V, Section 6, National Bylaws, Duties of the Program Directors**
Remove the communication aspects from the Service and Communication Director Description
 - **Change to Article X, Section 5, National Bylaws, Sections, Impeachment**
Add nonfeasance to the section
 - **Changes to Article VI, Section 9, National Bylaws, National Board of Directors, Impeachment**
Add nonfeasance to the section
 - **Change to Article VIII, Section 14, National Bylaws, Finance, Annual Insurance Fee**
Add the words “up to” before the stated fee
- The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be December 30, 2008, followed by an organizational meeting on the morning of December 31, 2008, in Boston. The Board will hold its winter meeting and orientation in Kansas City, Missouri, February 5-8, 2009. ■

Universal Measures of Success

This year's Board work session focused on how we measure success as an organization. After all, you cannot know if you arrived at a destination unless you know where you intended to go.

We are now engaged in a major effort to determine how we will evaluate all of the Fraternity's endeavors. This work is being undertaken by our national committees and some ad-hoc committees under the direction of the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors. You will hear more about this in the future.

For now, we have identified four universal measures — participation, customer satisfaction and engagement, use of resources, and advancement of national goals. Every activity within Alpha Phi Omega will be evaluated against these four items.

Bigger is not automatically better, but we must seek to broaden our scope by reaching more people. Having people attend is not enough; they must get something out of the activity and be truly engaged.

Our resources are limited, so we must be cost-effective in all we do. Most important, we should always feed into our national goals. If an activity does not help us reach those goals, it is not something we should do.

The value of these measures is that they focus our efforts as a Fraternity. They put us on the same page, evaluating our efforts in a consistent and widely shared manner. And that is key to us being more accountable and more strategic. ■

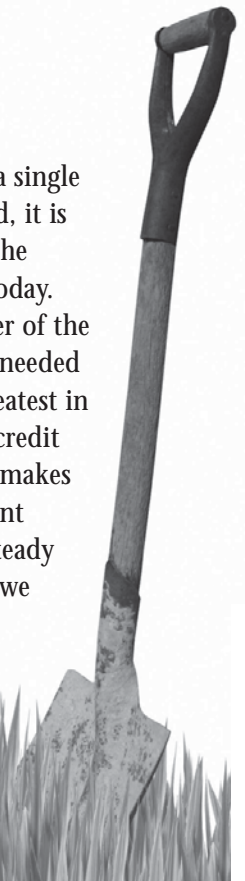
Sowing the Seeds of Growth

Kristie Wallace, Director of Annual Giving development.director@apo.org

The new school year marks the beginning of Alpha Phi Omega's 2009 Annual Fund drive. This year we must sow more seeds (donors) for the continued growth of the Fraternity. Early preparation, timely planting and attentive nurturing are key elements to a bountiful harvest. Plan a giving level and method, and then make your pledge so APO will reap the benefits of your donation for years to come!

Tremendous growth resulted from last year's Annual Fund. Donors helped provide two new staff positions to the National Office: a Field Representative and a Director of Communications; the first annual Membership Academy was established for chapter training; three additional SERVE weekends were added to the APO LEADS program; and a major marketing effort was launched to "brand" APO and attract more new members. These are just a few examples of the impact your donations make on the growth of the Fraternity.

Like the seed of the forget-me-not, a single gift will grow and flourish. If maintained, it is everlasting. Consider sowing a seed for the growth of APO and make your pledge today. Gifts made in full during the first quarter of the fiscal year provide the financial support needed to pay for chapter services, which are greatest in the fall. Preauthorized giving, either by credit card or EFT (electronic funds transfer), makes it possible for you to spread your payment throughout the year while providing a steady cash flow for the Fraternity. Either way, we need your support! Now is the time to sow the seeds to reap abundant growth and a bountiful harvest for APO in 2009! ■



Yes! I will dig in and support APO!

- ☐ I have enclosed my check for \$ _____
- ☐ Please charge my credit card
in the amount of \$ _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

- ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard
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PREAUTHORIZED SUSTAINED GIVING:

(Please select one):

- ☐ Monthly on the 1st ☐ Monthly on the 15th
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☐ **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**

I have enclosed a voided check and authorize my gift to be transferred from this bank account.

☐ **Credit Card**

*I authorize my gift to be charged to my credit card account.
(Please fill out the credit card box at the left.)*

I authorize a gift amount of \$ _____ per pay period
specified above to begin on _____ (date).

*I understand that I can SUSPEND my preauthorized giving at any
time simply by notifying APO's National Office.*

Signature _____ Date _____

Torchbearer status is recognized for total gifts between August 1st and July 31st at the following levels:

\$5,000+ Diamond Founder's Circle • \$2,500+ Gold Founder's Circle • \$1,000+ Silver Founder's Circle • \$500+ Diamond Torchbearer
\$250+ Gold Torchbearer • \$150+ Silver Torchbearer • \$75+ Torchbearer

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WHO, *what*, WHEN & *Where*?

ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

October 24-26, 2008
Section 94/96 Conclave
Nu Alpha, Quinnipiac University

October 25, 2008
Section 1/2 Fall Fellowship
Rho Gamma, California State University, Long Beach

October 25, 2008
Section 4 Fall Fellowship
Gamma Beta, San Jose State University

October 31-November 1, 2008
Region IX Rally
Zeta Epsilon, Gustavus Adolphus College

October 31-November 2, 2008
Section 53 Fall Conference
Gamma Phi, Western Michigan University

NOVEMBER

November 2-8, 2008
National Service Week

November 8, 2008
Section 99 Conference
Alpha Delta Mu, Ramapo College of New Jersey

November 10, 2008
National Convention Early Registration Deadline

November 15, 2008
AAMD Deadline

November 15, 2008
Reporting Deadline – National Service Week

DECEMBER

December 13, 2008
National Convention Registration Refund Deadline



December 27-30, 2008
NATIONAL CONVENTION
Boston, Massachusetts

JANUARY

January 31, 2009
Youth Service Grant Application Deadline

FEBRUARY

February 5-8, 2009
Board of Directors Meeting
Kansas City, Missouri

February 20-21, 2009
Section 23/27 Conference
Eta Kappa, University of Wisconsin, Stout

February 27-28, 2009
Section 21 Conference
Xi, Iowa State University

February 27-29, 2009
Section 43/44 Co-Sectional Conference
Alpha Gamma Kappa, Southwestern University

February 27-March 1, 2009
Section 56/59 Conference
Epsilon Psi, Kent State University

February 28, 2009
Section 97 Spring Conference
Kappa Epsilon, Wagner College

February 28, 2009
Section 33 Conference
Location TBD



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