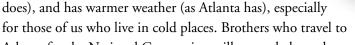


# FROM THE FRATERNITY

As if I were not already excited enough for Alpha Phi Omega's 41st Biennial
National Convention, I am truly inspired by the theme – Dream • Lead • Serve
– which asks us to live up to Martin Luther King Jr.'s words and deeds. While that is certainly a formidable challenge, I have no doubt we can meet it.

On December 27, 2010, more than 2,000 brothers from across the nation will converge on the city of Atlanta for the National Convention. It will be during this event that the Fraternity will be at its greatest, fulfilling the dreams of the APO founders and the mission of the Fraternity.

I wholeheartedly believe there will be no better place to be between December 27 and 30, 2010, than Atlanta. For a National Convention host city, it's great if the city is special (as Atlanta is), offers interesting tourist attractions (as Atlanta



Atlanta for the National Convention will not only have the opportunity to be a part of the Fraternity's greatest event, they also will have a chance to see another part of our country they haven't yet explored. For more information on the 2010 National Convention's host city, see page 14.

Whether this will be your first convention or your 15th, as it is for me, I guarantee a good time. I approach the National Convention as a reunion. It is a chance to spend a little more time with close friends I see throughout the year at shorter conferences and meetings. It is a chance to get to know distant friends better. And it is an opportunity to meet new friends. If you have ever been to an APO conference or workshop on another campus, you will undoubtedly run into someone you met from another chapter.

There is also programming for alumni, no matter what your involvement in the Fraternity may be. If it is your first event, the National Convention will provide the best introduction to APO beyond your community. Regardless, it will be an amazing experience filled with Leadership, Friendship and Service.

My first conference was the National Convention when I was a pledge in 1980, and it started me on the APO path I have been traveling for 30 years now. I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta and dreaming of Leadership, Friendship and Service, and also living it through the 2010 National Convention.

In Brotherhood,

Maggie





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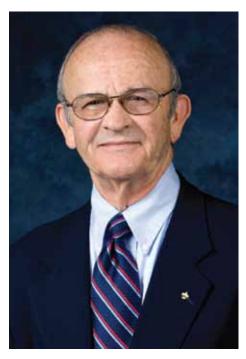
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# **COVER STORY**



# **Brother Jim Chandler:** Brother Juli Global 2010 Fall Pledge Class **Namesake Honoree**

From chapter advisor and Scout to BSA Liaison, Brother Jim Chandler is one of the Fraternity's most influential members and is being recognized for his efforts.

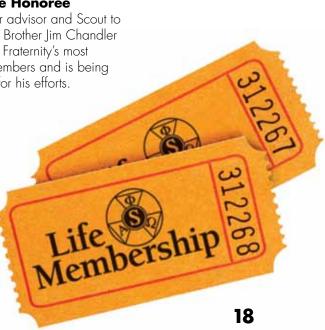
# **FEATURES**

# Social (Media) Fraternity

Social media have made a huge impact on the way Alpha Phi Omega communicates. Find out what this means for the current (and future) APO generations and how you can stay connected with the Fraternity through its social media sites!

# **Welcome to Atlanta:** 4 Welcome is 19 Home of the 2010 Alpha Phi Omega **National Convention**

In less than four months. APO will take over Atlanta. Get registered online and start making your travel plans and deciding your must see attractions TODAY!







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# TORCH TALK

# 2009 National Volunteer Statistics

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) released the 2009 Volunteering in America report, which found that 2009 saw the greatest increase in volunteering since 2003. This report gives a great look at various demographics and how, why and where Americans volunteer. According to the CNCS, in 2009, 63.4 million Americans provided 8.1 billion hours of service. The CNCS infographic to the right shows the demographic breakdown of volunteer hours performed in 2009. College students make up 27 percent of the 63.4 million Americans providing service.

Alpha Phi Omega chapters, on average, require their members to perform at least 20 hours of service each semester. Based on this average, the Fraternity collectively performs more than 700,000 hours of service each school year. More than 80,000 of those hours are performed during National Service Week in November and Spring Youth Service Day in April.

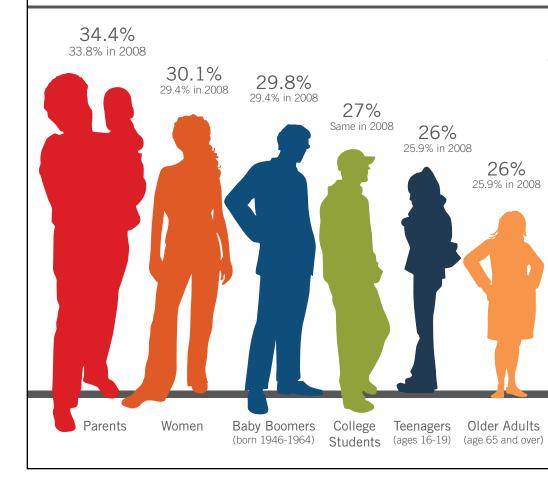
Each year thousands of college students across the country join the ranks of APO as a means to perform service that benefits their campus, community and nation. The above statistics show a substantial opportunity for the growth of the Fraternity and its mission to provide more service to more campuses nationwide.

If you or someone you know is interested in chartering or rechartering a chapter on a campus where APO



# **2009 Average National Volunteer Rates**

In 2009, 63.4 million Americans volunteered to help their communities, providing 8.1 billion hours of service worth an estimated dollar value of almost \$169 billion (dollar value provided by the Independent Sector).



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# July Board of Directors Meeting Recap

The following actions were taken by the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors at the July 9-10, 2010, meeting:

The Board approved the minutes of the February 6, 2010, and May 15, 2010, meetings.

The Board approved the 2010-11 budget.

The Board named James (Jim) Chandler the 2010 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree.

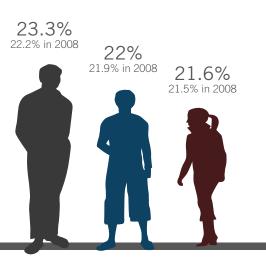
The Board unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Girl Scouts of the USA.

The Board adopted the following Membership Goals for fiscal year 2010-11:

- Pledges 13,436
- Actives 11,206
- AAMD 11,254

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# 2009 and 2008 Average National Volunteer Rates



Men Young Adults Millennials
(ages 16-24) (born 1982
or after)

The Board approved the proposed National Convention Standing Rules. The Board was charged with proposing to the National Convention:

- an amendment to the National Bylaws, Article IV, Section
   7, removing the National Convention rotation from the Bylaws and putting it in the Fraternity Procedures Manual
- an amendment to the National Bylaws, Article XI, Section 1 (3), regarding regional realignment

- an amendment to the National Bylaws, Article XII, Section 1, National Alumni Association
- an amendment to the National Bylaws, Article VIII, Sections 2, 6 and 7 – changed the name of the Life Member Program to the Society of Life Members

The Board completed the evaluation of the National Executive Director.

The Board granted the National Executive Director authority to enter into negotiations with the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment to transfer some of the Fraternity's Operational Reserve to the Endowment, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

The Board approved sending a letter of congratulations and an invitation to the National Convention to Alpha Phi Omega Philippine Brother Jejomar Binay, vice president, Republic of the Philippines.

The Board approved holding the summer 2011 Board of Directors meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and to hold the summer 2012 Board of Directors meeting at the 2012 National Convention hotel.

The Board passed to move the dates of the National Board of Directors meetings to the last weekend in January and the last weekend in June.

The Board passed by unanimous consent proposing changes to the National Bylaws that remove management-related items and make the Bylaws consistent in language.

The Board held strategic discussions on the following topics:

- · A capital campaign
- The National Office building and space needs
- The Board structure
- Regional realignment

The Board received updates on National Convention Directives, Task Force Reports, Alpha Phi Omega Endowment, Endowment Trustee appointment, Committees, Region Director's Cup and Board member updates.

Pursuant to Article IX, Section 7, of the National Bylaws, the President declared the following chapter's charters null and void:

- Delta Nu, Yale University Region I, Section 96
- Kappa Beta, Polytechnic University-Brooklyn Region I, Section 97
- Mu Omega, University of Tampa Region IV, Section 73
- Kappa Alpha, Lamar University Region VII, Section 44
- Tau Zeta, Texas Southern University Region VII, Section 44
- Alpha Xi, Washington State University
   Region XI, Section 7
- Gamma Nu, University of Idaho Region XI, Section 7
- Delta Eta, Oregon State University Region XI, Section 8
- Eta Zeta, Montana State University Region XI, Section 7
- Epsilon Kappa, Willamette University
   Region XI, Section 8
- Eta Xi, Central Washington University
   Region XI, Section 8

# TORCH TALK

# Brothers and Scouts Celebrate BSA at 2010 Jamboree

Nineteen brothers (nine active or recent college graduates and 10 alumni) traveled to the Boy Scouts of America's 2010 National Scout Jamboree to serve on the volunteer staff as members of the Alpha Phi Omega Service Corps and an another 10 served at the APO information booth. Held in late July and early August at Fort A.P. Hill near Fredericksburg, Virginia, this Scouting event coincided with the 100th anniversary year of the organization's founding.

Building on the Service Corps experience at the 2005 Jamboree that had just eight members (following its last appearance in 1969), brothers began arriving up to one week before the beginning of the 2010 Jamboree to help with BSA staff check-in and registration. Subsequently, during the Jamboree, brothers assisted with Jamboree Information Services in greeting visitors, Merit Badge Midway (golf, electricity, electronics, and citizenship merit badges), and a variety of other tasks. Some of the service assignments were scheduled while others were spontaneous, such as unloading bikes in the middle of the night.

The volunteer brothers manning the Alpha Phi Omega information booth fielded a broad range of questions. Middle and high school aged Scouts were delighted to learn of APO for the first time, while Scout leaders who had heard of the work of the Fraternity often wanted to know whether a chapter existed in their







communities. There were also several current college students who visited the booth to learn how to establish a chapter on their campuses. Large numbers of alumni came by the booth to reconnect, often several years after their last Fraternity experiences.

One inspiring highlight was the alumni reunion. More than 100 APO alumni gathered for an evening of fellowship, the presentation of Herbert G. Horton Service to Youth awards to Brother Dana McCorkle. To learn more about APO's relationship with the Boy Scouts of America, visit

www.apo.org



Alpha Epsilon Eta '73, and Brother Amy Krupa, Omicron Epsilon '00, and a rousing speech from 2010 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Jim Chandler (to learn more about Brother Chandler, see page 8). Another fun moment was the visit of Brother Rex Tillerson, National President of the Boy Scouts

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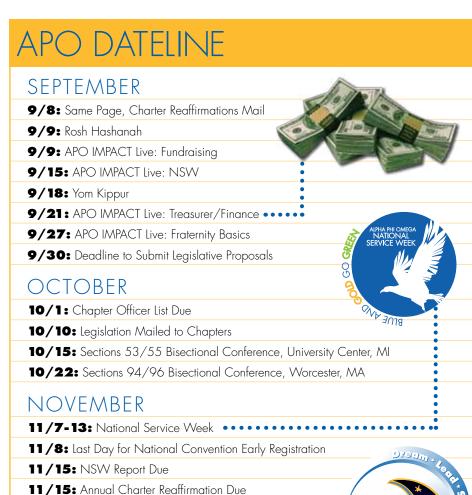


(Top left) APO information booth volunteers gathered with Brother and BSA National President Rex Tillerson for a photo at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. (Top right) Brother Patrick Higgins and Brother Rodger Salzman prepare for another day of service and Scouting at the 2010 Jamboree. (Bottom left) Brothers in attendance at the Jamboree APO Reunion gather for a group picture before starting the evening's festivities. What a great turnout!

of America, to the booth for a group photo.

The next BSA National Scout Jamboree is scheduled for the summer of 2013 and a Facebook group has been established for those interested in volunteering at the event.

Special thanks to Brothers Paul Louie, Patrick Higgins, Pete Forbes, Rodger Salzman and the rest of the Scouting & Youth Service Committee members for their contributions to this article.



11/15: AAMD & Insurance Fees Due

12/15: Online National Convention Registration Closes

**12/27-30:** National Convention, Atlanta ••••• **12/30:** Board of Directors Meeting, Atlanta

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# 2010 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree

Brother Jim Chandler, Omicron Tau 65

he Fraternity is proud to announce Brother James (Jim) Chandler, Omicron Tau '65 at Alma College in Michigan, as the 2010 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree.

Brother Chandler retired in 2008 as director of the executive career administration division after 40 years with the Boy Scouts of America, including 17 years as the National BSA Liaison between BSA and the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors.

"Knowing that this is the 100th year of the Boy Scouts of America, the committee knew there could be no other person to be our Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree this year than Jim. His selection reflects his importance to and involvement in both organizations, and his unending commitment to provide Leadership, Friendship and Service of the highest order," said National Vice President and Chair of the Fall Pledge Class Namesake Selection Committee, Brother Mark Stratton.

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Chandler's relationship with APO began in 1965 when he was inducted into the Fraternity as the founding advisory chair for Omicron Tau at Alma College in Michigan. Brother Chandler served this chapter for a little over a year until he was appointed dean of students at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Brother Chandler continued to serve 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,

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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, documents and events during his time as director of human resources administration for the BSA. His continuing efforts and close relationship with APO made him the appropriate nominee for the Board's National BSA Liaison position in 1991. Brother Chandler came to this position at a critical time.

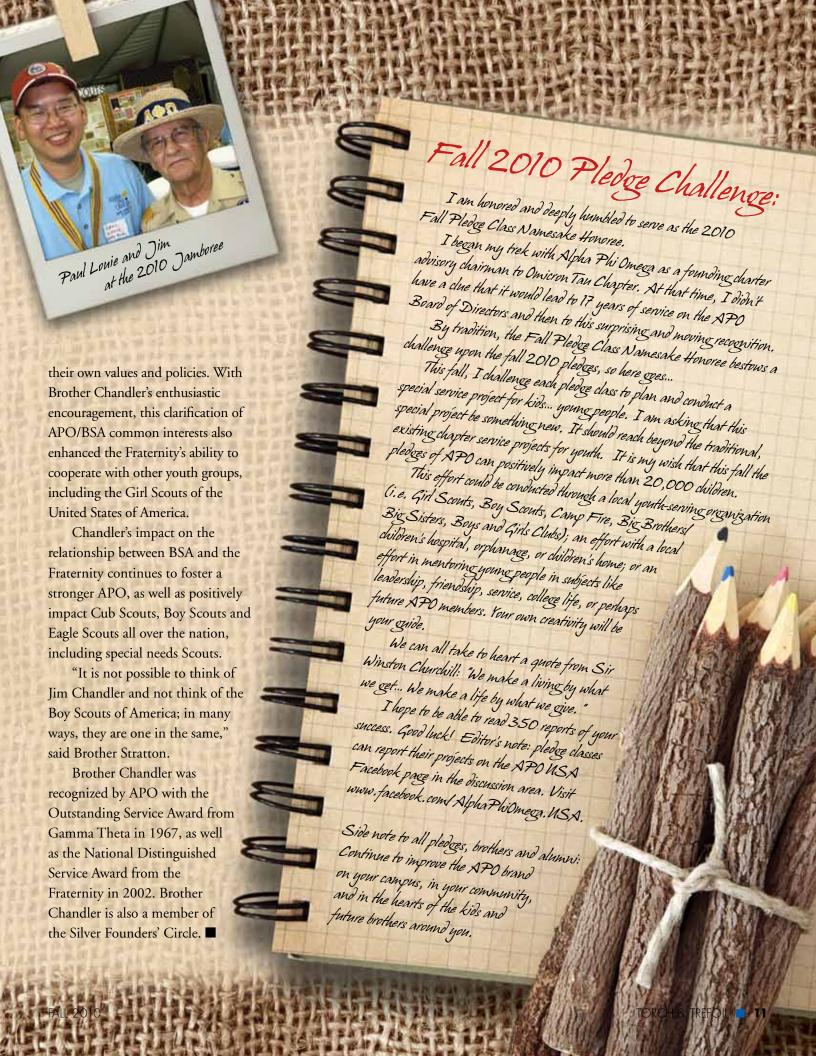
Brother Chandler's most memorable and significant project with APO was working with Past National President Jerry Schroeder in 1992 and early 1993 to preserve the mutually supportive relationship between the Fraternity and the BSA that was first formally recognized in January 1932. In a dialogue initiated by BSA in response 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 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 APO's rich Scouting heritage, continued the relationship between the two organizations and acknowledged the right of all private, voluntary organizations to determine

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# Social (New Fraternity:

# Expanding Brotherhood One User-Generated Comment at a Time

Like. Share. Poke. Tweet. Comment. Post. Friend. No matter where you live or what generation you're part of, our world and the way we communicate has been forever changed by technology. Social media have revolutionized the way people, businesses, organizations and Alpha Phi Omega share information and communicate with others.

According to the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), "Social media is a set of integrated tools that allow people to build a network or community for interacting through the creation and/or distribution of interests, messages, stories and information."

To get a perspective on the magnitude of social media, social media blog Socialnomics.com offers the following data in its *Social Media Revolution 2* video:

- In July 2010, Facebook reached 500 million users worldwide, making it the "third largest country" in the world behind India and China.
- It took radio 38 years to reach 50 million users. It took TV 13 years, the Internet 4 years and the iPod 3 years. However, Facebook added more than 200 million users in less than a year.

- The fastest growing segment on Facebook is 55- to 65-year-old females.
- The second largest search engine in the world behind Google is YouTube.
- 60 million status updates happen on Facebook DAILY.

It's no longer a matter of if you've experienced social media, but rather a question of where. If you're online, you've probably watched a video on YouTube or answered poll questions on your favorite news site. That's social media . . . and it's everywhere. Other examples of social media include photo-sharing sites, online communities, listservs, social networking sites, blogs and wikis. If you're not familiar with social media lingo, see the sidebar on page 13.

More and more organizations are embracing technology to connect members, save money, and market themselves to potential members and partners. While networking is the most popular benefit of social media, the ability to share files, integrate information on wiki pages, share news feeds, and train volunteers and officers through webinars makes Fraternity

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Meetup















involvement much easier for many brothers. Social media provides APO a cost-effective means to create a virtual experience for brothers unable to travel and interact face-to-face.

Brothers and volunteers have created and maintained groups on a variety of social media platforms. In August 2010, the Fraternity established, and now maintains, a branded Facebook page; Twitter profiles for our executive director, staff and field representative; a YouTube channel; and a Flickr photostream. You now have endless possibilities with a state-of-the-art Facebook fan page that features APObranded pages and various social media applications as the main frame of this effort. Fans of the APO Facebook page can post their own APO photos; stay connected to their chapter; keep up-to-date with their pledge brothers, big brothers, and brother's they've met at conferences and events; register for upcoming events; watch the latest videos on the APO Nationals YouTube channel: participate in various discussions with fellow followers, such as the Thought Leader Q&A panel; and take part in various chapter competitions. Although it's the main terminal, the Facebook page is only one-fourth of this integrated plan.

The beauty of social media is the hands-off approach of its developers. The Fraternity will stick with this

theme and keep a brother-controlled approach to its social media plan. Comments, posts and discussions will not be managed by the Fraternity, as long as these stay within the confines of the Fraternity's Social Media Commenting Policy, displayed on

# SOCIAL MEDIA TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

According to ASAE

**Wiki** - Wiki is the Hawaiian word for "fast". A wiki is a type of software that allows multiple users to generate, edit, and produce content.

**Media Sharing -** Though many social networking sites have media sharing capabilities, some sites cater primarily to storing, sharing and distributing various media.

News, Podcasting, Blogging - A popular feature of social media is user-created news or press. Press can be as simple as a one line statement on what a person is doing (as with Twitter), fully cited user-generated and distributed press releases (Newsvine), or audio/video segments on particular topics (audio and video podcasts).

**Social Network -** Social networks are opportunities for people with a common history, interest or working relationship to connect and share content with each other.

www.apo.org, and the discussions tab on Facebook. Fans of the page will initiate, engage, and maintain conversations and activities. The Fraternity will make certain applications and tools available to fans, and will provide topics for conversation.

In 140 characters or less, you can also follow the Fraternity on Twitter @APOStaff to know what's going on throughout the day and week. Tweets are displayed on our Twitter profile, as well as a tab on Facebook. Though you may not want to share your world with Twitter, it's a great place to stay connected with the Fraternity, read news, and follow people and groups you find

interesting. There are a number of APO chapters that tweet news and events to share with past, present and future members.

By following or becoming a fan of APO, you will also be able to stay connected to the Fraternity during National Convention in Atlanta this December. Those in attendance will receive tweets with workshop schedule updates, service opportunities, merchandise specials, banquet information, fun facts, places to visit and much more. If you can't make National Convention, vou'll be able to view roll call videos after they've been shown; get news updates, including awards information and National Officer election results: hear testimonials from brothers in attendance; and read updates from your chapter members.

Social media are no longer driven by college students and teenagers. Instead, the use of social media have revolutionized the way we communicate. There are brothers across the nation waiting for you to join the conversation!

Become a fan of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, USA at www.facebook.com/AlphaPhiOmega.USA. Follow the Fraternity on Twitter at www.twitter.com/apostaff.

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Can you believe it's that time again? Alpha Phi Omega's 41st Biennial National Convention will reconvene December 27, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Brothers across the nation will travel to this stunning and historically rich city for four days of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

Convention is a spectacular event for people of all ages to enjoy, and Atlanta is a great city to enjoy historic sites, wonderful restaurants, and so many other attractions.

Book your trip to the 2010 Alpha Phi Omega National Convention in Atlanta and make sure to take advantage of down time when you're there, too, because only in Atlanta can you....

# ...see the largest fish through the largest window in the largest aquarium in the world.

At the Georgia Aquarium you can swim or dive with the world's largest fish in the world's largest aquarium. Opening in late 2010 is a state-of-the-art dolphin exhibit that will include dolphin encounters, viewing windows and dolphin show.

# ...stroll through the collections of art from around the world without leaving Atlanta.

The High Museum of Art is currently showcasing exhibits such as Salvador Dalí: The Late Work, the Golden Age of Venetian Paintings from Scotland and many more.

# ...try a "Coke and a smile."

Taste the variations of Coke from around the world at the World of Coca-Cola and learn about Coca-Cola's story through fascinating exhibits, classic ads and an imaginative replica of the bottling process.

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# ...find out why a great American novel was written in "The Dump."

The Margaret Mitchell House and Museum features the furnished apartment nicknamed "The Dump" by Mitchell herself which is where she wrote "Gone With the Wind."

# ... race the gold shoes for a gold medal.

As host of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, Atlanta continues to commemorate the Olympic legacy with an interactive exhibit that allows visitors to compete against Olympic legends such as Michael Johnson and his gold track shoes.

# ...be a weatherman and news anchor, all in the same day.

Visitors to the CNN Studio enter a dramatic 48-foot diameter globe and get a view into the new CNN HD studio and an eagle's-eye view of the CNN main newsroom.

# ... order a F.O. and a naked dog walking.

Only the folks at The Varsity will know that you're really asking for a frosted orange and plain hot dog to-go. The world's largest drive-in, established in Atlanta in 1928, relies on a throwback menu of fresh, greasy favorites that won't break the bank.

# ...get lost on Peachtree Street and end up on Peachtree Street.

Atlanta is home to more than 100 streets that include the name "Peachtree," including the world-famous Peachtree Street.

# ...hike the world's largest exposed mass of granite.

Make the trek or ride the sky lift up Stone Mountain. Visitors can climb to new heights on Sky Hike, a course that allows visitors to trek through the treetops by mastering wooden bridges, balancing on a rope suspended in the air and climbing to the top of net bridges.

# ...follow the footsteps of the country's civil rights leaders.

The International Civil Rights Walk of Fame uses shoes from each of the honorees to create the footsteps. The Walk of Fame inducted 17 inaugural members, including Jimmy Carter, Jesse L. Jackson Sr. and Rosa Parks.

# ...pay homage to the legacy of MLK

The Martin Luther King Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change, the official, living memorial dedicated to the advancement of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., features unique exhibits illustrating Dr. King's life and teachings, as well as the King Library and Archives, his final resting place, and his birth home.

Registration for Convention is open online at www.apo.org. Online registration is available until December 15. Members can also call and register through the National Office at 816-373-8667 or contact the National Office for a hard copy of the registration form.

Value packages are available at a discounted rate for attendees who register on or before November 8, 2010. Packages include registration costs and tickets to the fellowship and awards banquets. The value packages are offered in addition to the individual a la carte items at a discounted rate. You may choose to purchase either the value package or a la carte items.

Thank you to the Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau for help in putting this article together.

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# BROTHER NOTES

APO welcomes your submissions for Brother Notes, Chapter Notes and other *Torch & Trefoil* articles, which may be edited for length, clarity and style. Please include your daytime phone number, address, and chapter. Send to the Director of Communications at *publications@apo.org*.

#### 1940s

• C.O. Lamp, Omega '45 at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, is a licensed pharmacist, attorney and former prosecutor who writes in his spare time. He is the author of *The Flying Tigers Poker Payoff: They Saved China* and *Flying Horseman*, among others.

#### 1960s

- Harry Shaw, Omicron Eta '64 at Suffolk University in Boston, recently retired after 22 years as the president of United Way of the Mid-South.
- Roy D. Gropp Jr., Delta Xi '68 at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, retired after 38 years as a teacher and network technician at South Central Community Schools.

#### 19709

 George S. Bause, M.D., M.P.H., Lambda Upsilon '77 at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, was one of only nine physicians elected in 2010 to the American Osler Society, an honorary society named for Lord Baden-Powell's tea partner, Sir William Osler, M.D.

#### 1990s

- Kurt T. Steinberg, Phi '93 at Syracuse University in New York, was promoted to vice president for finance and chief operating officer of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston.
- C. Brett Montich, Iota Omicron '96 at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, was

awarded the 2010 Young Alumni Achievement Award for Service from his alma mater during the college's alumni reunion event in June.

#### 2000s

- Adam Ritchie, Phi '00 at Syracuse
   University in New York, and his PR agency
   were named global communications agency
   for Amsterdam-based Nuna. His band, The
   Lights Out, headlined a showcase at the CMJ
   Music Marathon and was featured on VH1.
- Starbuck Ballner, Zeta Theta '05 at Drexel University in Philadelphia, was recognized for his commitment and dedication to service, as the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) Atlantic Region winner of a week-long volunteer vacation.
- Alexandra Keffeler, Theta Iota '06 at the University of Arizona in Tucson, was honored by UA with the Robert Logan Nugent Medal for her scholastic ability, citizenship, leadership and promise for the future.
- Krista Kalac, Epsilon Gamma '07 at Alfred University in New York, was awarded the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.
- Meghan Wilson, Xi Alpha '07 at Muhlenberg College in Allentown,
   Pennsylvania, received the Life Member Award from Muhlenberg College Emergency Medical Services for three years of exemplary service to the organization.
- Justine Ahle, Omega '09 at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, received the university's Top Sophomore Student Award.
- Kerry Magro, Alpha Delta Phi '09 at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, was one of three members of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars to be awarded the 2010 GEICO Achievement Award and a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by GEICO. Selection for this award is based on academics, leadership, and participation in school and community activities.
- Meaghan Leonard, Mu Xi '09 at High Point University in North Carolina, received the 2010-11 Celia Moh Scholarship. Leonard is a senior majoring in interior design with a minor in home furnishings.
- Deven Siesel, Alpha Gamma Omicron '09 at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, completed the 33rd annual Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon in May, alongside more than 10,000 runners and walkers. By finishing this race, Brother Siesel qualified himself for the 2011 Boston Marathon on April 18, 2011.

# **Olivia Walch: The Next Great Cartoonist**

The classroom-boredom scribbles of Brother Olivia Walch, Nu Rho '07 at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, have turned into much more for this senior math and biophysics double major. Brother Walch was named "America's Next Great Cartoonist" by The Washington Post in July.

"I've been doodling for a really long time now, but only started drawing formalized cartoons for The Flat Hat comic strip my freshman year," she said. "It makes for a nice biweekly diversion from my typical schoolwork, which mostly consists of physics problem sets."

Her gag-cartoon comic strip, Imogen Quest, was a popular addition to The

Flat Hat, the comic strip that made Walch the winning entry in the Post's contest. Walch was the youngest and only female entered in the contest.



Brother Walch is from Fairfax Station, New Jersey. She is an active member of her APO chapter, Pi Mu Epsilon math fraternity, the W&M rowing club and WMTV. Post-graduation, Brother Walch plans to pursue her doctorate in mathematics.



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# CHAPTER NOTES

# **REGION I**

**Zeta Upsilon Chapter** at Boston University in Massachusetts hosted a "Sibolympics" for BU students' little brothers and sisters. The chapter operated a variety of booths with different games and activities to keep the children entertained.

#### REGION II

Xi Alpha Chapter at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, held an Easter egg hunt for students, as well as children and their families, to raise money for Relay for Life. Brothers earned and donated \$555.65.

#### **REGION III**

Theta Chapter at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville helped a local after-school youth community service club clean up and beautify the students' middle school by mulching, planting flowers and picking up garbage. Brothers and students also brainstormed other ways in which the students can help in the community.

#### REGION IV

**Tau Chapter** at the University of Florida in Gainesville staffed an event for the local Girl Scout Council, which invited girls for a day of games, activities, food and crafts.

#### **REGION V**

**Beta Chapter** at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania held "Blue and Gold Go Green Week" with a variety of activities for students. One activity required teams to follow clues and collect bicycle parts. The bicycles were assembled and donated to children at the local YMCA.

## REGION VI

Alpha Delta Upsilon Chapter at Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan volunteered at a discount day at the local zoo. Brothers helped paint faces, run activities, hand out hot chocolate and guide children through the scavenger hunt.

## **REGION VII**

**Alpha Epsilon Tau Chapter** at the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas, staffed a face-painting booth at a local Earth Day festival. Brothers painted more than 50 faces.

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**Zeta Epsilon Chapter** at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, volunteered at the local high school's after-prom party. Brothers helped run games and events and served food to the students.

## **REGION X**

Omicron Zeta Chapter at California State University at East Bay in Hayward put together activity packs for patients at the local children's hospital. Each pack had activity sheets, crayons, a pencil and an eraser.

## **REGION XI**

**Nu Omega Chapter** at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks sold concessions at the Mush for Kids fundraiser. The event raised more than \$500 for children's programs in the community.

# **REGION VIII**

**Delta Delta Chapter** at Saint Louis University in Missouri sent more than 600 volunteers into the community to help complete projects for nonprofits in need of assistance during the chapter's ninth annual Showers of Service event in April.

Because of the event's positive reputation on campus, it continues to expand, as does the chapter.

"Showers of Service is attended by many SLU students who are often unfamiliar with the mission of Alpha Phi Omega. The event allows them to meet current members and learn more about our activities," says Kristen Peters, Delta Delta Chapter's executive vice president.

Volunteers provided an astounding 3,200 hours of service to the St. Louis Public Schools, Operation Brightside, organizations that specialize in assisting the elderly, and many others.

For more information about Showers of Service and the planning process, check the Service Project Database (www.apo.org/show/National\_Programs/Service/Project\_Database).









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# **Continue the Legacy:**

# Sponsor a new Life Member

Back by popular demand, we will again be offering the Life Membership Sponsor program at National Convention 2010. For just \$50, alumni can continue the legacy they began as a student by providing an active brother with a Life Membership in Alpha Phi Omega.

Students attending the 2010
National Convention in Atlanta, who are members of the 1925 CLUB, a recognition program for students who support Alpha Phi Omega's Annual Fund through a financial gift, will be entered into drawings to win a Life Membership sponsored by distinguished alumni brothers.

Sponsors will be recognized on a display at National Convention and in the 2011 Tribute to

Alpha Phi Omega Supporters.

Student members of the 1925 CLUB have shown their commitment to supporting APO. By spending their time and money to attend National Convention, they are further demonstrating their dedication to our brotherhood. These young brothers are deserving of a gift of Life Membership.

For alumni, this is a wonderful opportunity to make a personal connection with an active brother, since you will receive the name and chapter of the student you sponsor. Many previous recipients have

remained in touch with
their sponsor and feel
a bond was formed
with their alumni
brother.

Whether or not you'll be joining the Fraternity in Atlanta this December, sponsoring a Life Membership for one of our special, active brothers is a great way to make an impact at National Convention and on our young members while continuing the legacy you began as a student.

Sponsor a Life
Membership today by
returning the form on
the next page, along with
the \$50 sponsorship fee.



# KRISTIE'S KORNER

hen visiting with alumni donors, a common thing I hear is their desire to make a direct impact on our collegiate brothers. Every donation benefits our active membership by providing scholarships, service grants, leadership training, chapter materials and much more. The Life Member Sponsorship program is a particularly good way of directly helping a fellow brother.

I'll never forget the excitement shown by many of the students who received this special gift at the 2008 National Convention. There's nothing quite like a brother's first convention experience anyway, and to top it off with a gift of Life Membership to their beloved fraternity makes that experience even more memorable.

Many of the sponsoring alumni tell me how much it meant to them to receive letters from the recipient they sponsored. Our featured donor, Elizabeth Hudson Carney (pictured on the next page) is one such sponsor who experienced this feeling.

You too can experience the satisfaction of giving the gift of a lifetime to an active brother and making his or her experience unforgettable! ■

# Yes! I will continue the legacy!

Enclosed is \$50 to provide a student member a Life Membership to Alpha Phi Omega at the 2010 National Convention.

- ☐ Enclosed is my check for \$50.
- ☐ Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$50.

Sponsors name as you would like it to appear on the gift and on future recognition pieces:

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# Continuing the Legacy of Alpha Phi Omega



After graduating from college with a degree in leadership studies, Lisa Carney bounced around jobs, trying to find her path. Though her personal and professional life took many turns, Alpha Phi Omega, her fraternity, was always a constant for her. Her passion for and dedication to the Fraternity and her brothers were nourished by the alumni who helped pave the way for her as an active. It was the example of those involved alumni that led her to give back to the Fraternity as an alumna by sponsoring a Life Membership for another brother at the 2008 National Convention in Boston.

"Giving to the National Fraternity seemed to be the most natural extension of my desire [to stay involved]," she says.

Lisa knows what it's like to be the recipient of such a generous gift. In 1998, she had the opportunity to travel to the National Convention in Minneapolis, thanks to financial assistance her chapter received. Without the money, she wouldn't have been able to make the trip.

"I jumped at the chance to give back. I even received a letter from my 'sponsoree.' It felt really good to know that my small donation was making a real difference for a fellow brother. And it was so easy to do. What a great way to stay connected!"

# Thank you to all who sponsored a Life Membership for an active member during the 2008 National Convention.

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