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**2012 Fall Pledge Class
Namesake Honoree:**

Brother Maura Harty,
Mu Alpha '78



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**It's Time to Shine,
Brothers!**

**Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you!**



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"It's a beautiful day for a ballgame... Let's play two!" – Ernie Banks, Chicago Cubs

Ernie Banks, also known as "Mr. Cub," so loved the game of baseball that he wanted to play doubleheaders. Well, my love for Alpha Phi Omega is no less than Mr. Cubs' love for baseball, so my message to you today really is a "doubleheader"!

First, in this issue, you will see a great profile of the 2012 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree, Brother Maura Harty, Mu Alpha '78. Maura, as you will read, has put to use in her professional life the very principles she learned in APO as a chapter member. As well, you will find Maura's challenge to the fall 2012 pledge class – to take to heart and act upon this year's National Service Week theme, "Alpha Phi Omega Promotes Healthy Living: Fighting Against Disease." While her challenge is directed toward pledges, I want to ask all brothers to meet Maura's challenge (see pages 8-13).

As a person recently diagnosed with a life-changing, yet manageable, disease, I can speak firsthand of the importance of regular doctor visits, exercise and taking care of oneself. If we do not take care of ourselves, we are not at our best for the Fraternity, or for our friends and loved ones. Just think of the impact we can have if every brother steps up to the plate and commits to spending five hours in a volunteer effort to fight a disease. I hope that all of us will rise to the occasion and meet Maura's important challenge.

On another note, we are making preparations for the 42nd Biennial National Convention in Anaheim, California (see pages 14-15). Our biennial convention is the one time every two years when we can celebrate the Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service in a way unlike any other. From fellowship events to legislation, from registration to banquets, our conventions serve as times for us to reflect upon the values and lessons we developed and learned as chapter members, celebrate who we are and our time with one another, and diligently work to provide the leadership for the Fraternity's advancement and growth.

There is something for everyone to do at the National Convention. Active members can serve as voting delegates and members of reference committees, and can attend workshops to discover new ideas and strategies for improving their chapters. Alumni have a number of opportunities as well: serving as advisors to reference committees, presenting workshops on a variety of topics, and participating in Alumni Day events. We very much depend upon the assistance of our alumni to help deliver high-quality programming and service to our student delegates, and this convention will be no exception!

With that, brothers, I wish for you a pleasant and happy fall season and look forward to seeing you all in Anaheim.

Fraternally,



Mark Stratton,
National President



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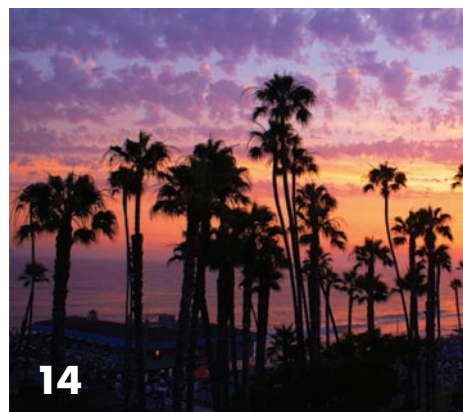
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Notes from the Field

The start of the fall 2012 semester brings about new and exciting changes for the Fraternity's Chapter Consultation Program (formerly Field Representative Program). With these changes, and the support of our talented volunteers and chapter members, will come healthier, thriving chapters on more campuses nationwide.

The most obvious change to the Chapter Consultation Program

is the addition of a third Chapter Consultant. This year's group of Consultants – Alyson Clark, Mike Dvoracek and Emily Lowndes – will be able to spread out to assist more chapters across the country. The decision to add a third Chapter Consultant came from the overwhelming success of the program supported by the generosity of our alumni. Chapters that work with consultants average a growth rate twice the size of similar sized chapters.

This fall, the Consultants will

be traveling the country to work with chapters and extension groups to help build members' operational skills and knowledge to improve their programs of Leadership, Friendship and Service. The chapter Consultants will provide hands-on training sessions for the chapter so members can develop the skills necessary to strengthen their membership, programming and overall health as a chapter. During the visit, the Chapter Consultant will also meet individually with several chapter officers, advisors, school administrators and local staff members to help determine the needs of the chapter or extension group, identify local resources available to members and discuss how he or she can best address the chapter's/extension group's challenges. In addition to providing support to our current chapters, the Chapter Consultation Program also provides aid to extension groups, which are groups going through the process of chartering/rechartering a chapter on their campus. Chapter Consultants educate extension groups about the Fraternity and aid them in completing the chartering requirements as detailed by the extension process. During the visit, the Consultant presents Alpha Phi Omega and extension process orientations and hands-on training sessions for group members to develop skills necessary to build a successful chapter. In addition to the training sessions, the Consultant will also meet with school administrators and advisors, identify local resources available to the group, and discuss the remainder of the chartering process with the group members.



The Chapter Consultants work with the Director of Educational Programs, regional directors, the Membership and Extension Director, and the Director of Chapter Services to identify which chapters/extension groups to work with and to determine the activities to do while on campus. This fall a Consultant will work with chapters/extension groups in Region IV, while another will work with chapters/extension groups in Region XI. The third Chapter Consultant will work with chapters/extension groups in Region VII.

The hard work and experience these brothers share with chapter members and extension groups is invaluable. Each visit helps take the Fraternity one step closer to his goal of 500 healthy, active chapters by 2025. The health of this program is dependent on the support of the Fraternity's alumni and volunteers. Thank you for your continued support and willingness to be a part of the Fraternity's effort to move closer to our Founder Frank Reed Horton's vision.

Membership University

This summer Alpha Phi Omega piloted a new program, Membership University, geared toward helping members of large chapters manage and lead a large chapter. Laura C.: "This program is definitely a must for large chapters. There were great take-aways to bring back to my home chapter, and it was an amazing opportunity to get feedback



and opinions from other chapters struggling with the same things. It was a great experience and extremely informative!" This weekend program covered topics such as dealing with personal conflict, creating and maintaining a diverse membership, and handling a large pledge class. Attendees also had an opportunity to network with brothers from other chapters. The concept for this program was developed after talking with brothers from large chapters who attended Membership Academy, a program that assists chapters with all aspects of their membership program. While Membership University seeks to assist chapters with the programs they already have,

Membership Academy is useful for chapters that are creating or rebuilding their programs.



A.J. A.: "Membership University was great. The program helped me reflect as a leader and know how to improve myself in order to push my chapter forward." For our first Membership University, 44 students from 18 chapters participated.

June Board Meeting

The following actions were taken by the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors at the June 22-23, 2012, meeting:

The Board approved the minutes of the January 27-28, 2012, meeting.

The Board approved the 2012-2013 budget.

Maura Harty was named the 2012 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree (see pages 8-13).

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Relay for Life/American Cancer Society.

The Board adopted the following membership goals for Fiscal Year 2012-13:

- Pledges 15,289
- Initiates 12,572
- AAMD 13,831

The Board approved proposing legislation to the National Convention to amend Article VI, Section 1, Article III, Section 4 and Article IX, Section 7.

The Board unanimously elected Brother Richard Scruggs, Xi Delta '75, and Richard (Dick) Stratford, Mu Alpha '67, as Trustees of the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment.

Brother Scruggs was elected for the position expiring December 31, 2016, and Brother Stratford was elected for the term expiring December 31, 2014.

The Board amended the Board Policy Manual and its configuration. Old Appendix H, Procedure For

Welcome New Chapters!

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Clayton State University

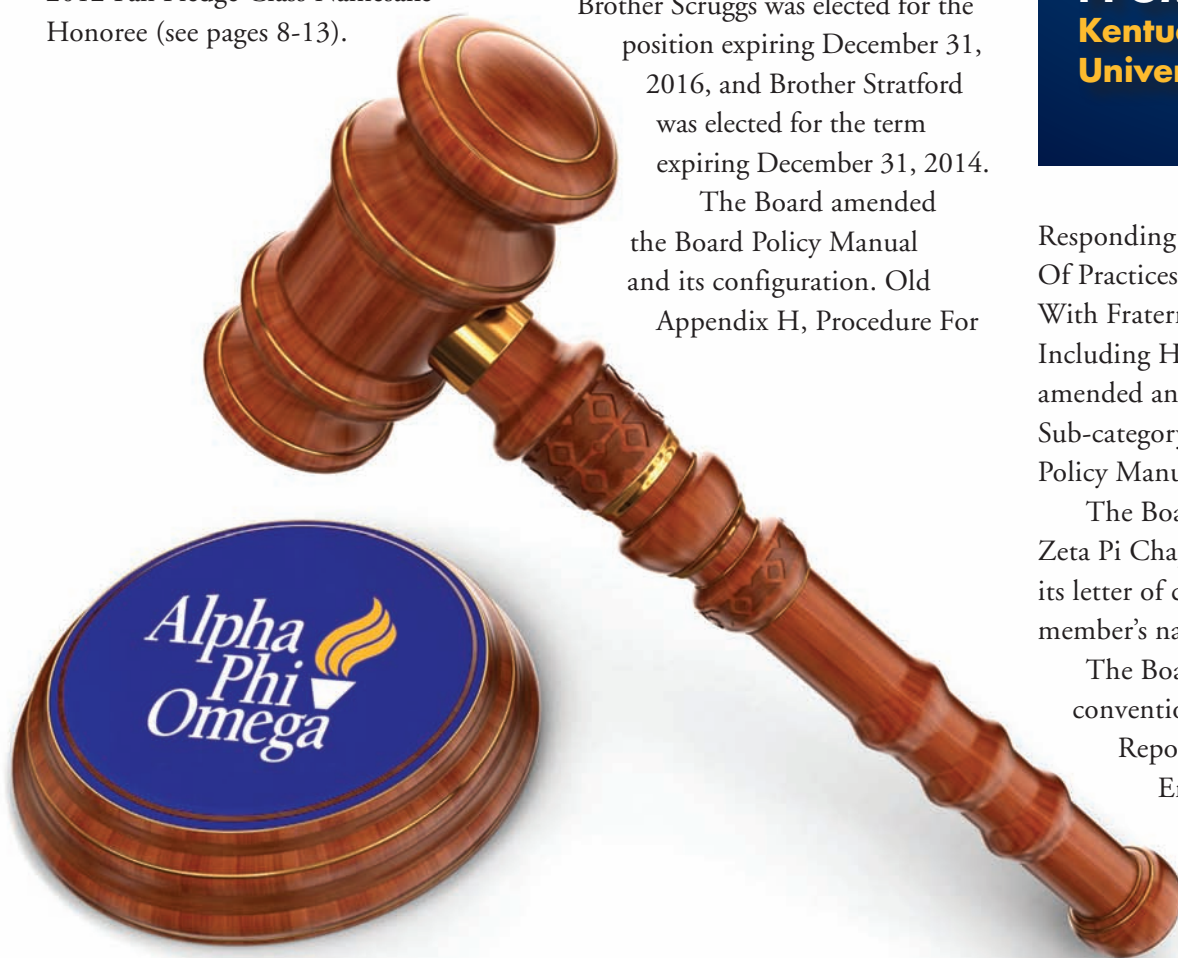
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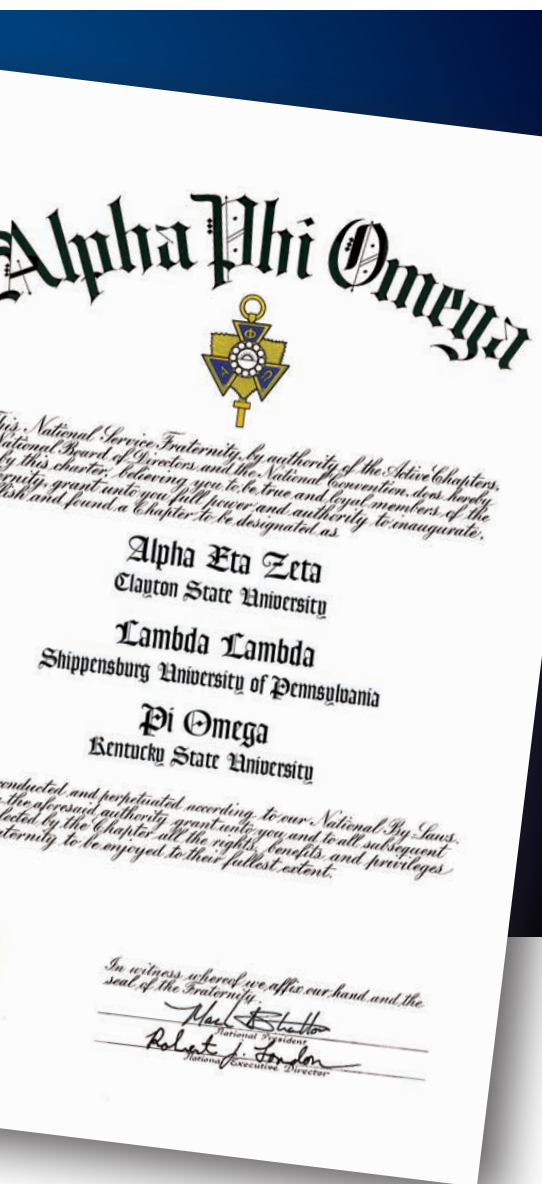
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Responding To Allegations Of Practices Inconsistent With Fraternity Policies Including Hazing, was amended and is now Category 5, Sub-category 4, Policy V of the Board Policy Manual.

The Board unanimously approved Zeta Pi Chapter's request to affix its letter of chapter suspension to a member's national record.

The Board received updates on convention directives, Task Force Reports, Alpha Phi Omega Endowment, Committees, Region Director's Cup and Board member updates.





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

- Alpha Delta Gamma, Loyola University Maryland Region III, Section 86
- Alpha Zeta Alpha, Virginia Intermont College Region III, Section 81
- Upsilon Kappa, St. Augustine's College

APO DATELINE

OCTOBER

10/1: Chapter Officer Lists Due via OP

10/8: Columbus Day

10/31: Halloween



NOVEMBER

11/4: Daylight Savings Time Ends

11/4-8: National Service Week

11/8: National Convention Early Registration Closes

11/11: Veterans Day

11/15: NSW Report Due

11/15: Annual Charter Reaffirmation Due

11/15: AAMD & Insurance Fees Due

11/22: Thanksgiving



DECEMBER

12/8: Hanukkah Begins

12/8: Online National Convention Registration Closes

12/21: Winter Begins

12/25: Christmas

12/27-30: 2012 National Convention, Anaheim, California

12/30: Board of Directors Meeting, Anaheim, California



Region III, Section 80
The Board held strategic discussions on the following topics:

- A capital campaign
- Evaluation of programs

- Peer accountability
- Managing risk and insurance coverage
- Communication and implementation of new online tools

2012 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree:

Brother Maura Mu Alpha '78

"It is with this background of achievement, leadership and most importantly service, not only in the Fraternity, but in our country and in the world, that we wholeheartedly believe this brother is an example to future generations of brothers of the importance of living out our principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service," said National Vice President The Hon. John K. Ottenad, J.D., Alpha Phi '89.

The Fraternity is proud to announce Brother Maura Harty, Mu Alpha '78 at Georgetown University in Washington D.C., as the 2012 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree.

Brother Harty was born and raised in Staten Island, New York. She graduated from New



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Dorp High School in 1977 where she was elected “Most Likely to Succeed” and “Class Citizen.” In the fall of 1977, Maura left for Georgetown University to pursue her bachelor’s degree in Foreign Service. She initiated into Mu Alpha Chapter in the spring of 1978. She remained an active chapter member

until graduation and was her chapter’s service chairman.

“Even more important than the impact she has had in the Fraternity is the impact she has had in her professional career by taking the principles she learned in the Fraternity and carrying them out in her everyday life,” said Vice President Ottenad

Professionally, Brother Harty served the United States for 27 years as a Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Department of State. During her tenure, Brother Harty served as special assistant to Secretary of State George P. Shultz; executive assistant to Secretary Warren Christopher, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay; and executive secretary of the Department under Secretary of State Colin Powell. She also had postings in Mexico, Colombia and Spain.



A career consular officer, Brother Harty served as assistant secretary of state for the consular affairs bureau from 2002 to 2008, bringing change in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks and creating a strong leadership culture among the Bureau's 10,000-person consular workforce to more readily respond to those changes.

Upon retirement from the Department of State, Brother Harty took on the role of senior policy director and director of the Koons Family Institute on International Law and Policy at the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC). The ICMEC works with government leaders, non-governmental organization (NGO) leaders and law enforcement officials to promote model child protection legislation and to create national and regional centers around the world, building a strong network of organizations and programs to combat child abduction and exploitation.

"What struck our committee most about this candidate was that she could have stepped into retirement after an



Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree Q&A

LAURA G: What is the most important thing one can do to be a good brother?

MAURA: Be there for your brothers. Be truthful but non-judgmental. Always ask "how can I help?"

RACHEL B: What is your favorite Cardinal Principle, and how you try to apply it to your life!

MAURA: The Cardinal Principles form a pretty extraordinary trifecta, so it isn't easy to choose among them. But if I had to do so, I would choose service. I feel I have been given so much...a great and supportive family, educational opportunities, wonderful and challenging jobs. Shame on me if I can't find a way, every day, to help others in ways both modest and maybe larger. As you lead your life, look for the small gesture, the effort made when no one will know you did it, the thing that helps others but has no positive outcome for you personally. Look for ways every day to touch someone else's life in a positive way - whether they realize it or not!

ALEX N: What's your favorite color?

MAURA: My sister used to tease me when I was little and say that my favorite color was plaid! Actually, I am pretty partial to red!

EMILY L: How did you make the transition of applying the Cardinal Principles from your collegiate life as an active brother to your professional life?

MAURA: Great question. Maybe my answer will sound too easy: there is no transition! You might have more time (or less); less money (or more); a wide circle of friends (or fewer). But that's the real beauty of the Cardinal Principles. They will stand you in good stead no matter what your post-graduation circumstances might be. Just keep using them as touchstones in your day-to-day life and you will never be sorry!

ASHISH B: Alpha Phi Omega has made great strides in embracing women since you joined in 1978. What can brothers do to further develop the Fraternity's inclusiveness toward traditionally underrepresented groups?

MAURA: Love this question. Diversity is good for our country and is good for our fraternity. I hope that as we go through our respective days, we each think about ways to increase the visibility of the Fraternity and to introduce our principles to as many people as we can. It really is on all of us to recruit, to represent, to model the behavior we'd like to see in others. It also is upon us to help develop the next generation. I have spent the past couple of years doing a lot of fundraising. One of the things I learned is that people often choose to donate based on who asks them rather than on the cause itself. So... identify good candidates and ask them! Be an APO Ambassador!

impressive State Department career,” said Vice President Ottenad. “Instead, Maura decided to keep being of service in a meaningful way by becoming the chief executive officer of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.”

Brother Harty is the immediate past president and CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic. The Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. During her tenure, more than 800 children in the Mid-Atlantic

region received wishes.

“Maura Harty richly answered Frank Reed Horton’s call for Alpha Phi Omega brothers to become the [future] statesmen of the world and has always credited the Fraternity in appropriate and public ways,” said Brother Carla Moran, Director of Finance and Operations and Fall Pledge Class Namesake Nomination Committee member. “Maura believes in service above self and always credits the teams she leads, the Fraternity she loves and the nation she has devotedly served with each success she has had.”

Though her career has taken her all around the globe, Brother Harty has never lost sight of the importance of being a leader, being a friend and being of service. Throughout her business travels, she served youth by participating in the Flat Stanley Project. Children from various

locations would send Brother Harty their Flat Stanley drawing. Flat Stanley creators talk about, track and write about their flat character’s journeys and adventures, similar to a pen pal activity that connects the student and the participant. Brother Harty thought this was an excellent way to introduce greater awareness of geography to children while having a little fun. As assistant secretary of state, she took a number of Flat Stanleys with her on her travels to Miami, as well as to China, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Madrid, Latvia, Lithuania, and Mexico, among others.

Brother Harty’s service to others continued through her work with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. As an avid bicyclist, she participated in Tour de Tucson, a 109-mile ride around Tucson, Arizona. Brother Harty participated in this race twice to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through its Team in Training program; generous friends, many of them brothers, helped her raise more than \$50,000.

Within the Fraternity, Brother Harty continues to give her time, talent and treasure. She is a former Trustee of the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment. Maura is in the Society of Life Members and is a Torchbearer. While at the Department of State, Brother Harty hosted several Mu Alpha pledge classes – a special memory for many brothers. She offered words of encouragement and inspiration to brothers at the 2002 National Convention in New Orleans as keynote speaker at the awards banquet and at Mu Alpha Chapter’s 50th Anniversary celebration. ■



Courtesy of Racers Edge, Issue 36.



Courtesy of State Magazine, December 2009.

Dear Pledges,

I am honored and humbled to have been named the 2012 Fall Pledge Class Namesake. Let me be among the first outside of your own chapters to welcome you to the great life adventure of being a part of Alpha Phi Omega. Our Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service will put you in good stead in any field, at any time, whenever challenge or uncertainty loom. Our principles are bedrock solid and time tested. Our brothers are caring and compassionate. Together in service, we can do great things!

This year's National Service Week theme is Alpha Phi Omega Promotes Healthy Living: Fighting Against Disease. Accordingly, my challenge to you is to take this message to heart – and to act upon it! As a lifelong gym rat (meaning I work out a lot but am not terribly good at any sport!), I have always believed that physical fitness helps me perform at my best in other parts of my life.

Some years ago, I lost a dear friend to leukemia. More recently, several people I love, including family members, have been afflicted with that dreadful disease. As a result, I have volunteered in several ways in support of the work of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS), including raising money by riding long distance in cycling events as part of the LLS Team in Training program.

Now, I am not necessarily asking you, as busy undergraduates, to train for an endurance event, however I am asking you to consider examining your own life experiences. Is there a health-related cause with which you have sadly become too familiar? It might be breast cancer, leukemia, juvenile diabetes, MS – you name it. Then look at your respective communities – both on and off campus. Is there an event in support of a disease-fighting cause to which you might devote time and energy this semester? Can you educate your fellow undergraduates? Raise money? Raise awareness? Can you volunteer on event day to help participants who could use the boost of an APO pledge line cheering them on, offering moral or material support (like a cookie at mile 15 of a marathon)? Can you add your heart and energy, brains and enthusiasm, to promote healthy living and help kick the butt of an awful disease?

Let's make this a season where we examine our own dedication to healthy living and look for ways to fight diseases that touch all of us.

Good luck, and keep me posted on your plans!

Maura

It's Time to Shine,



Pack your letters and head out West for Alpha Phi Omega's 42nd Biennial National Convention, December 27-30, 2012, in beautiful Anaheim, California. This year's theme is Time to Shine: Anaheim 2012.

The Convention is the ideal time for Leadership, Friendship and Service, and it's a spectacular event for brothers and family members of all ages.

Located in sunny Southern California, Anaheim is a pulsating tourist destination with fine dining, shopping and endless attractions – including Disneyland Park and Resort and the beautiful Pacific coastline – that are sure to pique the imagination of visitors of every age. You can't ask for a better location for the Convention in December. No doubt about it; Anaheim is the place to be.

ATTRACTIONS

Walt Disney's original theme park, Disneyland, opened in 1955 and remains a favorite destination for many. Join the celebration as Disneyland counts down

the New Year on Main Street. Discount park-admission tickets are available for APO brothers. Visit www.apo.org/convention for more information.

Also, remember to check out Disney's California Adventure Park. This adult-oriented theme park is perfect for thrill seekers and is within walking distance of the Convention hotel – Marriott Anaheim. You can enjoy rides like the California Screamin' roller coaster and the interactive 4D Toy Story Mania ride.

Not in the mood for rides? Enjoy the relaxed lifestyle found on the Pacific Coast beaches – Newport, Huntington, Long and Laguna Beaches are within just a few miles. Feel the sand beneath your feet as you walk along the shore, mesmerized by the sparkling blue

Brothers!



waves sweeping across the water. Enjoy the weather that shorts, sandals and sunglasses were made for. Also, for a change of pace, visit Anaheim's MUZEO museum and cultural arts center with an ever-changing lineup of exhibitions, events and activities.

SHOPPING

Conveniently located between Disneyland and California Adventure, Downtown Disney has a wide array of shopping, dining and entertainment choices. See the latest trends at Disney-inspired stores, as well as stores like Blink by Wet Seal and Quiksilver. Visit the South Coast Plaza – the West Coast's upscale shopping destination – with stores ranging from Abercrombie and Fitch to Versace.

At The Shops at Anaheim Garden-Walk, you can browse in Got Shirts?, Hollister, O'Neill and LUSH Fresh Handmade Cosmetics, then catch some entertainment in the courtyards. The

Block at Orange, located five minutes from the hotel, has stores like Forever 21, PacSun, G by Guess and Last Call by Neiman Marcus.

DINING

Experience a wide variety of culinary options that are sure to please even the pickiest eater. You can find New Orleans-style cuisine and jazz music in the heart of Downtown Disney at Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen – Flambeaux's Jazz Club, which features a live show every night. Not feeling like Creole cuisine: While you're downtown, you may want to try Tortilla Jo's or Napolini.

Keep in mind that Los Angeles and San Diego are just a short drive away from Anaheim. Shine among the stars on Hollywood Boulevard or find your inner child at Legoland in San Diego.

There are so many attractions competing for your attention. Whatever you choose to do, it's your Time to Shine in Anaheim! ■

Register now for the 2012 National Convention!

Registration is open at www.apo.org/convention until December 15. You can also register through the National Office by calling (816) 373-8667 or by contacting the National Office for a hard copy registration form.

Value packages are available at a discounted rate for attendees who register on or before November 8, 2012. Packages include registration costs and tickets to the Fellowship and Awards Banquets. These value packages are offered in addition to à la carte items, which can also be purchased at a discounted rate.



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.

1950s

- **James D. Groce, Alpha Epsilon '56 at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge**, received Scouting's Silver Beaver Award 2011. Groce is a Life Member of APO and recently concluded a career with the Department of the Army, following 28 years of federal service.

1960s

- **Richard Bragga, Epsilon Pi '66 at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**, received the Award of Excellence for exemplary service and extraordinary leadership in the field of health care development from the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy.
- **Walter Brasch, Alpha Delta '66 at San Diego State College**, received the Lifetime Communicator of Achievement award from the Pennsylvania Press Club, recognizing significant journalistic achievement and community service.
- **Ramon Abarca, Delta Chi '68 at Texas A&M University in Kingsville**, was elected to the board of directors of the San Antonio Credit Union.

1970s

- **Robert Pesavento, Sigma Eta '72 at Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania**, received this year's Upper Dublin Medal for Outstanding Citizen for his leadership in the community over the past two decades.
- **Scott Anderson, Lambda Omicron '74 at West Virginia University in Morgantown**, was awarded the Silver Antelope Award from the Northwest Region of the BSA.
- **George Homewood, Nu Rho '78 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia**, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association after serving two terms as vice president of policy and legislation.

2000s

- **Kelsey McDonald, Iota Lambda '08 at North Carolina State University in Raleigh**, graduated summa cum laude and received her bachelor of science degree in human biology with a minor in nutrition sciences. She completed the requirements to graduate with honors from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Honors Program.

2000s

- **Michael Reilly, Zeta Kappa '10 at Bowling Green University in Ohio**, received the Kathy Hawk Nicosia Leadership Award from BGU's Division of Student Affairs to recognize his leadership skills. Along with the award, Reilly received a \$1,000 scholarship for his academic performance, leadership and service.

- **Ebony Spriggs, Alpha Beta Psi '11 at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia**, is the first Roanoke College student and one of only 1,200 undergraduates in the nation to receive a Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship. This prestigious scholarship supports study in a foreign country by students who might otherwise miss out on the opportunity due to financial restrictions.

University of Virginia Brother Receives Davis Projects for Peace Grant

Original article written by Matt Kelley, University of Virginia

Brother Amanda Below, Theta '09 at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, and her project partner, Andi Maddox, received a \$10,000 Davis Projects for Peace Grant for their El Agua es Vida (Water is Life) proposal. This grant will help Brother Below and her partner create a health education and water filtration program in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala, a rural lakeside community.

The young women are already familiar with the area, having spent time in the community last summer during a study-abroad trip offered through the UVA-Guatemala Initiative.

Brother Below said, "We applied for this grant in hopes of continuing our partnership in Guatemala and to return to the community with a tangible response to the concerns and priorities addressed in the community assessment conducted last summer."

The young women will collaborate with local health promoters, based on previous filtration projects in the lake basin. They plan to implement an education program for Guatemalans on water purification and hygiene. The courses will have a minimal fee and will conclude with the installation of a water filter in participants' homes. The UVA-Guatemala Initiative has set aside a supply of filters for use in the Lake Atitlán communities.

Congratulations to Brother Below! ■



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REGION I

Kappa Epsilon Chapter at Wagner College in Staten Island, New York, collaborated with the college's education department and read to children attending the Reading Carnival on campus.

REGION II

Xi Alpha Chapter at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, organized an event to "Hunt For a Cure" with an Easter egg hunt and a raffle for young children. The chapter raised \$226 for Relay for Life.

REGION III

Zeta Phi Chapter at Howard University in Washington, D.C., hosted a Campus Tour for At-Risk Youth. The chapter expressed the importance of higher education and inspired the students to seek more information about educational opportunities after high school.

REGION IV

Omicron Nu Chapter at the University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras visited Hogar Andres, impacting 16 boys from 5 to 12 years old. The chapter spent time with the children incorporating icebreakers, games, motivational storytelling, and arts and crafts, which were followed by a nice lunch.

REGION VI

Alpha Zeta Delta Chapter at Lake Forest College in Illinois hosted an event for Girl Scouts to earn a Naturalist badge. More than 90 girls from the community joined together to observe Earth Day and learn about the scientific method.

REGION VII

Nu Sigma Chapter at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, co-organized with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity a field day for the children at a local foster care agency, who range in age from 4 to 17.

REGION VIII

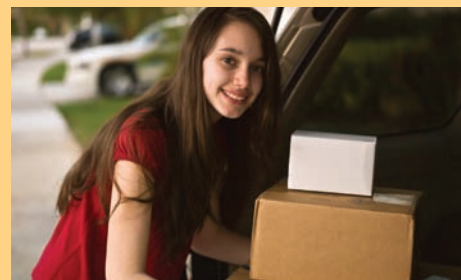
Epsilon Xi Chapter at Colorado State University in Fort Collins raised \$1,065 for an orphanage in Nicaragua as part of the chapter's Pulsera Project. The chapter raised the money by selling bracelets made by the kids in Nicaragua.

REGION V

Epsilon Psi Chapter at Kent State University in Ohio worked with a local first-grade class to create 92 "Kid Packs" for patients at Robinson Memorial Hospital. Brothers also encouraged the students to continue to do service. The Kid Packs will benefit current patients as well as the children and visitors who come to the hospital in the future. Brothers enjoyed the time spent with each other as they shopped for the items to put in their packs. Brothers and the students made a lasting impression on the patients by writing letters to each of their pen pals (the children in the hospital). Upon



meeting their counterparts, they presented them with thank you gifts for their involvement. Encouraging the first-graders to continue to do service and establishing friendships shows you are never too young to serve mankind and that together, you can be a leader in your community. ■



REGION IX

Eta Lambda Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire hosted a talent show for their little siblings' weekend.

REGION X

Rho Phi Chapter at the University of California San Diego worked with Alpha Kappa Psi

Fraternity to help restore a local playground. The chapter used funds they raised throughout the year to buy supplies to repaint the playground.

REGION XI

Zeta Psi Chapter at the University of Oregon in Eugene did painting and housekeeping for the Boys and Girls Club of Emerald Valley.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Alpha Phi Omega members have given so generously this year. Thank you to everyone who has invested in the future of our Fraternity.

More than **\$167,000** was donated last fiscal year (which ran from August 1, 2011, to July 31, 2012) to APO, which is the most raised in a many years. This exceeded our goal by **16 percent** over last year!

Your gifts, combined with the support from other brothers, helped keep student membership fees low, increased support for our communities through substantial chapter growth and provided more effective leadership training opportunities.

As we kick off the new Fiscal Year, with your generous support, we will be able to accomplish all we've planned to make APO an even stronger

organization. With your loyal support, our Fraternity plans to:

- **Enhance our communication and connection opportunities.**
We have upgraded and enhanced the national website www.apo.org that will launch this fall, creating more ways for us to connect to APO and each other.
- **Provide more effective leadership training opportunities.**
We will host regional training events throughout the country to enhance the APO experience for advisors and leaders.
- **Launch the Membership University.**
We will focus on helping our largest chapters with growth and retention through this training opportunity while still focusing on enhancing our membership academy.

There are a lot of ways you can give. Here are just a few:

1. Donate to the Torchbearer Fund – Become a Torchbearer during Fiscal Year 2012-13 and be included in our annual Tribute to Donors calendar next fall.
2. Donate to the Endowment – Gifts to the Endowment provide long-term benefits to perpetuate and meet the goals of APO. The income generated from the Endowment investments supports many areas and programs of the Fraternity.
3. Consider APO in your estate plans – These gifts are often in the form of a bequest or will, gift annuity, or life insurance. If you have included the Fraternity in your estate plans, we would like to provide you with the proper recognition in the Blue & Gold Society, which honors donors with a gift or estate commitment.

Your support this year, combined with the support from other brothers, will help us continue to provide APO students with even greater experiences in the future. Many members are getting involved as a Torchbearer with a gift of \$75 or more. This gift can be set up to pay only \$6.25 per month for 12 months. Please go to www.apo.org to get started right away.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! ■



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— Brother Chris Meschuk,
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