

TORCH & TREFOIL

SPRING 2021



MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

and read about other actions taken at the Virtual Legislative Session.

THE QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF



*"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.
The important thing is not to stop questioning."
- Albert Einstein*



Brothers,

I am honored to have been elected again to be your National President, and I congratulate all of my fellow Board members and regional chairs who were elected to serve this term. While we had many disruptions last year, we now know Leadership, Friendship and Service can weather any storm and further strengthen our communities. Chapters have found new and exciting ways to serve, like they did in the APO Gamers vs. Cancer event and for National Service Week, and we're looking forward to seeing how they tackle serving youth for Spring Youth Service Day. Spring often brings change and APO has already seen its fair share of change in the past year, so I know the Fraternity can work together through this spring to continue to make a positive impact on our chapters and communities.

The Virtual Legislative Session brought some changes to the Fraternity already. Leading this session was an interesting experience, considering it was so different from anything the Fraternity has ever done. We had the largest number of voting delegates participate in the session that we have ever had, and we were able to take care of the business items which will allow us to move our National Convention to odd numbered years, starting this year. We sincerely hope that we will be able to gather in person and reunite with all of our brothers in Phoenix this winter for the 47th National Convention!

Following the election of the new Board and regional chairs, we held a virtual installation of these elected leaders. This allowed members to join APO's leaders for this important tradition from their homes across the country. Throughout all of the proceedings of the Legislative Session, there was a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes work from our dedicated professional staff at our National Office to make everything work. Please thank them when you can.

We have a short cycle with this one-year term, and the Board is excited to continue our work. Our Operations Council is equally excited to continue to provide programs and services to support our chapters and members in their efforts to bring Leadership, Friendship and Service to their campuses and beyond.

"I tell young people – including my granddaughter – there is no shortcut in life. You have to take it one step at a time and work hard. And you have to give back." Hank Aaron

In Leadership, Friendship and Service,

Robert M. Coop, P.E.
National President



NATIONAL OFFICE

1441 E. 104th Street
Kansas City, MO 64131
Telephone: 816-373-8667
Website: www.apo.org
Email: director.communications@apo.org

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF:
Robert J. London, CAE

WRITER/EDITOR:
Hannah Pinson

GRAPHIC DESIGNER:
Dana Allison-Hill

NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Robert M. Coop, P.E.
Westfield, IN

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
Melody A. Martin
Grand Rapids, OH

NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Marc' Bady
Cedar Rapids, IA
Jeremy Bingman
Riverside, IL

Melissa A. DeLuka
Westland, MI

Padric Hall
Waldorf, MD

Hilton Hallock
Anchorage, AK

Kent Lee
San Diego, CA

Marilyn L. Mims
Durham, NH

Disraeli W. Smith II, MBA, MPP
Charlotte, NC

Kenneth A. Tinkler, Esq., B.C.S.
Tampa, FL

IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Hon. John K. Ottenad
Manchester, MO

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Wilfred Krenek
Houston, TX

NATIONAL LEGAL COUNSEL
Jennifer Znosko, J.D.
St. Louis, MO

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Robert J. London, CAE
Kansas City, MO

TORCH & TREFOIL

SPRING 2021 • VOLUME 97 • NUMBER 1

COVER STORY



7 Virtual Legislative Session
At the Virtual Legislative Session, the Fraternity approved amendments to the National Bylaws and elected new officers to serve in 2021.

FEATURES

- 5 In Memoriam**
The Fraternity mourns the loss of three highly influential members of the brotherhood.
- 6 APO Gamers vs. Cancer**
Read about how APO partnered with the American Cancer Society for an innovative service opportunity.
- 11 Vacation in Phoenix with your Brothers!**
Join us this December in the desert and enjoy all Phoenix has to offer for an end-of-year vacation!
- 13 National Service Week 2020**
Read about how chapters raised diabetes awareness in their communities during National Service Week 2020.

DEPARTMENTS

- 3 Torch Talk**
Board meeting minutes, member accomplishments, and other updates regarding Fraternity operations and events.
- 15 Chapter Notes**
Chapters share social media posts that showcase Leadership, Friendship and Service.
- 17 Supporting Chapter Service Efforts**
Help our chapter members continue making lasting impacts with their service.

APO DATELINE

APRIL

4/23-25: Spring Youth Service Day

MAY

5/1: John Mack Scholarship Application Deadline

5/1: Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree Nomination Deadline

5/1: Service Innovation Grant Application Deadline

5/1: Spring Youth Service Day Report Deadline

JUNE

6/1: Graduating Seniors Reporting Deadline

Visit www.apo.org/calendar for a complete list of deadlines and events.

DIGITAL ONLY ISSUE

In an effort to save on costs while being good stewards with existing funds, this issue of the Torch & Trefoil is available digitally, and no printed copies will be distributed. For those who have chosen not to provide an email address, the magazine will be available to view at www.apoarchive.org.

NATIONWIDE FRATERNITY NEWS

NOTES FROM THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The following notes were taken at the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors meeting on January 24, 2021:

The Board approved the amended agenda and adopted the consent agenda which included the approval of the minutes of the December 14, 2020, meeting.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

The Board discussed and reviewed the Fraternity’s current Strategic Plan, including the future landscape and environment of the collegiate campus in the United States. A task force was created to review the current Strategic Plan and propose updates to the Board, taking changes caused by the pandemic into consideration.

ELECTIONS

Brother Kent Lee was re-elected by the Board to the position of Treasurer.

The Board elected Brothers Kent Lee, Padric Hall and Melissa DeLuka to serve on the Executive Committee.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

The Board of Directors approved President Rob Coop’s appointments to the following positions:

Legal Counsel – Brother Jennifer Znosko

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chair – Brother Candice Solomon-Strutz

Interim Region K Chair – Brother Michael Brown

Parliamentarian – Brother Jeff Neurauter

2021 Convention Coordinator – Brother Kimberlee Castillo Yee

Join an Alumni Association

Join an alumni association near you to get connected with your APO community! Especially with COVID-19 precautions still in place, take this opportunity to build friendships, or reinvigorate them, in the familiarity of APO’s Cardinal Principles. Associations are doing a wide array of programming, ranging from in person with masks and distance to entirely virtual. This offers the opportunity to get involved in a way that feels most comfortable.

There are many reasons to get involved in an alumni association: professional networking, making friends, reminiscing on time spent in APO as an active collegiate member, finding service opportunities and more. Join an alumni association, or start one, in your area! Find one near you by visiting <https://apo.org/start-a-chapter/chapter-map/chapter-list/>.



Washington, D.C. Alumni

Iota Alpha Member's TEDx Talk

University of Tennessee at Knoxville hosted TEDxUTK, an independent event based on the global Technology, Education and Design (TED) Talk program. One of the speakers was Iota Alpha Chapter President Carinne Cheney. In her TEDx Talk titled "Serving with Intention," Brother Cheney spoke about APO and how it has changed her outlook on service. She explained how she incorporated positive thinking into her service endeavors; she sees each service project as an opportunity to meet new people and expand her knowledge.

Brother Cheney also spoke about the importance of finding passion when it comes to service. She found volunteer opportunities that catered to some of her passions: medicine and the outdoors. From these interests, she started volunteering with Remote

Area Medical (RAM) Clinics and the Boy Scouts of America. By finding service opportunities that one is passionate about, Cheney talks about how a person can advance on the Active Citizen Continuum from the position of volunteer to being an active citizen.



Screenshot from Brother Cheney's TEDx Talk, "Serving with Intention"

Listen to Brother Cheney's full TEDx Talk to hear more about her volunteer experiences with RAM Clinics and BSA, the Active Citizen Continuum and her perspective on service on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Du-r5leoBPQ>.



Tau Chapter at University of Florida

Become a CNP

Invest in your growth this spring and enroll in the Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) Credential Program! The leadership skills learned in this course can help professionals in any field, not just those in nonprofit organizations. Getting this credential can also help set professionals apart, either in a job they already have or in the search for a new job. Plus, the program provides exclusive access to a vast network of other CNPs and fosters meaningful connections with leaders from around the world.



Don't miss this opportunity to grow!

Find more information or enroll at www.nonprofitleadershipalliance.org/service-organizations/.

IN MEMORIAM

We recently lost three highly influential alumni members of the Fraternity.

Here, we recognize the many contributions they made to APO, to their communities and to the nation. They will be deeply missed.

Truman Bell, Xi Omicron '68

Brother Bell was initiated by Xi Omicron Chapter at Tarleton State University in 1968. His dedication to service influenced both his personal and professional lives. He was dedicated to serving his alma mater, establishing the Truman T. Bell Scholarship at Tarleton State University. In 2020, the university presented him with the Legacy Award for Excellence for his continued service both to the university and to other causes. In his professional life, Bell worked as the Headquarters Community Relations Manager for ExxonMobil. In this position, he worked with various nonprofit partners of ExxonMobil and helped them secure funding from the company. He was especially proud of the ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program that gives undergraduate college students the opportunity to work paid internships through grant assistance at 30 nonprofits. Further, he served APO as an Endowment Trustee and as a donor to both the Leaders in Service campaign and the Torchbearer fund.



for APO LEADS, as well as a trainer. In his position as a trainer, he helped prepare many APO LEADS presenters over the course of 10 years, thus impacting multiple generations of members through education and servant leadership. Throughout his time as an alum of APO, he often volunteered to help in other areas as well. Especially at the National Convention, he was a person who would constantly volunteer for tasks, even the less glamorous ones. For his many years of service, he was the inaugural co-recipient of the APO Volunteer of the Year Award in 2020.

Jamie Conover Stewart, Zeta Beta '87

Brother Stewart was initiated by Zeta Beta Chapter at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University in 1987. One of her passions within APO was extending APO's reach to as many college campuses as possible. She was involved in the chartering of Alpha Delta Iota Chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University when she was a student there, and in the years after that, she was involved in extension efforts for more than 40 chapters. She also served as the Regional Extension Coordinator for Region L and Region M. For her service to these chapters and to the national organization, she was named the 2020 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree. As the Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree, she met individually with many chapters last fall and attended a number of initiation ceremonies. Most recently, she was the inaugural co-recipient of the APO Volunteer of the Year Award in 2020. ■



Ben Kutler, Kappa '94

Brother Kutler was initiated by Kappa Chapter at Carnegie Mellon University in 1994. He was heavily involved in the APO LEADS program for more than 10 years. He served as a presenter and coordinator





In the past year, service to others has completely transformed as the world has experienced the effects of COVID-19 on social interactions. Getting out and providing in-person service has become significantly more difficult, so the servant leader community has had to adjust their methods to continue impacting the communities they serve. APO recently partnered with the American Cancer Society to offer an innovative way for members to do service from the safety and comfort of their own homes. The service opportunity, called APO Gamers vs. Cancer, was open to all interested members.

This event centered on online video gaming and streaming as a way to raise money for the cause. To get started, gamers set up their own fundraising page on the APO Gamers vs. Cancer website. They then shared this individualized link with their networks and encouraged people to watch their livestreams, or live videos. This live video was most often accompanied by a shared screen of the game they were playing. People could donate during the livestream and the streamer could talk to the audience – about how cancer has affected them, about the game or about anything else they'd like to discuss.

Members who are not gamers had opportunities to get involved in this event as well. There was an option to organize a gaming tournament, promote other members' livestreams or donate funds to a gamer's fundraising page.

APO Gamers vs. Cancer took place over the course of one week. Participants could choose which time or days worked best for them to stream, making this an even more accessible service opportunity. Over the course of the week, members from nearly 30 teams raised almost \$16,000 to donate to the American Cancer Society.

This service opportunity came at a particularly good time. With people across the country staying home to limit the spread of COVID-19, participating in APO Gamers vs. Cancer allowed members to raise money and serve others while complying with health and safety restrictions. We applaud all of our members who were able to participate in the fight against cancer and serve others through this unique opportunity. ■



CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you to all the members and chapters who participated in APO Gamers vs. Cancer! We would like to recognize the three chapters that raised the most money.

First Place:

Sigma Sigma Chapter at
University of Illinois at Chicago
\$6,710 raised

Second Place:

Theta Alpha Chapter at
Stevens Institute of Technology
\$2,531.20 raised

Third Place:

Alpha Rho Chapter at
University of Texas at Austin
\$1,130 raised



Actions of the Virtual Legislative Session

In December 2020, APO held its first-ever Virtual Legislative Session to take care of essential Fraternity business. Many students, volunteers and staff worked hard through the fall and winter to prepare for hosting an event of this size entirely online. On December 28, more than 650 members gathered on Zoom to make important decisions on behalf of the Fraternity.

The following actions were taken during this session:

Legislative Updates

The legislative body approved two amendments to the National Bylaws. The amendments are as follows: **Article IV, Section 7.** The National Convention shall be held biennially in **odd** numbered years. The time and place for each convention shall be **selected by the Board of Directors and subsequently ratified by the delegates** in accordance with the rotation schedule contained in the Fraternity Operations and Policy Manual **based on recommendations presented by a convention site committee.**

Article V, Section 1. The 2020 National Convention shall elect the following national officers to serve for a term of ONE year or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified: National President and National Vice President. Beginning in 2021 and thereafter, the National Convention shall elect the following national officers to serve for a term of two years or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified: National President and National Vice President.

The 2020 National Convention shall also elect four district representatives (no two of whom may live in the same convention district) and three members-at-large to the National Board of Directors to serve for a term of ONE year or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. Beginning in 2021 and thereafter, the National Convention shall also elect four district representatives (no two of whom may live in the same convention district) and three members-at-large to the National Board of Directors to serve for a term of two years or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Elections

During the Legislative Session, the voting delegates elected the Board of Directors to serve in 2021. The following day, meetings were held for each region to elect a chair for 2021 as well. Visit <https://apo.org/about-us/our-organization/our-leaders/> to see a full list of elected Board members and regional chairs. ■

Introducing

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Fraternity has elected the National Board of Directors to serve for a one-year term, until a new election is held at the 2021 National Convention. This one-year term was approved by the body of the Virtual Legislative Session to accommodate for the postponing of the in-person event and the switch to Conventions in odd-numbered years, lining the organization up to celebrate our 100th year together.

Alpha Phi Omega's leadership plays an instrumental role in helping the Fraternity grow and improve. The Fraternity is proud to introduce the leaders of the National Board of Directors for this year!

Congratulations to the newly elected regional chairs!

- Region A Chair: Colin Rice
- Region B Chair: Susan Taylor
- Region C Chair: Heather A. Lehman, CAE
- Region D Chair: James Busby
- Region E Chair: Christopher McEwen
- Region F Chair: Justin M. Martin
- Region G Chair: Michael DeLuka
- Region H Chair: Brittany A. Ramsey
- Region I Chair: John T. Strada, Jr.
- Region J Chair: Laura Fowler
- Region K Chair: Michael R. Brown
- Region L Chair: Jennifer R. Headman, Ph.D.
- Region M Chair: Tre A. Kolling, III
- Region N Chair: Diane L. Trafton
- Region O Chair: Jessica Lane
- Region P Chair: Paul Galuskin
- Region Q Chair: Aaron C. Knight
- Region R Chair: Autumn Paro



NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Robert M. Coop, P.E.

Brother Coop was initiated by Tau Omicron Chapter at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis in 1991. He earned a bachelor's in civil engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He served APO as National Convention Sergeant-at-Arms, Region VI Director (2007-2010), National Risk Management Director (2011-2014) and National Vice President (2015-2018). Brother Coop is a Society of Life Member, a Diamond Torchbearer and a Blue & Gold Society Member. He received a Sectional Distinguished Service Key (DSK) from Section 52 and a Regional DSK from Region VI. Professionally, he is a bridge inspection department manager.



NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Melody Martin

Brother Martin was initiated by Delta Alpha Chapter at the University of Cincinnati in 1997. She earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Cincinnati. She earned a master's in business administration in project management from Aspen University. Brother Martin served as Section 56 Chair (2002-2004), Region V Director (2010-2012), Alumni & Internal Volunteer Director (2012-2014), and National Vice President (2019-present). She is a Silver Founder's Circle Torchbearer and a donor to the Leaders in Service campaign. Professionally, she is the quality manager for Pro-Pak Industries.

▶ Continued on page 9.

DIRECTORS

Marc' Bady



Bady earned a bachelor's in computer science from Austin Peay State University and a master's in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University. He has served in a variety of roles over the course of his career while working at various colleges and universities, including Bowling Green State University, Roanoke College, University of San Francisco, and Tulane University. He most recently served as the dean of students at Coe College. Bady is in his final year of his Ph.D. program at the University of Southern Mississippi and currently works as a consultant for higher education projects.

Jeremy Bingman



Brother Bingman was initiated by Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1996. He earned a bachelor's in economics and master's in business administration from DePaul University. He served as Section 51 Chair (2003- 2009), 2010 National Convention Legislative Director, Region VI Extension Coordinator (2009-2010), and Region VI Director (2010-2016). He belongs to the Society of Life Members, is a Silver Founder's Circle Torchbearer, and contributed to the Leaders in Service campaign. He received DSKs at the chapter, sectional and regional levels. Professionally, Brother Bingman is a product manager in the fintech industry.

Melissa DeLuka



Brother DeLuka was initiated by Epsilon Lambda Chapter at Michigan Technological University in 1997. She earned a bachelor's in mechanical engineering. She served as Section 55 Chair (2004- 2008), Leaders in Service Cabinet Member (2013-2017), Membership &

Extension Director (2015-2016), and member of the Board of Directors (2016-Present). She is a Society of Life Member, a Silver Founder's Circle Torchbearer, Leaders in Service campaign donor, and a Blue & Gold Society Member. She received a Sectional DSK from Section 55 and a Regional DSK from Region VI. Professionally, she is a global program manager in quality and new product introduction.

Padric Hall



Brother Hall was initiated by Eta Eta Chapter at Arizona State University in 2011 where he earned a bachelor's in urban planning and master's in geospatial information systems. He is currently a doctoral student in the Business Analysis and Data Science program at Capitol Technology University. He's held various roles within the community impacting youth including coaching for Football National Team USA and many collegiate star athletes who have come under his guidance. Professionally, he is a national security expert helping defend our country against foreign and domestic adversaries working for Booz Allen Hamilton in the Washington, DC metro area.

Kent Lee



Brother Lee was initiated by Rho Pi Chapter at the University of California, San Diego in 2005 where he earned bachelor's degrees in biology and economics. He has served as Section 2 Chair (2008-2011), 2012 National Convention Coordinator and as a National Board Member since 2016. He received the Chapter DSK from Rho Pi Chapter, a Sectional DSK from Section 2 and a Regional DSK from Region X. He is a Society of Life Member, a Torchbearer, and a donor to the Leaders in Service campaign. Professionally, he is the executive director for Pacific Arts Movement.

Marilyn L. Mims, M.Ed.

Brother Mims was initiated by Phi Chapter at Syracuse



University in 1991. She served as Region I Director (2002-2010), Membership & Extension Director (2011-2014), and Facilities & Technology Director (2014-2016). She serves as a chapter advisor for Theta Zeta Chapter at University of New Hampshire. Her work has been recognized with DSKs at the chapter, sectional and regional levels, as well as by being named Spring Pledge Class Namesake for multiple chapters. She is a Silver Torchbearer and a donor to the Leaders in Service campaign. Professionally, she is a learning and development specialist for a regional credit union.

Disraeli W. Smith II, MBA, MPP



Brother Smith was initiated by Kappa Delta Chapter at Florida A&M University in 2007 where he earned a bachelor's and a master's in business administration. He also earned a master's in public policy from Georgetown University.

He served as 2010 National Convention Chair, Region IV Staff (2011-2014) and Alumni & Internal Volunteer Director (2015-2016). He is a Society of Life Member, donor to the Leaders in Service campaign and Diamond Torchbearer. He received DSKs at the chapter, sectional and regional levels. Professionally, he is a consultant focused on compliance with financial laws and regulations for financial services companies.

Kenneth A. Tinkler, Esq., B.C.S.



Brother Tinkler initiated into Zeta Upsilon Chapter at Boston University in 1990, where he earned a bachelor's in political science. He received his Juris Doctor degree from University of Florida and is Board Certified in city, county,

and local government law by The Florida Bar. An Eagle Scout and recipient of five DSKs, he supports APO as a Society of Life Member, Silver Founder's Circle Torchbearer, and donor to the Leaders in Service

campaign. Professionally, he is a shareholder and attorney with the Carlton Fields Law Firm in Tampa, Florida.



IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Hon. John K. Ottenad

Brother Ottenad served as National President from 2014 to 2018.

Previously, he served as Region VIII Director (2005-2006),

Membership & Extension Committee Chair (2007-2011) and National Vice President (2011-2014). He has received DSKs at the chapter, sectional and regional levels. In 2013, he was the recipient of the Herbert G. Horton Service to Youth Award. He is currently a Society of Life Member, a Silver Founder's Circle Torchbearer and a donor to the Leaders in Service campaign. Professionally, he is an administrative law judge for the State of Missouri Division of Worker's Compensation.



PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Wilfred Krenek

Brother Krenek has served on the National Board Region VII Director (1980-1988), Finance Committee Chair (1988-1990), Vice President (1990-1994) and President (1994-

1998). He also served as the 1986 National Convention Coordinator in Houston and as chair of the 75th Anniversary Celebration in 2000. He is currently a trustee of the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment Trust. He has received chapter, sectional and regional DSKs and the National Distinguished Service Award. A longtime Silver Founder's Circle Torchbearer, he is a Life Member and a donor to the Leaders in Service Campaign. he is a CPA and consulting Chief Financial Officer who resides in Houston, TX.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Robert J. London, CAE

NATIONAL LEGAL COUNSEL

Jennifer Znosko, J.D. ■



December in the Desert

Come experience the familiar excitement of the National Convention, where many facets of the APO experience are enjoyed on a much larger scale, at the 2021 National Convention in Phoenix! You'll be in great company with thousands of your fellow brothers learning, spending time together and celebrating APO! Many details of this event are still being determined; however, rest assured that leaders and volunteers of the Fraternity are working diligently to determine the safest way to reconnect while keeping the health of every attendee as a top priority.

Break away from winter blues with your APO family! Phoenix is a great place for an end-of-year vacation and getaway. With an average high temperature of almost 70 degrees in December, a trip here allows for plenty of activities outdoors and time to relax before the new year. The opportunity to enjoy all Phoenix has to offer with your brothers makes this a must-have experience!

Finding fun activities or ways to relax will be easier than ever. For the first time, the National Convention will be held at a resort! The JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa has all kinds of amenities to make for a perfect winter vacation.

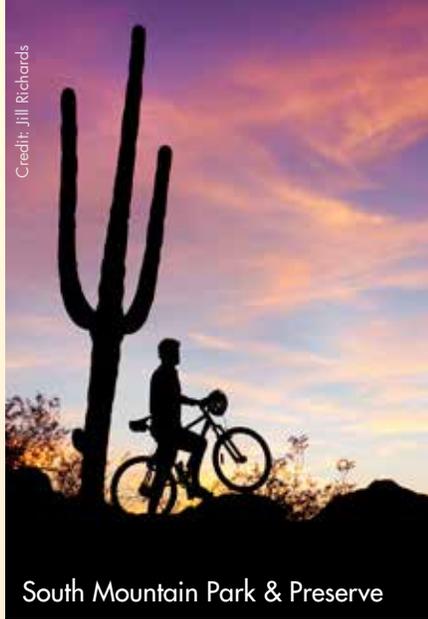
In between attending the events and celebrations of the National Convention, you can grab a few of your fellow brothers and easily access any of the resort's wonderful amenities, which are all included in the price of the room. Some of these amenities include:

- Pickle ball
- Bocce ball
- Fitness center
- Tennis courts
- Eight on-site dining options
- Resort water complex with five pools, a lazy river and water slides

In addition to the resort's various amenities, the surrounding area also has a number of fitness and recreational activities. Within 10 miles of the resort, there are opportunities for biking, bowling, hiking, horseback riding, jogging, mountain biking and miniature golf.

Venturing further out into the city of Phoenix, there are attractions for people of all interests. With more than 20 museums in the area, visitors are sure to find one that piques their interest. One such museum,

the Phoenix Art Museum, is located right in the heart of the city. This museum has over 20,000 pieces of art from all over the world and features an array of special exhibits. Two of the limited time exhibits scheduled to be on display during December 2021 are Freedom Must Be Lived: Marion Palfi's America, 1940-1978 and Oscar Muñoz: Invisibilia.



Credit: Jill Richards

South Mountain Park & Preserve

A short, less-than-10-minute drive away from the resort sits another must-visit museum. The world's only global musical instrument museum, the Musical Instrument Museum features more than 8,000 instruments from 200 countries. The immersive exhibits of the museum allow for an exploration of many different generations of musical instruments from countries all over the world.

The warm winter weather allows from some outdoor activities like the Phoenix Zoo, which is just a short drive from the resort. The zoo has over 3,000 animals, rides and specialized walking trails with different



Courtesy of the Musical Instrument Museum

Musical Instrument Museum



Desert Botanical Garden



Desert Botanical Garden

species to see on each one. Walk around at one of the largest nonprofit zoos in the United States and enjoy the warm weather!

Just down the street from the Phoenix Zoo, the Desert Botanical Garden has over 50,000 plants on display, some of which belong to the 485 rare and endangered species raised and nurtured at the garden. There are also five walking trails, all surrounded by different plants and terrains.

Phoenix so much for visitors to see and do, however arguably the best attraction this winter is going to be the reunion of APO brothers of all ages and from all geographic areas. Take a winter vacation to spend some time learning, serving and having fun with your brothers this December at the 2021 National Convention!

At the time of the publication of this issue, all of the attractions listed above have documented health and safety guidelines that include mask requirements, as well as required physical distancing from other patrons. ■

NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK 2020

The National Service Week theme for 2020 was Diabetes Awareness, with a special focus on Education Awareness in Your Community. More than 30 million Americans have diabetes, and deal with its effects on daily life. People who have been diagnosed with diabetes often have to be more conscious of their diet, their physical activity and their medical care. Especially since contraction of COVID-19 can worsen complications of diabetes, this year was an especially good time to learn more about diabetes and how APO can help.

More than 180 chapters planned and executed projects to raise diabetes awareness in their campus communities, with more than 4000 hours served towards the cause. Below are highlights of how chapters got involved and helped raised awareness for diabetes.



Chi Sigma Chapter at Allegheny College hosted a number of events throughout the week. Some of the events included a blue ribbon making event, social media campaigns, a week-long step challenge, a campus wellness walk, a spirit week activity, handing out blue ribbons and diabetes fact sheets in the Campus Center, a donation bingo card on social media to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and a “Chalk the Walk” event where they wrote facts about Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes in sidewalk chalk around campus.

Eta Phi Chapter at American University held an event intended to help attendees recognize the relationship between low access to food and high diabetes rates in Washington, D.C., as well as understand the social determinants of health and structural issues behind food disparity. During the event, the chapter encouraged support of local organizations working to increase access to fresh food and shared healthy recipes inspired by the Mayo Clinic healthy eating plan.

Brothers of **Alpha Theta Iota Chapter at Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing** held events like a discussion of snacks with a registered dietitian, a Charity Miles walk for the American Diabetes Association, Hope in the Hand social media campaign, watching the “Reversing Type 2 Diabetes Starts with Ignoring the Guidelines” TED Talk with a discussion, and wearing blue for diabetes awareness.

Sigma Rho Chapter at Elon University posted flyers around

campus with a QR code that linked to an event the chapter held to raise awareness about diabetes. During the virtual event on Zoom, members of the chapter who have diabetes shared their story and listed available resources on campus for people who have diabetes.

Brothers of **Delta Kappa Chapter at Emory University** conducted a healthy dinner demonstration, focused on cooking diabetes-friendly recipes while staying on a budget. This service project provided college students and those on a budget with easy, healthy and affordable recipes. One brother demonstrated how to make a roasted chickpea salad, and another brother demonstrated how to make a healthy apple crisp.

Alpha Theta Eta Chapter at Northeastern University hosted a diabetes-friendly food drive within the chapter. The items were donated to a local food shelter to support those in the community in need of support who have diabetes.

Eta Alpha Chapter at Santa Clara University partnered with Beyond Type 1, a Bay Area-based nonprofit, to learn more about the stigma and





lifestyle of those with Type 1 diabetes. In addition, the chapter collaborated with other APO chapters to watch a documentary that follows the life of a San Francisco-based patient with diabetes.

Brothers of **Epsilon Pi Chapter at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville** made and donated cards to a local diabetes foundation to send out in care baskets for kids newly diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes around the country.

Alpha Eta Pi Chapter at St. John's University made a website that had information about diabetes. The purpose of the website was to educate children about diabetes, and the chapter used their abilities to make an easily accessible and comprehensible website for people of all ages.

Beta Sigma Chapter at Texas Tech University held an online workshop where the chapter watched the documentary *A Touch of Sugar*. After the viewing, the chapter used a facilitation worksheet to guide a discussion about what they learned from the movie. The chapter also shared what they learned via social media to help spread awareness.

Brothers of **Psi Chapter at University of California at Santa Barbara** participated in a week-long service project with different events each day. The events included a walk for diabetes awareness with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, a Kahoot game

to learn about diabetes, a “Diabetes, What’s My Risk” webinar, PBS Panel Discussion on Diabetes as an Epidemic for Communities of Color, surveys for the American Diabetes Association and fundraising for JDRF and local Sansum Diabetes Research Institute.

Psi Omega Chapter at University of Central Florida created a healthy cookbook guide for those who have limited diets due to diabetes. The chapter created a QR code for this cookbook and distributed it around campus and on social media.

Alpha Gamma Xi Chapter at University of Dayton sent letters to governors on behalf of the American Diabetes Association to encourage them to act on issues that affect those with diabetes in the United States. Brothers encouraged their friends to send letters as well after informing them of why it’s important.

Brothers of **Alpha Alpha Chapter at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** hosted multiple events, including a diabetes education workshop, two presentations about diabetes from dietitians and nurse educators from local hospitals and creating diabetes education and healthy habits videos for children at a local elementary school.

Omicron Chapter at University of Iowa partnered with another student organization on campus, College Diabetes Network, to create diabetes awareness posters. The posters included the warning signs of Type 1 diabetes and some resources for people with diabetes. The posters were then distributed throughout the Iowa City community, both on and off campus, in locations like university buildings, local gas stations, coffee shops and grocery stores.

Delta Theta Chapter at University of Louisville watched an online 20-minute interview with an endocrinologist. In the interview, he discussed information about diabetes, explaining the different types and research towards finding a cure. After watching the interview, participants spent the rest of the hour discussing what they had learned and how they could implement that information into their lives and help spread awareness for diabetes.

Brothers of **Gamma Psi Chapter at University of Minnesota, Twin Cities** created an activity book for young children (K-2nd grade) about healthy habits (both mental and physical). The book included information about diabetes, as well as other health conditions. ■



CHAPTER NOTES

See what great Leadership, Friendship and Service projects chapters have showcased to inspire others through Instagram.

REGION A



Iota Phi Chapter at University of California at Davis

@apoiotaphi: Congratulations Stewart Term on crossing and becoming active brothers! Welcome to the fam and we're so excited for the amazing things you will do for APO!

REGION B



Zeta Omicron Chapter at California Polytechnic State University

@calpolyapo: Sustainability projects are one of APO's new focal points of service that allows members to contribute directly toward projects that help create a better community.

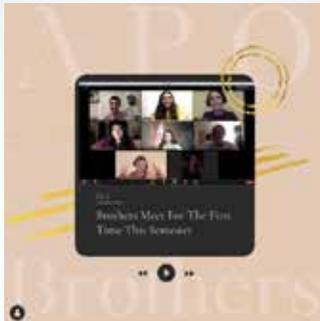
REGION C



Alpha Phi Chapter at Washington University

@apo_wustl: APO brothers wrote 756 letters to Santa and in total, contributed \$1,512 to Make-A-Wish. These funds will help the foundation grant every possible wish that is safe to complete during the pandemic.

REGION D



Rho Lambda Chapter at Saint Edward's University

@seu.apo: We loved seeing all your faces brothers! Thank you for joining us on our first meeting of the semester.

REGION E



Gamma Psi Chapter at University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

@apo_gammapi: Here's a snapshot from one of our rush events last week!

REGION F



Alpha Beta Gamma Chapter at Knox College

@knoxcollegeapo: The ABG presents to all our newest members! Welcome to the brotherhood!

REGION G



Alpha Delta Upsilon Chapter at Saginaw Valley State University

@apo_svsu: We are thankful for collaboration. We were able to meet with various chapters throughout this semester for service, fellowship and leadership opportunities.

REGION H



Alpha Tau Chapter at Butler University

@butlerapo_alphatau: We love a Big Little reveal!

REGION I



Lambda Alpha Chapter at East Tennessee State University

@etsuaphio: Oh how we miss warmer weather! We are so excited to be back and even MORE excited to see what this semester holds!

REGION J



Alpha Epsilon Phi Chapter at Mississippi Valley State University

[@mvsu_apo](#): #ServiceRecap: We partnered with Itta Bena community leaders to donate meals via drive thru!

REGION K



Alpha Delta Tau Chapter at Nova Southeastern University

[@nsu_alphaphiomega](#): For MLK Weekend Service Challenge, our brothers volunteered at the Fort Lauderdale Pop-Up Resource Fair!

REGION L



Iota Lambda Chapter at North Carolina State University

[@apo_ncsu](#): One man's concrete is another man's canvas: brothers had the opportunity to create a new soccer court for the Boys and Girls Club of Raleigh! An amazing way to close out the semester and get involved.

REGION M



Alpha Delta Xi Chapter at Christopher Newport University

[@apoatcnu](#): Happy first day of classes from APO!

REGION N



Eta Phi Chapter at American University

[@apoetaphi](#): With all the snow yesterday, these brothers thought it would be fun to go play in the snow!

REGION O



Alpha Chapter at Lafayette College

[@apolafayette](#): We raised funds that helped buy all 40 children in the Sixth Street Shelter costumes to wear to an outdoor Halloween party featuring a spooky performance from our own brother, Zany Zach the magician!

REGION P



Delta Zeta Chapter at University of Pennsylvania

[@apo_upenn](#): Every year, we organize our GO Home service project to provide Thanksgiving meals for families in the Philly area. Despite the pandemic, this year was no different!

REGION Q



Epsilon Sigma Chapter at SUNY at Buffalo

[@apobuffalo](#): Brothers and pledges looking adora-bowl.

REGION R



Alpha Theta Eta Chapter at Northeastern University

[@apo_northeastern](#): Brothers took another walk along the esplanade to celebrate Fall Service Week.



Supporting Chapter Service Efforts

APO members have demonstrated a great deal of resilience and innovation in the past year, especially in their service efforts. One way students have adapted to keep APO traditions alive was through their National Service Week projects last fall. Some chapters were able to hold more traditional, in-person events by distancing and wearing masks. Other chapters were able to hold virtual events. Either way, members rallied to the best of their abilities, served more than 4,000 hours to raise awareness for diabetes and continued the more than 40-years-long tradition of National Service Week.

Another big opportunity for service is coming up: Spring Youth Service Day! Serving for Spring Youth Service Day is a great chance for chapters to help their communities, and allows them to bring the idea of servant leadership to the youth of America to encourage a lifetime commitment to serving others in future generations.

The servant leaders of APO are strong, yet they need additional support to keep growing and changing the world through their service. Support for these members allows them to find more ways to serve, which will have a lasting impact as they graduate from their collegiate membership, transition to alumni and take their skills out into the world.

With your generous support, we can expand the grants offered to chapters as seed money for their various service efforts. You can provide support to these chapters as a Torchbearer with a gift of \$75. This gift can be given electronically with a payment of only \$6.25 per month. Make your gift today at www.apo.org/give.

Thank you for your continued support of APO!

Yes! I will support APO's Torchbearer Fund!

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

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Card # _____ CVV _____ Exp. Date _____

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PREAUTHORIZED SUSTAINED GIVING:

Spring 2021

(Please select one):

- Monthly on the 1st Monthly on the 15th
 Quarterly on the 1st Semi-Monthly on the 1st & 15th

(Please select one):

- 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 _____

Save the stamp! You can also donate online by visiting www.apo.org/give.

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

Name: _____ National #: _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____

WAYS TO GIVE >>

SUSTAINING GIFTS

Becoming a donor on a monthly or quarterly basis cuts the cost of printing donation requests and reminders, and it also helps stretch your giving throughout the year and provides APO with a steady and reliable source of income. To set up a sustaining gift on a credit card or through your bank account, call 816-373-8667 ext. 33. Many employers offer a direct payroll deduction program as well.

MATCHING GIFTS

Another way to increase the impact of your gift is to see if your company has a corporate matching gift program. Employers may match employee charitable gifts on a dollar-for-dollar basis or as a percentage of donations made. Matching gifts to the Torchbearer Fund are counted toward the employee's Torchbearer status. Please check with your human resources department to see if your employer offers this option.

GIFTS OF STOCK

Alpha Phi Omega accepts gifts of publicly traded securities with no minimum. Gifts of closely held (non-publicly traded) securities may only be accepted after approval by the Board of Directors or their designee. For questions on making a gift of stock to either Alpha Phi Omega or Alpha Phi Omega Endowment, please contact the National Office at 816-373-8667 ext. 33.

PLANNED GIFTS

To name Alpha Phi Omega as the beneficiary of your estate through a bequest, life insurance policy, charitable trust or charitable gift annuity, visit us online at apo.org/give/blue-and-gold-society. Most planned gifts are tax deductible and can be arranged through legal counsel or personal financial planner. Your gift makes you eligible for inclusion in the Blue & Gold Society, secures your legacy of charitable support and provides APO with long-term financial support.



ONLINE

Visit us at www.apo.org/give



MAIL

Send the above form to:
1441 E. 104th St., Ste. 105
Kansas City, MO 64131



PHONE

Call the Development Dept.
at 816-373-8667 x33

MOVING? New Address

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

(Area Code) Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Yes, I am interested in receiving email updates from the Fraternity.

Spring 2021

MAIL TO:

Alpha Phi Omega • 1441 E. 104th Street • Kansas City, MO 64131



1441 E. 104th St., Ste. 105
Kansas City, MO 64131

Follow APO online for the latest news!



*A friend may well be reckoned
the masterpiece of nature.*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

