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at the events of the
24th Biennial National
Convention in Atlanta**

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FROM THE FRATERNITY

This November marked my 30th anniversary as a member of Alpha Phi Omega. Although I did not pledge at the age of 3, as I am fond of saying, my time in APO does represent a very significant part of my life, both in terms of time and impact. For me, clearly, APO is for life.

As you may already know, my father joined APO when he was in college. He was a member of Beta Theta Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which I did not know until after I pledged. My father thought of APO as something he did in college, yet I know the Fraternity left a lifelong impact by making him the man he was – the man who, in turn, helped make me the person I am today. So, in a very real way, APO was a lifetime commitment for him as well.

My point is that whether you remain active beyond graduation in an official capacity, such as an advisor or elected volunteer, or continue to live the Cardinal Principles without giving another thought to the Fraternity, APO is for life.

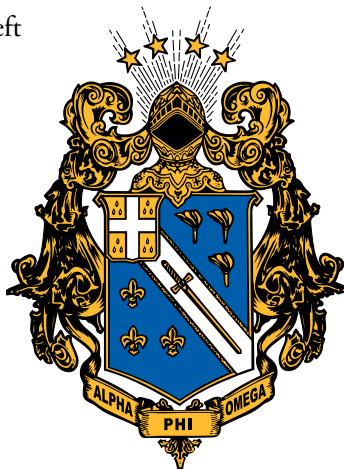
While I am happy to have brothers out there making the world better in any manner, I want more. I want you to remember that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are APO. Not you *were*, but you **ARE**. Stay active with your local Rotary or Kiwanis; your church, temple or mosque; your child's school or scouting. Volunteer at a local hospital or homeless shelter. In other words, keep doing what you always have, making your world a better place in which to make a living and a life. Just remember that the commitment you made when you joined APO doesn't have an expiration date.

Leadership, Friendship and Service are not principles you outgrow. Continue to live by them and encourage others to do the same. Remember, even if you haven't been involved in the Fraternity in many years, you are always part of the APO family and are always welcome.

Please join me in Atlanta in December for a terrific reunion – the 41st Biennial National Convention (see pages 8-11 for more information). Come celebrate your lifetime commitment to Alpha Phi Omega, renew acquaintances and make new friends. Be a Leader. Be a Friend. Be of Service.

In Brotherhood (for life),

Maggie



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Notes from the Field

It's recruitment season, which means the Alpha Phi Omega Field Staff is busy visiting chapters and helping them recruit more brothers. Many of the chapters the Field Staff is working with are struggling with membership numbers, so assisting with recruitment events, as well as showing brothers how to boost campus visibility, is crucial.

Zeta Epsilon Chapter at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, is in the rebuilding stage since it had only three brothers last year. This year the chapter did a great job of expanding to 15. Zeta Epsilon had a very successful recruitment week with the Field Staff, during which brothers were able to get the names of 70 prospective members.

Because the chapter is growing rapidly, the Field Staff focused on officer training so the executive council would have the skills and knowledge to manage and organize the expanding chapter. The Field Staff met with executive council members separately to discuss and clarify the duties and responsibilities of each position. As a result, the chapter was able to plan service and fellowship activities, as well as the pledge and initiation ceremonies, well in advance to ensure everybody was aware of chapter events.

Alpha Lambda Chapter at North Dakota State University in Fargo had all but three members graduate last year. Although small in number, the remaining members had a strong recruitment week planned, which was full of service and fellowship activities, as well as informational meetings for



students interested in joining. Since the few members left in the chapter are going to graduate soon, the Field Staff emphasized the importance of expanding the recruitment window. Alpha Lambda decided to continue

recruitment activities through mid-October to allow plenty of time to bring in a strong pledge class to take control of the chapter after the current brothers graduate.

Tau Upsilon Chapter at the Uni-



versity of Wisconsin-Platteville also had the majority of its members graduate last year. With only three brothers left in the chapter, the Field Staff helped brothers recruit and collect the names of interested students. They also discussed the chapter's concerns regarding student apathy on campus, which encouraged Tau Upsilon to organize a campus-wide service day. Brothers plan to work with local businesses and nonprofits in need of assistance and provide them with volunteers from the school. Through their service, Tau Upsilon hopes to boost interest in community service, APO and local needs.

The Field Staff will be doing chapter consultations during National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Staff will help brothers develop programs that will aid in the recruitment of new members and the retention of existing members, work with chapter leaders to promote opportunities for growth, and assist chapters in providing leadership opportunities for members. As part of each consultation, an individualized plan for building a healthier chapter or extension group will be provided. Appointments are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Heather Lehman at heather@apo.org to schedule an appointment or if you have questions.

APO Receives 2010 In2books Community Service Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The ePals Foundation recently announced Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity as one of the 2010 recipients of the In2Books Community Service Award. This award recognizes 10 organizations that have demonstrated a strong commitment to the academic achievement and digital literacy of high-needs students through the exemplary service of employees or members as

online eMentors in the Foundation's In2Books program. More than 40 APO chapters contributed approximately 300 volunteers to this program during the 2009-10 academic year.

In2Books, a free curriculum-based eMentoring program, matches eMentors with high-needs elementary students. It is currently in 250 Title I classrooms in 22 states. This learning experience provides our nation's most vulnerable students with an online literacy experience that develops critical skills, builds digital literacy and exposes them to adult role models from different professions around the country.

A privately held education technology company, ePals Inc., has created the world's largest K-12 learning network. ePals offers primary and secondary schools, teachers, students, and parents worldwide a safe and secure platform for building educational communities, providing high quality digital content and facilitating collaboration for effective 21st century learning. ePals is used by more than 600,000 educators and reaches more than 25 million students and parents in 200 counties and territories.



Become an APO LEADS Presenter Through Online Training

The Leadership Development Committee and its training team have adapted the training program and presenter development materials into a series of online and live sessions, which will allow the Fraternity to develop new

alumni presenters and prepare them for becoming fully certified by or at National Convention in Atlanta.

A series of online courses has been developed in order to familiarize potential presenters with the course material and with presentation styles. Live courses now focus mainly on practice and watching the potential presenters go through the material

To learn more about becoming an APO LEADS online presenter, visit www.apo.org

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and determining if they have enough of a comfort level and understanding with the material to be a full-fledged presenter. Therefore, it is MANDATORY to attend an online session for the class that you want to present. If you have not attended an online session for the class, you may not attend the practical session. Facilitators assign parts for the live training based on who has gone through the online trainings; therefore it is requirement.

The practical session is limited to four participants per trainer, so register early!

Basic Skills and content training will be offered in the new format from the 2010 National Convention onward. Please keep in mind that, in order to complete content training, you must attend the online curriculum review and attend the live practical session to be certified in the course.

Prior to taking the content practical session, you must have completed the following items:

1. Taken the course in question (Launch, Achieve, etc.)
2. Be a certified presenter (Complete the Basic Skills courses)
3. Attended the online curriculum review for the specific module.
4. Register for the practical session at the National Convention.
5. Attend the practical session at the National Convention.

Welcome New Chapter!

PHI SIGMA

Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico

ALPHA ZETA PSI

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater



Visit www.apo.org for scheduled online classes for each module as well as for practical training events scheduled at the 2010 National Convention.

Paid Internship Opportunities Available

MyEdu is seeking enthusiastic undergraduates from professional fraternities/sororities who are looking to learn and apply marketing and sales principles in real world situations. The internship is open to students across all majors. This position offers the opportunity for growth with a rapidly expanding company, and will build and strengthen a student's resume. Ideal campus reps work well under limited management and enjoy a fun, flexible work environment. Campus reps are charged with raising awareness about MyEdu and managing its brand image on campus.

Benefits and responsibilities include developing creative and innovative ways to increase the MyEdu membership and create a viral buzz on and around campus, developing weekly plans with key deadlines and goals, networking with campus leaders, providing feedback to MyEdu for market analysis and product development based on efforts on campus, and serving as a liaison between campus users and MyEdu staff.

For more information regarding this opportunity, visit www.apo.org or contact Jaime Sutton, director of campus rep programs, at 512-496-9777 x201 or via e-mail at jaime.sutton@myedu.com.

APO DATELINE

DECEMBER

- 12/01-09:** Hanukkah
- 12/09:** APO LEADS: LAUNCH Content Training: Instructional Component
- 12/11:** APO LEADS: EXPLORE Content Training: Instructional Component
- 12/14:** APO LEADS: Basic Skills Instructional Component
- 12/15:** Online National Convention Registration Closes
- 12/21:** First Day of Winter
- 12/25:** Christmas
- 12/27-30:** National Convention, Atlanta
- 12/30:** Board of Directors Meeting, Atlanta



JANUARY

- 1/01:** New Years Day
- 1/13:** APO IMPACT Live: Section Chairs
- 1/17:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/20:** APO IMPACT Live: Retention
- 1/26:** APO IMPACT Live: SYSD
- 1/27-30:** Board Meeting, Kansas City, MO
- 1/31:** Chapter Officer List Due



FEBRUARY

- 2/01:** Youth Service Day Grant Applications Due
- 2/01:** APO IMPACT Live: Membership VP
- 2/07:** APO IMPACT Live: Matching Volunteers with Needs
- 2/14:** Valentine's Day
- 2/17:** APO IMPACT Live: Conflict Management
- 2/21:** Presidents' Day
- 2/23:** APO IMPACT Live: Conference Planning



MARCH

- 3/01:** APO IMPACT Live: Sergeant at Arms
- 3/09:** APO IMPACT Live: Fraternity Basics
- 3/16:** APO IMPACT Live: Marketing
- 3/17:** St. Patrick's Day
- 3/17:** Campfire USA presents "Absolutely Incredible Kid Day"
- 3/18:** Section 66 Conference
- 3/20:** First Day of Spring
- 3/25:** Sections 87/88/89 Conference
- 3/25:** Sections 94/96 Conclave
- 3/29:** APO IMPACT Live: President



Atlanta



1976

**Article authored by
Cassie Wilson, editorial intern**

The Vietnam War had ended just a few years earlier, and the recent Civil Rights Movement had helped change inequality between races. The Eagles had just released one of the biggest-selling albums of all time, *Hotel California*, and Apple Computer, Inc., was created by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne. Jimmy Carter was elected president of the United States, and filming had begun on George Lucas' *Star Wars*. The first space shuttle, *Enterprise*, was revealed by NASA, and the Pittsburgh Steelers won Superbowl X. It was 1976, the year of Alpha Phi Omega's 24th Biennial National Convention in Atlanta.

Between December 27 and December 29, 1976, many important issues were discussed and decided upon. Dr. Lawrence Hirsch, Gamma Beta '40, was elected to a second term as National President of APO, and Lorin Jurvis, Delta Nu '53,

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as National Vice President. The Golden Eagle was voted the APO national bird for its strength, grace, keenness of vision and endurance. A resolution was passed to allow the Fraternity to formally recognize APO alumni associations, and the Chapter Distinguished Service Award was introduced as the highest distinction a chapter could bestow. These decisions ultimately changed or improved APO; however, there was one decision that changed much more for the Fraternity.

The first step to bringing women into the Fraternity was accomplished when the Constitutional Convention of 1967 removed the requirement that members had to be affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America.

In 1972, only five years after the Constitutional Convention, the United States Congress passed the Title IX Federal Higher Education Act that denied federal funding support to institutions that allowed organizations with restricted

membership. Since APO allowed only men to join at that time, many chapters were in jeopardy of losing campus recognition if action was not taken. The Fraternity attempted to get an exemption to Title IX, which was denied. In an effort to keep all of our chapters, changes had to be made.

At the 1974 National Convention, a vote passed to create an “affiliate” membership for women. Prior to that time, women who supported chapter activities were often recognized as “sweethearts.” Still, women were not allowed to participate in certain parts of the Ritual and could not hold a national office. Women who attended the 1974 National Convention had to register as guests and were not allowed to serve as voting delegates, even if they were officers in their chapters.

It was at the 1976 National Convention in Atlanta that the Legislative Session decided to neutralize all gender references



in the Articles of Incorporation, National Bylaws and Standard Chapter Articles. This action allowed women to be eligible for full membership in APO. When the amendment was adopted in December 1976, special initiation ceremonies were coordinated at the Convention for women who had been initiated as affiliate members and whose chapters had been fighting for their full membership.

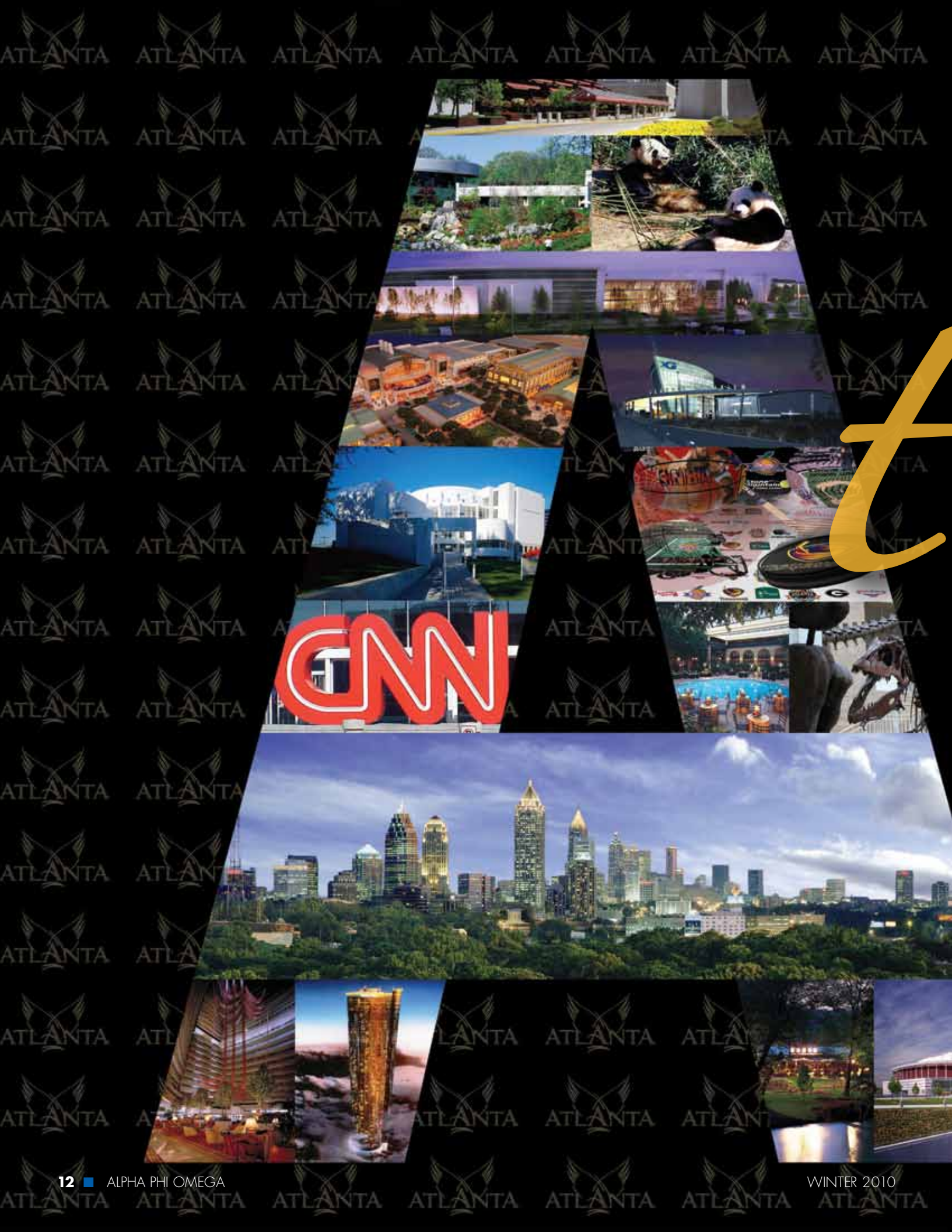
This amendment also allowed APO to keep all of its current active chapters since it no longer restricted membership. Even though open membership was decided in December 1976, the amendment wasn't officially monitored by the National Board of Directors until September 1, 1977.

Although many chapters initially chose not to allow women membership, the idea quickly caught on and continued to expand, allowing women everywhere to become members of APO. In 1977, there was a 23

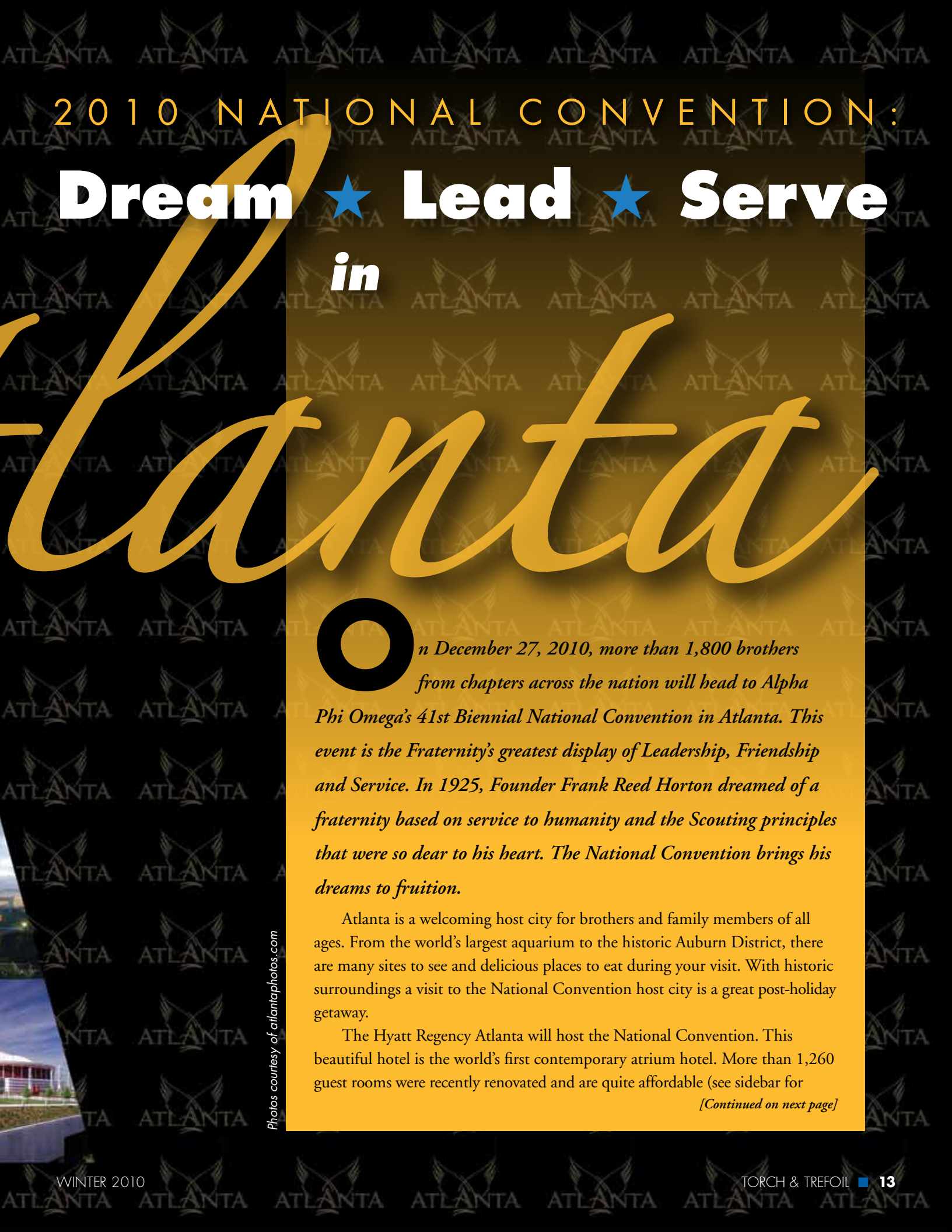
percent increase in the number of pledges and a 21 percent increase in new initiates, where only modest increases took place the year before.

The 24th Biennial National Convention in Atlanta brought a lot of important and controversial changes to APO. This was no doubt a historic National Convention; however, everything that happens at the Convention is history in the making. Take a minute to think about how much has changed in the world and the Fraternity during the past 34 years. The world changes on a daily basis, yet history books and memories of where you were when a particular event takes place endure for generations.

Will you have a firsthand story to tell about the 2010 National Convention and the historic events that will take place? You will if you register today and attend the 41st Biennial National Convention in Atlanta from December 27 to December 30, 2010. ■



Atlanta



2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Dream ★ Lead ★ Serve

in

Atlanta

On December 27, 2010, more than 1,800 brothers from chapters across the nation will head to Alpha Phi Omega's 41st Biennial National Convention in Atlanta. This event is the Fraternity's greatest display of Leadership, Friendship and Service. In 1925, Founder Frank Reed Horton dreamed of a fraternity based on service to humanity and the Scouting principles that were so dear to his heart. The National Convention brings his dreams to fruition.

Atlanta is a welcoming host city for brothers and family members of all ages. From the world's largest aquarium to the historic Auburn District, there are many sites to see and delicious places to eat during your visit. With historic surroundings a visit to the National Convention host city is a great post-holiday getaway.

The Hyatt Regency Atlanta will host the National Convention. This beautiful hotel is the world's first contemporary atrium hotel. More than 1,260 guest rooms were recently renovated and are quite affordable (see sidebar for

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pricing information) for such a beautiful hotel in the heart of the city. The Hyatt is within walking distance of some of Atlanta's top tourist attractions, including the Peachtree Center Mall, Georgia Aquarium, Georgia World Congress Center, AmericasMart, CNN Center, Phillips Arena and Georgia Dome.

The National Convention was held in Atlanta 34 years ago, and those four days changed the face of APO and the way the Fraternity operates. (To learn more about the historic 1976 National Convention, see pages 8-11.) The 2010 National Convention will take its place in the Fraternity history book as President Maggie Katz, the first female National President, ends her term. In addition, the Convention will make key decisions regarding the future direction of the Fraternity.

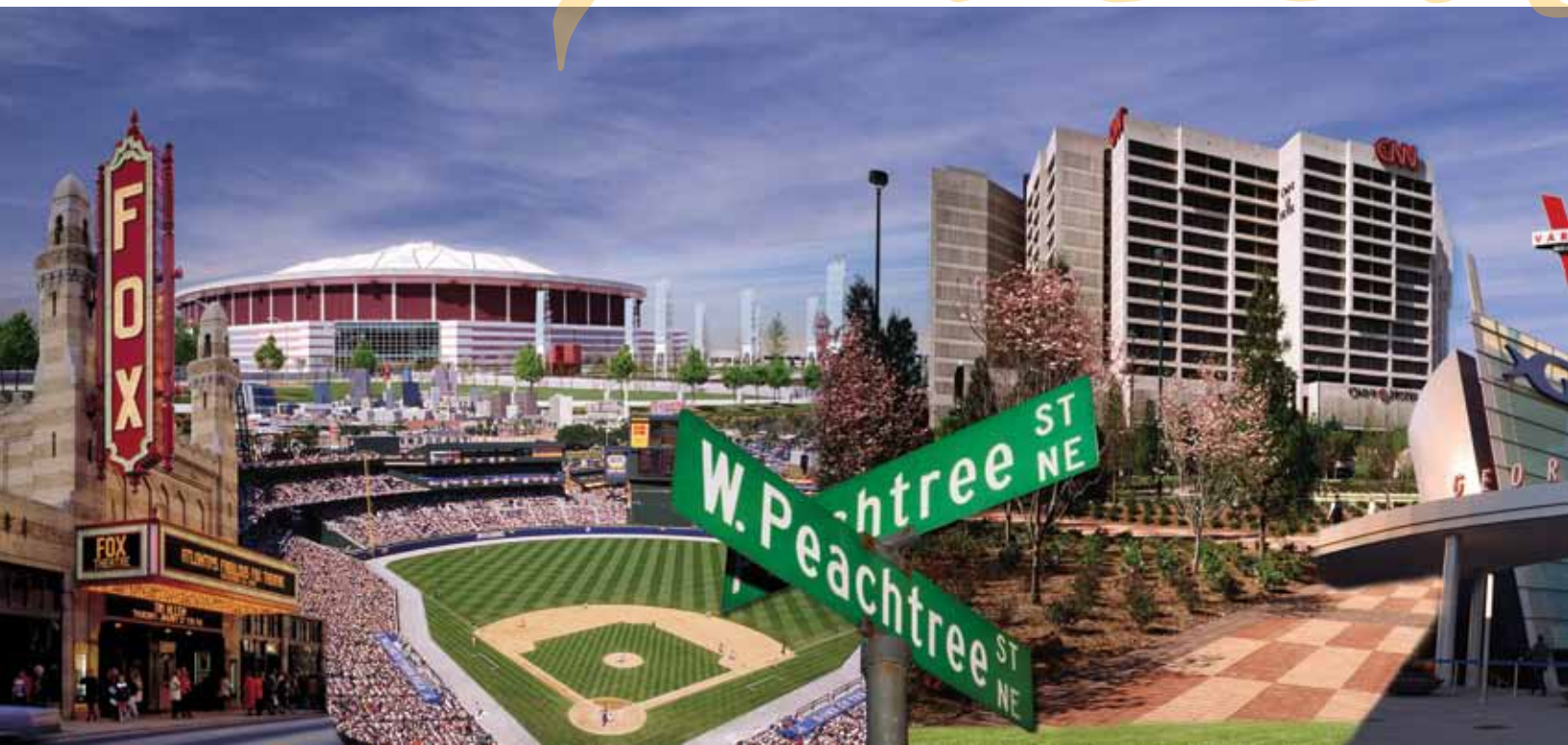
The National Convention Planning Committee, volunteers and National Office staff are working hard to create, organize and schedule great workshops. There are 12 workshop blocks throughout the Convention, ranging from individual development to chapter officer training.

The most anticipated events at the Convention are the Fellowship Banquet and dance, and the Awards Banquet and dance. This year's Fellowship Banquet theme, Above the City

Lights, will set the stage for another amazing APO National Convention. A Big Band Dance will follow the banquet, so be sure to pack your '40s swing-era garb. The Awards Banquet, Reach for the Stars: Celebration of the Four Stars of Service, will put the final touch on the 2010 Atlanta National Convention. The banquet will be followed by a Sleepless in Atlanta Pajama Jam dance party, so bring your favorite pair of (appropriate) pajamas so you can dance the night away with your brothers. For banquet pricing and information, see the sidebar on page 15.

In the spirit of one of our Cardinal Principles, service projects are planned throughout the National Convention, including a Red Cross-sponsored blood drive and a carnival to support the Make-A-Wish-Foundation. Brothers can also start a pre-Convention service project even before they arrive in Atlanta by participating in the Box Top and Pop Tab Collection competitions. When you clip and collect box tops from grocery products and bring them to the Convention, you give money to an Atlanta school in need. Pop tabs, which are made of high-quality aluminum and can be easily recycled, will be collected for Ronald McDonald houses in Atlanta.

The Alumni Relations and Internal Volunteer Develop-



ment committees will host a delicious luncheon for alumni on Tuesday, December 28, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. at the Capital City Club. This is an exciting location for the luncheon. Various APO generations will gather at the luncheon for reunions and photos. Tickets to the alumni reception are sold separately and can be purchased online or by calling the National Office at 816-373-8667. See the sidebar on the right for pricing information.

If you're unable to attend the Convention, you can keep up-to-date on news, legislation progress and service projects via posts on various social media outlets. Follow APOStaff on Twitter or read the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, USA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AlphaPhiOmega.USA. You can also visit the APONationals YouTube Channel to view roll call submissions from chapters across the country.

Don't miss the chance to watch the Fraternity in action during the 41st Biennial National Convention in Atlanta! Online registration is available until December 15, 2010; however, banquet seating is limited and is sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Register today and be a part of APO history.

Visit www.apo.org for event information. ■



REGISTRATION PRICES

- Student & Advisor \$100
- Alumni Life Member \$115
- Alumni (non-Life Member) \$130
- Guest (without souvenir) Free

Registration for Adult & Child guests are free, however Banquets & Alumni events are sold separately!

BANQUETS

FELLOWSHIP BANQUET, 12/28/2010

- Adult \$35
- Child (minor) \$15

AWARDS BANQUET, 12/30/2010

- Adult \$40
- Child (minor) \$15

SPECIAL ALUMNI EVENT, 12/28/2010

- Alumni Event Add-on \$15

This selection is for alumni members & guests to add-on to their a la cart registration or value package.

- Alumni Event ONLY \$45

This selection is for registering to attend the Alumni Event ONLY without attending the convention activities. You may choose to add-on the Fellowship and/or Awards Banquet. Banquet rates will depend on time registering and availability - see banquet pricing.



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.

1960s

- **Ted Strickler, Eta Phi '69 at American University in Washington, D.C.**, was appointed executive director of the Col. Arthur D. Simons Center for the Study of Interagency Cooperation in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

1970s

- **Fydell Nick Rocha, Eta Tau '76 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon**, was named Volunteer of the Year for the Texas Panhandle chapter of the American Red Cross.

1980s

- **James "Mike" Hammack, Eta Chi '81 at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas**, was named head of fundraising for Hardin-Simmons University and was appointed executive director for institutional advancement.
- **Dr. Allen Wong, DDS, Mu Zeta '81 at San Francisco State University in California**, was awarded the first ever Humanitarian Faculty Award by the Dugoni School of Dentistry's Humanitarian Dentistry Organization (HuDen). The award honors one faculty member per year for time dedicated to providing free dental service.
- **Wyatt Bryson, Lambda Omicron '89 at West Virginia University in Morgantown**, published his most recent book, *Onyx & Eggshell*, which tells the story of five very different girls pledging a sorority.
- **Kathleen (Crowley) Olowin, Alpha Phi '89 at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri**, published her book, *"Angels in My Heart,"* to offer support to bereaved parents by sharing her own story about loss.

1990s

- **Tara Lindsay, Epsilon Beta '92 at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant**, was named a 2010 Outstanding Young Michigander by the Michigan Jaycees for her multiple volunteer and philanthropic endeavors.
- **Robin (Misora) Cullotta, Theta Epsilon '95 at Illinois State University in Normal**, is director of the development committee and board member of SIDS of Illinois. She spoke before Congress in Springfield and helped pass House Bill 5930, stating that hospitals across the state of Illinois must provide safe-sleep information to parents before they leave the hospital with their newborn.

Whitely Defeats Mount Kilimanjaro and Battle with Weight

Brother Kara (Richardson) Whitely, Alpha Gamma Eta '95 at the University of Vermont in Burlington, dreamed of hiking the highest mountains in the world, but her weight of more than 360 pounds was weighing her down – literally.

However, Brother Whitely had a goal and she wasn't about to let her size get in the way. In 2004, she started walking flat trails, hiking around her city and working out to lose some of the excess weight.

Brother Whitely's dreams became more of a reality when she accepted Global Alliance Africa's challenge to hike Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak, to benefit the organization's programs for orphans with AIDS. "Now I was training for a cause bigger than myself," said Brother Whitely. "I mean, who was I not to workout when a child in Africa was depending on my success."

Brother Whitely lost about 120 pounds and was able to hike Mount Kilimanjaro, reaching its summit February 17, 2007. After that, she was unstoppable. Although some weight returned when she became pregnant, Brother Whitely has continued to lose weight, help others with goals, write books, plan another climb (this time with celebrities), get in shape and raise \$19,343 –

one dollar for every foot of the mountain.

Brother Whitely recently released *Fat Woman on the Mountain*, a book about her journey up mountains and down the scale. She is working on her next book, *"Save the World Workout,"* which is about how to take on physical events for charity, a task she completed every month in 2009. She has no plans to slow down. "After my third trek up Kilimanjaro in February with celebrities, I will move on to other mountains and other causes," said Brother Whitely. "My road to Kilimanjaro started on flat trails and I went up from there. Just put one foot in front of the other and you'll go great places too."

For more information on Brother Whitely's journey, books, upcoming seminars or to follow her blog, visit www.fatwomanonthemountain.com.



2000s

- **Delishia Porterfield, Psi Phi '03 at Tennessee State University in Nashville**, recently finished her master's program in special education, closed on her first home and got her first job in the special education field.
- **Herbert Karg, Rho Chi '05 at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania**, recently returned from an eight-month tour in Iraq and is serving as the scouting advisor for Omega Mu Chapter at Clarion University in Pennsylvania.
- **Joshua Scott Melvin, Alpha Beta Zeta '07 at**

Radford University in Virginia, helped restart the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

- **Kevin Broadley, Mu Xi '07 at High Point University in North Carolina**, accepted a coaching position at Lake Norman Charter School for the boy's soccer team and the middle school girl's soccer team.
- **Melissa Boege, Alpha Delta Phi '08 at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey**, was an intern at 2nd Floor Youth Helpline, a confidential, anonymous helpline for New Jersey's youth and young adults, where she served as a phone counselor.



REGION I

Alpha Delta Phi Chapter at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, participated in "Playdate Earth," which helps educators mold the minds of the very young in a positive way by providing experiences that teach young children to respect themselves and the environment.

REGION II

Brothers from **Epsilon Nu Chapter at SUNY Oswego in New York** hosted the chapter's Fourth Annual Ghana Walk. Students from SUNY Oswego and chapters at other universities were among those who participated in the walk during which each participant donated \$20 and walked four miles to fund a library project in the West African country.

REGION III

Iota Gamma Chapter at Towson University in Maryland hosted an event where local bands played to help support the patients of the University of Maryland Medical Center's Hospital for Children.

REGION V

Lambda Omicron Chapter at West Virginia

University in Morgantown hosted a memorial bell-ringing service open to family, friends and the University community to honor two fellow students who died over the summer.

REGION VI

Delta Omicron Chapter at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana, organized the second Wabash Water Quality Sampling Blitz of the year to show students and the community members how healthy the water was.

REGION VII

Alpha Gamma Omega Chapter at the University of Texas at San Antonio participated in a tree planting with Mayor Julián Castro.

REGION VIII

Beta Eta Chapter at the University of Missouri-Columbia co-hosted the 19th annual Volunteer Fair to give students a chance to learn more about ways they can give back to the community.

REGION IX

Mu Theta Chapter at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, organized the Luther College

Adventure Race. The race included two miles of canoeing/kayaking, a 12-mile bike ride and a three-mile run through Decorah and the surrounding areas.

REGION X

Chi Chapter at the University of California at Los Angeles, participated in HOPE (The Higher Opportunity Program for Education), a student-run project at UCLA that helps high school students, who come from families where parents work most of the time or are immigrant families, through peer advising, tutoring, workshops, field trips, and high school conferences.

REGION XI

Alpha Zeta Theta Chapter at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau held a massive campus-wide fundraiser for the Southeast Alaska Food Bank. They constructed a jail cell, and participants donated \$5 to issue a warrant to an individual of their choosing and then the warranted persons had to raise their "bail." By the end of the day the chapter collected \$430. The chapter spent the money on as much canned food as possible and donated 395 pounds of food to the food bank.

REGION IV

Gamma Lambda Chapter at Clemson University in South Carolina celebrated its first 70 years of Leadership, Friendship and Service with four days of activities culminating with a banquet attended by the chapter's chartering president.

The celebration began on the chapter's actual birthday with a visit to the building on the Clemson campus where H. Roe Bartle conducted Gamma Lambda's chartering ceremony on October 6, 1940. Brothers and pledges formed the fellowship circle in front of the building and sang the Toast Song as a Gamma Lambda brother played it on the campus carillon in a nearby building.

During the next three days, several small events were held, leading up to a banquet at which Ed Richter, Leadership Development Director, delivered the keynote address and Clemson Vice President for Student Affairs Gail DiSabatino expressed

congratulations on behalf of the University.

The chapter presented 70th anniversary Leadership, Friendship and Service awards to:

- Phil Prince (leadership award), Gamma Lambda '48, former Clemson University president, APO Endowment Trustee, and a recipient of APO's National Distinguished Service Award.
- Alva Gaskin (friendship award), Gamma Lambda '72, who is legendary in Gamma Lambda for his many contributions to the success and morale of the brotherhood.
- Barbara Cartwright (service award), an honorary brother who in 1985 started the annual blood drive competition between Clemson and the University of South Carolina that has grown to be the largest blood drive in the Palmetto State.

The 70th Anniversary Founders Award was presented to chartering president William E. (Bill) Awtrey, Gamma Lambda

'40, who at 90 years of age drove 250 miles from his home on the South Carolina coast to attend the banquet. In a follow-up e-mail, he wrote: "It was an honor to meet so many of the alumni and current members of Alpha Phi Omega who were present. Little did we know 70 years ago that so much would be accomplished by the chapter and its members ... It was an event I will always remember fondly."



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The economy continues to struggle, and many people are being forced to cut back, spend smarter and plan for the future. By doing the aforementioned, many will be able to continue their lifestyle and support the causes they wish to support.

If you want to give back to Alpha Phi Omega and make it as easy on your budget as possible, consider becoming a sustaining donor. A sustaining donation is a gift you make automatically over a period of time (monthly, semimonthly or quarterly) using your credit card. Your gift can also be automatically deducted from your bank account. Splitting your donation into smaller amounts can help with your personal budget.

For \$10 per month, you can give \$120 per year to the Alpha Phi Omega Annual Fund. If every Life Member donated \$120 a year to the Fraternity, that would be more than \$2,880,000! By simply giving up one meal out, one online album or two overpriced cups of coffee each month on your morning



commute, you can make a difference and help secure the future of the Fraternity's programs.

The Annual Fund supports the day-to-day operations of the Fraternity. It provides much-needed revenue for things such as visits to struggling chapters by a field representative, moving toward online registration of new members and improving the quality of our publications.

You may choose to give whatever amount works for your budget. The chart below shows a breakdown of the different Torchbearer Levels. Giving back to the Fraternity in this economic downturn doesn't have to put a strain on your wallet. ■

Giving Level	Monthly Commitment	Quarterly Commitment
Diamond Founders' Circle: \$5,000	\$416.66	\$1,250.00
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Diamond Torchbearer: \$500	\$41.66	\$125.00
Gold Torchbearer: \$250	\$20.83	\$62.50
Silver Torchbearer: \$150	\$12.50	\$37.50
Torchbearer: \$75	\$6.25	\$18.75



KRISTIE'S KORNER

As we approach the closing of another year (another decade at that), let's take a moment to reflect on the progress we have collectively made. Over the past decade, Alpha Phi Omega has grown by leaps and bounds. We've increased our membership, service hours, leadership programming, technological resources and so much more. We've updated the "face" of APO with a new logo, redesigned publications and a strong presence in today's world of social networking. In so doing, we gained the interest of today's generation of students while preserving the original dream of our Founders. Have you experienced personal growth? Where were you in relation to APO a decade ago? Have you continued your commitment to Leadership, Friendship and Service? Have you stayed true to your desire to make the world a better place? Have you, to your full capacity, given support to your brothers, your community and your country? If so, great job! If not, it's never too late. Start the New Year resolved to give back, APO style! ■

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Keeping the tradition going strong.



*Amy Kelly, Beta Chapter '04,
University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh*

"The biggest thing I learned from Alpha Phi Omega is brotherhood. APO showed me that it's about working together, building friendships and doing good. That's why I love giving to APO. I know I'm helping my brothers and helping build a stronger Fraternity. I started giving right after graduation. I thought it would be a great way to give back to a Fraternity that gave me so much. I know that with job searches, student loans, and rent, making a donation can be a daunting task for a new grad, but I remembered that a gift of any size helps. Also, APO allowed me to break my donation into monthly payments, which made it easier to give. Think about it: You can give \$100 in one year just by giving \$8.33 a month!"

Thank you to all of our sustained donors who have contributed to the Annual Fund.

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**— Frank Reed Horton, Founder,
“The Lightbearer”, March 1929**

