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"Louis, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

– Rick [Humphrey Bogart] from Casablanca 1942

Brothers,

We know from our own experience in this great Fraternity that friendship is important. I know that I am truly grateful for the great friendships I have developed; some newer, and some that have lasted for over 20 years! It is equally important for our Fraternity, as a way to increase our national presence, to create partnerships (friendships) with other organizations. These partnerships help build our reputation as the premier leadership development and service organization for college students as well as expand the service opportunities available to our chapters. I would like to take a moment to share with you the important work we have been doing to create these partnerships on behalf of the Fraternity.



Based on our founding, we all know that our longest-running national partner is the **Boy Scouts of America**, and over the last few years we also entered into a partnership with the **Girl Scouts of the USA**. Partnerships with these great youth organizations have allowed us to be of service at camps, hosting Merit Badge/Girl Scout Badge Universities and supporting local troops with various programs. This has allowed us to showcase our values to the youth we contact, who will hopefully seek to join our chapters when they go to college.

More recently, we entered a national partnership with the **American Cancer Society** to promote and sponsor its Relay for Life program, which has opened service opportunities while also building our national reputation. I am very pleased to report that we entered into a brand new, formal partnership with **Special Olympics of North America** this summer. This agreement is very special to me personally, based on the involvement of my brother, Jeff, in Special Olympics for a number of years, but also because we have again increased the service opportunities available for our members to work with and impact the lives of disabled youth and adults who participate in Special Olympics.

I cannot wait to see the great projects that our members will do to help build upon this new relationship with Special Olympics, and profoundly impact and improve the lives of the disabled members of our communities. As Humphrey Bogart so eloquently said at the end of Casablanca, "I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

Fraternally,

Hon. John K. Ottenad
National President



#APOserves90 SPOTLIGHT

This spotlight is on Iota Rho Chapter at Florida State University for partnering with alumni and other campus organizations to create the Teal Human Ribbon for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April to raise awareness on their campus and in their community of this very important topic! Let us know what your contribution is to the 90th anniversary celebration and maybe you'll find yourself in the spotlight!



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The conference consisted of four days of Leadership, Friendship and Service. It commenced with a welcome celebration and ended with a group discussion focused on feedback about the weekend’s events.

Those events included workshops designed for volunteers with varying levels of experience, a speed meet-and-greet session with the Board of Directors, daily luncheons, a special presentation and an optional road

trip. On Friday, special guest speaker Barbara Jacoby, Ph.D., faculty associate for leadership and community-service learning at the University of Maryland, College Park, spoke about volunteerism and its relationship to



social change. On Saturday, brothers were invited to visit the Boy Scouts of America Order of the Arrow at the Baltimore Area Council Headquarters.

There were 36 workshops offered

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throughout the conference. The courses catered to the interests of volunteers based on their level of experience: new volunteers, APO activists and APO legends. This allowed alumni to receive training relevant to their own volunteering situations.

For the first time ever, Volunteer University courses were also available at NVC. Participating in this program provides a strong foundation that will allow alumni volunteers to maximize their effort and energy in the arenas in which they serve the Fraternity. Courses from five of the eight tracks were offered and covered topics such as conflict resolution, campus

administrations, professionalism and recruitment.

As always, brothers did not pass up the opportunity for fellowship; they visited with old friends and met many anew. The conference ended on a positive note with everyone looking forward to reuniting again in Pittsburgh in 2016 at the next national convention.

Notes from June Board Meeting

The following actions were taken by the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors at its meeting on June 27, 2015:

The Board approved the minutes of

the January meeting and the following membership goals for the 2015-16 fiscal year:

- Pledges: 15,272
- Initiates: 12,530
- AAMD: 15,905
- Charter Reaffirmation: 364
- New/Rechartered Chapters: 14

Brother Robert C. Barkhurst, Pi Beta '64, was appointed as National Archivist Emeritus.

The following members were appointed to the Canadian Extension Task Force:

- Brother Jim Hahn, Lambda Omicron '83
- Brother Beth Tom, Iota Phi '79
- Brother Fred Heismeyer, Lambda Omicron '73
- Brother Wilfred Krennek, Alpha Rho '75
- Brother David Emery, Iota Phi '79
- Brother Alan Wong, Gamma Gamma '01
- Brother Chelsea Kirk, Alpha Zeta '07
- Brother Ping Huang, Alpha Chi '90

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

- Alpha Zeta Zeta Chapter at Husson University (Region I, Section 94)
- Alpha Eta Beta Chapter at the Art Institute of Washington (Region III, Section 79)
- Zeta Pi Chapter at Wayne State University (Region VI, Section 55)
- Beta Mu Chapter at Missouri State University (Region VIII, Section 35)

The Board approved:

- Granting charters to Eta Mu, Utica College, Region II, Section 87 and Alpha Eta Sigma,



Cazenovia College, Region II,
Section 87

- Amending the Fraternity's Operations and Policy Manual: Category III, Sub-category 1; Policy XX
- Memorandums of Understanding with the Girl Scouts of the USA, renewed; the Special Olympics North America, approved
- Naming Brother Philip M. Pfeffer, Zeta Nu '63, as the 2015 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree

The Board held strategic discussions on the following topics:

- Leaders in Service Campaign
- The strategic plan
- Risk management
- The registry offense list
- Phase 1 of the Regional Realignment report
- Alumni engagement programs

Updates were provided on the Convention directives, Alpha Phi Omega Endowment, national structure transition, facilities and Board members. The Region Director's Cup was presented to Region IX.

International Relations Director Elizabeth Tom made a special presentation of the gifts given to her as the lead of the APO USA delegation to the APO Philippine Convention.

The next Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors meeting will be January 29-30, 2016, in Orlando, Florida.

John Mack Scholarship Recipients Announced

Alpha Phi Omega is proud to announce that 77 students were chosen for the 2015 John Mack Scholarship for their exemplary leadership and service.

For the full list of recipients, please visit www.apo.org/news/johnmackscholarship.

APO DATELINE

OCTOBER

- 10/01:** Chapter Officer List Due
- 10/07:** APO IMPACT Live: Diversity
- 10/08:** APO IMPACT Live: Building New Leaders
- 10/12:** Columbus Day
- 10/13:** APO IMPACT Live: Motivation for Service
- 10/21:** APO IMPACT Live: Conference Planning
- 10/24:** Section 30 Conference
- 10/27:** APO IMPACT Live: What is APO B.O.L.D
- 10/29:** APO IMPACT Live: CAPS
- 10/31:** Halloween



NOVEMBER

- 11/01:** Daylight Saving Time ends
- 11/01-07:** National Service Week
- 11/04:** APO IMPACT Live: Retention
- 11/06:** APO LEADS Launch - Rochester, NY
- 11/06-08:** Region III Conference
- 11/06-08:** Region IX Conference
- 11/07:** APO LEADS Discover - Rochester, NY
- 11/10:** APO IMPACT Live: More Than Cookies
- 11/11:** Veterans Day
- 11/12:** APO IMPACT Live: Marketing APO on Your Campus
- 11/13-15:** Region VI Conference
- 11/13-15:** Region V Conference
- 11/14:** Section 35 Conference
- 11/14:** 101/102 Sectionals
- 11/15:** National Service Week Reports Due
- 11/15:** Chapter Reaffirmation Due
- 11/15:** Annual Active Membership Dues
- 11/15:** Annual Chapter Evaluation Due
- 11/15:** H. Roe Bartle Award Application Due
- 11/17:** APO IMPACT Live: Fraternity Life
- 11/19:** APO IMPACT Live: Youth Service Grant
- 11/20-22:** Region VII Conference
- 11/26:** Thanksgiving



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

Brother Phil Pfeffer and his wife, Pam, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary surrounded by their children and grandchildren.



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*Brother
Phil Pfeffer*

With a deep understanding of what the Cardinal Principles really mean, Brother Phil Pfeffer exemplifies Leadership, Friendship and Service.

After joining the Boy Scouts of America at the age of eight and earning the rank of Eagle Scout as a teenager, Brother Pfeffer pledged in 1963 with Zeta Nu Chapter at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC). Joining Alpha Phi Omega was a natural next step in his continuation of service to others.

“When I pledged and became an active member of Zeta Nu Chapter in the early ’60s, Alpha Phi Omega was known for its service,” he says. “It was often called the Eagle Scout Fraternity. If you were a Scout, and particularly an Eagle Scout, and interested in carrying forward the Scouting ideals of service to others, you could, and probably did, join Alpha Phi Omega.”

Brother Pfeffer has witnessed college life and the Fraternity transition over time. He recalls that more than half the student body was employed at least part-time by the university, student

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loans were not as prevalent and the cost of attendance was much lower. His chapter mostly served the needs of the SIUC campus and, instead of a few large projects throughout the school year, they maintained a cycle of continuous service.

"Campus life was quite different than I think it is today," he says. "At Southern Illinois University, our chapter was the go-to organization." He describes Zeta Nu Chapter as "highly regarded" around campus. "We didn't do service projects, per se, as best I can remember, as we were on constant call from the president's office."

The university president, Dr. Delyte Morris, knew he could always count on the chapter and frequently relied on the brothers' willingness to be of service.

"Whenever the president or his office needed help on campus for greeting distinguished visitors, conducting campus tours, hosting and befriending international students, or providing manpower for special projects or activities, our chapter was called upon," he recalls.

Because of his experience in Alpha

Phi Omega, diversity became of key importance to Brother Pfeffer. SIUC was known at that time for its accommodation of and accessibility for students with disabilities. Zeta Nu Chapter was dedicated to helping; they scheduled brothers to walk with blind students and those with wheelchairs to help navigate the way to the next class.

"I can remember four of our chapter members had to carry a student from the ground level to the fourth floor of Old Main," he says. "Although the university was considered handicapped friendly, it was a far cry from what that means today."

Brother Pfeffer spent two and a half years with the Fraternity as an undergraduate and yet his commitment to Leadership, Friendship and Service has continued long after graduation.

LEADERSHIP

High-quality leadership is at the core of Brother Pfeffer's success. In the winter 1997 issue of *Torch & Trefoil*, Brother Pfeffer was featured as a guest columnist. In that issue, he shared his Some Thoughts on Successful Leadership list. It includes inspirational

quotes, significant thoughts and reminders about the characteristics that a good leader should possess. Some of the advice that he has given to himself and to others includes:

- Believe in yourself and those around you. Continually remind yourself that you do. Be optimistic
- Cheerfully give help when asked.
- Encourage diversity. Never tolerate discrimination or harassment of any kind.
- Enjoy what you do.
- Lead; don't manage. Be a coach; be a facilitator; be a mentor; be approachable.

For the full list of Brother Pfeffer's Some Thoughts on Successful Leadership, search for the winter 1997 issue at www.apoarchive.org.

Naturally, his perspective has changed with each new experience and the list has evolved over time. Brother Pfeffer's strong skills have led him through a long, successful career of leadership positions with companies such as Genesco Inc., Tennessee Valley



Bancorp, Ingram Industries Inc., Random House Inc. and Borders Group Inc. Currently, he is the president and CEO of Treemont Capital Inc., a private equity investment company, in Nashville, Tennessee.

FRIENDSHIP

Brother Pfeffer learned a lot about the connection between friendship and service from his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America and Alpha Phi Omega.

"Friendship in our chapter in the early '60s was enhanced by our common experiences as members of the Boy Scouts of America and, in many cases, fellow Eagle Scouts," he says. "Today, membership of the Fraternity comes from a much broader group. The change over the last 50-plus years has definitely been a good change."

SERVICE

Brother Pfeffer served Theta Mu Chapter at Vanderbilt University as a faculty advisor in the late 1960s, and for 17 years, he served as a Trustee on the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment.

"Serving as an Endowment Trustee introduced me to some very accomplished and capable alumni from the Fraternity," he says. "They continue to provide wonderful service to the Fraternity year in and year out."

APO is just one of the organizations benefiting from Brother Pfeffer's years of generous service. He also currently serves on four corporate boards of directors for companies such as Treemont Capital Inc. and Lighthouse Counsel, and he is a member of six committees for organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America and the National Eagle Scout Association. ■

A CHALLENGE TO THE 2015 FALL PLEDGE CLASS

Dear Pledges,

Allow me to be one of the first to welcome you to Alpha Phi Omega. As a pledge and an active member of Zeta Nu Chapter at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in the early '60s, our fraternity has been an important part of my life for a long time. Prior to college, I was very involved in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America. I am an Eagle Scout and Quartermaster Sea Scout. My choice to pledge Alpha Phi Omega was an easy one. I was already familiar with its principles and I had a desire to continue to be of service to others.

At SIUC, my chapter coordinated a campus-wide effort to assist students with disabilities getting from one class to another or to participate in other campus activities. We would help in any way we could. Sometimes we carried books, and at other times, we helped students in wheelchairs get to the higher floors of a building if no elevators were available, which was often the case. SIUC was one of the first universities in the country to accommodate the needs of students with disabilities. Through the experience I had with my brothers in Alpha Phi Omega, helping others with handicaps has been important to me ever since.

With this in mind, I challenge you, the Alpha Phi Omega 2015 Fall Pledge Class, to focus on being of service to people with disabilities on campus and in your surrounding community. Find out what office at your university handles the accommodations for students and faculty with disabilities, develop a list of areas where your chapter can be of specific help and establish, or enhance, such programs. Contact the office of local government officials or a community center and ask how you and your brothers can be of service.

I would like each chapter to send a report to our national President, the Honorable John K. Ottenad, at the Alpha Phi Omega National Office and to me detailing your plan of action for your college campus and community. In recognition of your efforts in this regard, I will provide first, second and third place grants to the chapters with the best plans and execution in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500, respectively. Think about how your chapter could use one of these grants. Being in Alpha Phi Omega is all about being leaders in service, and I look forward to seeing how your pledge class plans to do just that.

Go out and make a difference!

Philip M. Pfeffer



by Lori Addington, Zeta Tau '14
Summer 2015 Communications Intern

this year's National Service Week theme is "Literacy for All: Improving Literacy for Adults". Throughout the United States, illiteracy is a major issue that too many adults face. According to Pro Literacy, within the U.S. alone, 29 percent of adults age 16 and older read at or below an eighth-grade level. Over the past few decades, literacy rates have improved but not significantly.

Literacy is not only a problem within the United States, which ranks fifth in industrialized nations; it is a global issue. The UNESCO Institute for Statistics states that as many as 781 million adults worldwide cannot read or write a simple sentence. Too many people are too likely to struggle with the consequences of a solvable problem.

Currently, numerous local, national and international organizations work to spread awareness of adult literacy issues and work toward giving adults the tools and opportunities to improve their skills. There are several benefits to improving literacy rates among adults, including:

- Improvement of health
- Economic growth
- Reduction of poverty, crime and abuse
- Political participation

Of course, these are just a few of the benefits of improving literacy skills among adults. Not only would the improvement be rewarding to society but also to the individual in general.

IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH

Most forms and informational documents are written at a college level and in English. Pro Literacy estimates that about 36 million Americans read at the same level as a third-grader. Imagine if your reading skills were only that of a 9-year-old. Medical and insurance forms, instructions for prescription medication and even post-operation care guidelines would be difficult to read.

Not only do many native-born citizens of the United States have low literacy skills but so do some naturalized citizens as well. Pro Literacy continues to state that each year, around 2 million people immigrate to the United States. Approximately 50 percent of these individuals do not have a high school-equivalent education and are limited in the English language. This lack of education compounded with language barriers makes it extremely difficult for many immigrants to transition to life in the United States.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

The improvement of literacy among adults could contribute to personal economic growth. Pro Literacy approximates that 14.5 percent of unemployed adults have

low literacy skills. Many of them do not have the ability to comprehend simple written instructions, directions or memos, nor are

Literacy is the ability to read, write and use technology at a level that lets individuals reach their full potential.

they able to properly fill out paperwork required to apply for jobs or enroll in classes. If this sample group had access to new learning opportunities, they could have broader employment options and a higher earning potential.

REDUCTION OF POVERTY, CRIME AND ABUSE

The United States government could save billions of dollars with the reduction of poverty and crime. Each year, federal spending is dedicated to public programs that assist citizens living in poverty, many of which can be attributed to low literacy skills. A lack of high school education can increase

the chances for an individual to fall into abuse or become incarcerated. Pro Literacy states that of those incarcerated, 75 percent of state and 59 percent of federal prison inmates did not complete high school.

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Along with an increase in quality of life and economic growth, the empowerment of literacy can encourage adults to be more active in politics. With a better understanding of how government works, more citizens could be better informed, and that could influence more people to exercise the right to vote. More involvement in government at every level would help create a better-functioning system for generations to come.

BENEFITS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

Adults who become more literate will have an increase in quality of life. They could also become better caregivers and have an increase in self-esteem. There are endless benefits to the individuals who make the decision to go back to school.

Sometimes the hardest part is finding help or simply finding the time and money to go back to school. Most programs are underfunded or simply do not have the resources available to help everyone. Although state and federal governments provide some funding for literacy projects, often it is not enough to make an impact upon the population that needs it the most. There is a definite need for help.

NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK

There are endless reasons why the literacy rates among adults need to rise. It is a matter of raising awareness and working toward a solution. Here are ways that chapters can challenge themselves to make a difference during this year's National Service Week:

- Host a fundraiser for your local literacy advocacy group
- Volunteer as a tutor at your local library
- Collect books and materials for local adult learning classes
- Provide audio books for ESL classes

Using a bit of creativity, any individual or chapter can make a difference. It is also important to remember that every little bit helps. This November, take a stance to help make a difference. Whether you collect a few dollars or donate a handful of books, these efforts will have a positive impact on someone. ■



LITERACY by the NUMBERS

781
million

adults worldwide
cannot read or write
a simple sentence

World's
population
considered
illiterate:

16
percent



36
million

American adults
read and write at
a 3rd grade level

High school
dropouts receiving
federal assistance:

90
percent

BENEFITS of LITERACY

Literacy is instrumental
in society's achievements

STRONGER
ECONOMY



IMPROVED
HEALTH



DECREASED
CRIME



MORE CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT





President's Challenge Accepted: **#APOserves90**

"Think of one of your happiest childhood moments. Chances are, it involved play - whether it was a favorite vacation, special toy or time spent with family and friends," says Ruth McMullen.

The Alpha Phi Omega Service Committee recently conducted an online survey to determine a project that would best fit the interests and resources of our chapters. With almost 300 responses from brothers in every region and from a wide spectrum of affiliations and experience, there was an

overwhelming, strong desire to be of service to children. In concurrence with the Fraternity's 90th anniversary, APO chapters nationwide will follow his lead with The Jared Box Project.

Ruth's son, Jared, was diagnosed with an incurable brainstem tumor at the age of five. Despite the

hardships he faced, he didn't let them interfere with his needs to play and to simply be a kid. Toting a backpack full of toys to all his appointments, Jared maintained his sense of humor and displayed wisdom beyond his years. He did not understand why the other children at the hospital did not bring

Chapters can submit their project through the Officer Portal with the Additional Service Project Report form.

the fun from home to the exam rooms too. So, he shared with them his toys, his strength and his joy.

With diagnoses ranging from pneumonia to allergic reactions and kidney infections to cancer, over 6 million children are admitted to more than 4,000 hospitals each year in the United States. Whether the stay is six hours, six days or six months, a child battling any illness can find this time extremely lonely, scary or even boring.

Although little Jared McMullen lost his battle, his friends and family started a program in his memory to honor his courage and compassion for others. Symbolizing the importance of play, a Jared Box is a small storage box filled with items



**Jared McMullen
at age 5**

such as books, toys, games and fun activities delivered to young patients during their hospital stay. Each box contains items selected for a specific age and provides a special diversion to bring smiles, laughter and hope.

"I personally spent a brief period of time in the hospital as a child due to an illness and would have loved this!" says an anonymous APO brother in the survey comments.

The survey showed that brothers repeatedly appreciated that this project can be replicated at various conferences, that chapters of a wide range of sizes and resources can participate, and that while the project is national in scope, it will provide an impact in chapters' local communities as well. ■

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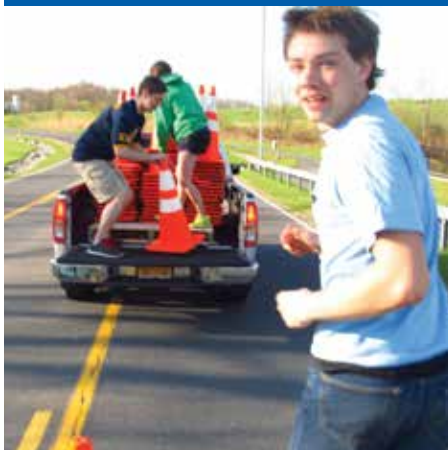
CHAPTER NOTES

REGION I



Pi Rho Chapter at Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, spent a day in March sewing pillows for breast cancer survivors to be tucked under a seat belt to protect their mastectomy scars. Brothers made more than 80 small pillows which were tied together to be given in pairs. The Chapter partnered with an area hospital to help with the distribution to over 40 patients.

REGION II



Epsilon Zeta Chapter at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, lent a helping hand for the setup of the Literacy 5k Run/Walk on May 3. Members set up cones to mark the race route. Race participants were encouraged to dress as their favorite historical or fictional character. All proceeds from the event will help Literacy Volunteers to provide free services to adults and children in greater Rensselaer County, New York.

REGION III



Eta Phi Chapter at American University in Washington D.C. participated in the Polar Bear Plunge in January. One afternoon, the 15 members who participated jumped into a pool of freezing water at the American University campus. The chapter raised a total of \$600 for the Special Olympics.

REGION IV



Alpha Gamma Rho Chapter at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida, wrote and sent letters and stickers in response to terminally-ill Bubby Everson's wish for his ninth birthday. Members reached out to the local community and sent a total of 20 letters and cards across the country to Graham, Wash., where the boy and his family live.

REGION VI



Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign donated over \$400 for the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund in May. The chapter raised the funds by hosting

the APO International Dinner, which featured entertainment, a fashion show and photo booth. The donation will provide educational materials about sanitation practices and waterborne communicable diseases for those affected by the earthquake.

REGION VII



Epsilon Omega Chapter at the University of Mississippi spent an afternoon in April with residents at a local veteran's home and at a facility that serves individuals with intellectual disabilities. Chapter members spent the day playing games and participating in various activities with the residents. At the end of the day, new friendships had been formed.

REGION VIII



Gamma Theta Chapter at the University of Colorado at Boulder hosted a fundraiser in February for Cancer Prevention Month. The event, Kiss Away Cancer, successfully raised \$200 and created a unique valentine for the children at the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at the Children's Hospital Colorado. Chapter members asked those walking through the lobby area to put on lipstick to "kiss away cancer" or write an encouraging message. The poster was donated to the Children's Hospital Colorado for Valentine's Day.

REGION IX



Eta Lambda Chapter at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire created and displayed signs with messages of encouragement for runners in the Eau Claire Marathon on May 3. The Chapter supported the event in conjunction with the University's food and water stops. Brothers stood along the route that wound throughout the city and campus to cheer for the participants.

REGION X

Lambda Mu Chapter at California State University in Los Angeles hosted a benefit concert on Friday, June 5, with Together We Rise, a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming the way youth navigate through the foster care system. The Chapter accepted applications, held auditions and booked the talent for the event. Tickets were sold for \$7 and a total of \$700 was raised for the cause.

REGION XI



Kappa Rho Chapter at Seattle University in Washington made blankets for Project Linus. Eight chapter members spent an afternoon creating three blankets for the organization. Project Linus' mission is to help children who are terminally ill, traumatized or have a general need of care. Blankets that are donated are sent to hospitals and foster care organizations for those children in need.

REGION V

Alpha Epsilon Theta Chapter at the University of Akron in Ohio partnered with Rebuilding Together to serve a local community member. Chapter members spent a day making several repairs to the home of Najmah Abdulhagg, a retired commercial painter who can no longer afford the maintenance nor perform the work herself.



Leaders In Service - One More

Your leadership as an alumnus and loyal donor enables Alpha Phi Omega to facilitate more servant leaders than ever before! Each fall, we anticipate the excitement across university campuses as we prepare to break records. **More** volunteer hours by **more** initiates in **more** chapters across the country allow us to accomplish our mission to grow **more** students into servant leaders across this nation.

It may seem that we are focused on *more, more, more*. That is true! We know that just one servant leader performs an average of 20 hours every semester making an impact across our communities serving hot meals at local food banks, cleaning up parks and beaches, encouraging children at local hospitals, walking dogs at animal

rescue shelters, and so much more. These are just a few of the ways that one more Alpha Phi Omega student can change the world today.

Thanks to your support, APO students are providing service to others while simultaneously discovering and honing their leadership skills and making lifelong friendships. They leave college better prepared to be leaders by making the world a better place in which to live, work and serve.

*We need to help them. We need more of them. We need them to be on more campuses. We need to do more to empower them to become **Leaders in Service**.*

The investment of your leadership, vision and loyal support as we continue to grow, expand and strengthen our current programs means so much to your brothers across the country. With your support, we won't just

recruit one more, we can recruit and enable thousands more students this year – leading to over half a million hours in service this year alone!

We need your help to accomplish all we have in store for this year! Your generous support, combined with the support from other brothers, will help us to 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. To make this gift easier, you can become a sustaining donor with a **monthly gift of \$6.25** (Torchbearer level). Please go to www.apo/give to make your gift today.

There are many ways you can make your gift:

- 1.) Gifts can be made **online** by visiting www.apo.org. Click "Supporting APO" to be directed to our secure donation page.
- 2.) Gifts can be **mailed** to the National office at: 14901 E. 42nd Street S., Independence, Missouri 64055.
- 3.) Gifts can be made by **phone** by calling the Development Department at 816-373-8667.

Alpha Phi Omega would not be the Fraternity it is today without you. As we celebrate our success and impact on our college campuses and in our communities, we know the current students are continuing to build upon the great legacy you have left. *Please continue the legacy that you began as a student by contributing to Alpha Phi Omega today.*

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! ■



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Leaders in Action

"This year we hope to expand the membership of our chapter by at least 20 members. As our members graduate and leave, we must continue to find new, caring individuals who will carry on their roles in the chapter and help the chapter continue to exist. Furthermore, expanding the chapter allows us to enhance our impact on our campus and throughout our community by providing more service and more leadership opportunities for our members."

— Mufaddal Udaipurwala,
Alpha Gamma '14
Membership VP,
Purdue University

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Final Thought

“Literacy is not a luxury. It is a right and a responsibility. If our world is to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century, we must harness the energy and creativity of all our citizens.”

*— President Bill Clinton,
Mu Alpha '66*

