



# APONY Express



The newsletter of Section 97, Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity Fall 2004

Beta Iota @ New York University, Kappa Beta @ Polytechnic University, Alpha Gamma Gamma @ Hunter College, Alpha Epsilon Sigma @ St. Francis College

## **Section Wins First Ever National Membership Award**

It was announced at this year's National Volunteer Conference that AΦΩ has created a new award. It is to recognize the Section that has had the greatest increase of membership for the past year. And thanks in no small part to the Chartering of St. Francis College; Section 97 is the proud recipient of the first Sectional Membership Growth Award. Now, although it only names the Section Chair on the certificate, Paul proudly shares the honor of this award with the Chapters and Staff of Section 97.



Alpha Phi Omega will hold its 38<sup>th</sup> biannual National Convention December 27 – 30, 2004, at the Adams Mark Hotel in Denver, Colorado. This year, registration will be done on an **individual** basis via the internet ([www.apo.org](http://www.apo.org)). Registration fees are as follows: (if paid by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>) \$65 for Active Students & Advisors, \$85 for Alumni with Life Membership, and \$95 w/o Life Membership. The Fellowship Banquet is \$29, and the Awards Banquet is \$34. The cost for a standard hotel room (double or quad) is \$69/night plus tax. The rate is good from 12/24 to 1/03/05. You must call the hotel separately & ask for "internal reservation" to reserve your room(s). The Convention officially begins the night of the 27<sup>th</sup>, and ends the night of the 30<sup>th</sup> with the banquet.

If you are a voting delegate, there will be a mandatory meeting on the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup>. At the convention website, you can check out the schedule of events, expected service projects, fun stuff in & near the hotel. Each Chapter will be receiving a video CD with more info on the convention. Be on the look out for it.

## **Building A Sound Body – National Service Week starts Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**

As you all should know, at each National Convention, the students pick themes for the next two National Service Weeks. This year's theme is Building a Sound Body. From 11/01 to 07, each chapter is asked to put on at least one project that somehow corresponds to the theme. You can run a food drive, a blood drive, or a health fair. You can promote: yearly medical check-ups, anti-"whatever" or, general weight maintenance. Also, on Saturday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, the Section will get together for a project relating to this theme as well. AΓΓ will be coordinating the event and should have information out by late September. If your Chapter can not schedule a project for that week, please try to do one related to this theme at sometime during the semester. In addition, remember that to be a Chapter in Good Standing, you must submit a National Service week Project Report to the National Office by Nov 15. Please send a copy of the report to the Section Service Coordinator.

## **Section Website on Track**

After several aborted attempts, we are happy to announce the launch of the Section 97 Website. Thanks to our webmaster, David Rosenstein, our Section finally has an electronic home base. Starting Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, you can reach the site via the Region 1 site ([www.apor1.org](http://www.apor1.org)). From the site you will be able to reach Section Staff and find out how they can best serve you. You can: find directions to the local Chapters; obtain information on service projects and other service organizations; keep track of your standings in the Liberty Cup Challenge. There will also be links to various sites to help you with research, purchasing power, and just plan having fun. So make sure that you visit the site often, as the calendar and other items will be regularly updated.

## **Yes! Yes! Yes We Do! We have spirit! How about you!**

If you ever have the opportunity to attend a Conference in another Section, a Regional or a National, you will be amazed at the spirit that is emitted from other Chapters. Whether it's Pi Rho yelling "Who's on fire? Pi Rho!", Epsilon Zeta promoting themselves as "We're EZ, Cheap, and Damn proud of it", or Maine Maritime Academy showing up in formal uniforms, many Chapters have developed a style that is all their own. Now, the Chapters here do have their own traditions, however they are more like "inside jokes" as opposed to being observed by others. That is why that over the next year, Brothers are being asked to assist their chapters, as well as the Section, develop a more external display of our APO spirit. Whether it's a banner, a tee shirt, a cheer or yell, all ideas are encouraged. All those with ideas should share them with their Chapter, and let's see how far the pride in our abilities can take us. Also, there will be a Spirit Competition at our next conference in April.

## **Wake-N-Bake '04**

It's back! This is the chance for elected (and future) leaders, of the Chapters to get together and develop their leadership abilities. On Saturday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, these

Brothers are expected to meet at 10 AM to discuss the future of their Chapters. The event will take place at the Empire State Building. Lunch will be served (small donations will be excepted). You can check the Section web site on Sept 10<sup>th</sup> for the schedule, an outline and any additional information.

## **Section 88 Invades NYC**

This past summer, Section 88 had not 1 but 2 picnics to offer the students. The first picnic was on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Clarence Fahnestock State Park in Carmel, NY and the second one was on July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Million Dollar Beach in Lake George, NY. This second picnic cross into Section 97 territory.

On June 26, over 20 actives, alumni, and friends descended on Clarence Fahnestock State Park in Carmel, NY. We had a good spot in the shade right near the beach. Basic picnic foods were served such as hotdogs and hamburgers, potato and macaroni salads, some fruit and brownies for desert and soda, water and apple juice to drink. There was swimming and sand castle building throughout the day, as well as burying the occasional staff member in the sand! To conclude the picnic, we all took a hike around another pond at the park. The picnic was also attended by special guests David O'Leary and National Board Member Lisa Covi.

Mike "Spree" Haber  
Section 88 Chair

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## **Section Dues – an Investment in the Future**

It was decided back in the mid '90s that the Section would start collecting dues from the Active members of the Section. The main purpose of the funds would be to assist Chapters with initial capital for planning the annual Spring Conference. Other possible uses included reimbursements for the purchase of equipment for the Section or other events. Over the last few years, the Chapters have been extremely delinquent with paying their dues (\$1 per active brother per academic year). It was decided for this past Sectional that Chapters would only owe dues equal to the amount of Brothers registered in the Fall Semesters of 2000 – 2003. This brought the totals owed to: \$24 for NYU, \$66 for Poly, and \$92 for Hunter. These amounts would still not make up for previous short falls, but they would at least give a boost to the \$200 currently in the treasury.

At the Sectional, the Chapters seemed to be "up in arms" about the amounts owed. No, in the real world, when one leader causes a budget deficit, it is the responsibility of subsequent leader(s) to amend the situation before amounts become unattainable. But no matter how much it tries to prepare activities for that real world, this is still a collegiate level organization. So as long as a Chapter is willing to give at least one half of what they owe, their debt will be considered paid. Presidents/Treasurers should have dues sent to Kappa Beta (caretaker of the funds) by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Dues for this year are due Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **News from Around the Region**

Katie Ferber was elected Section 94 Chair.  
Thomas Salter was re-elected Section 96 Chair.

Paul Romain was re-elected Section 97 Chair.

Christopher Duvall was re-elected Section 99 Chair.

Region t-shirts are available at [www.apo96.org](http://www.apo96.org)

## **Section 97 Liberty Cup Challenge**

Beginning in September, the Chapters in the Section will be participating in a yearlong competition. The Liberty Cup will be a symbol of a Chapter's ability to live up to the principles and responsibilities to Alpha Phi Omega. The winning Chapter will receive a tangible award for their office, as well as funds towards having a fellowship event. If that is not enough, they will also have bragging rights for one year while they strive to defend their title. Brothers can keep track of their chapter's standings on the new Section web site.

## **APO LEADS the way**

A Personal Odyssey has taken off in Section 97. Many have started on the fraternity's new path of servant leadership. Every Active, Advisor, and Alum are strongly encouraged to attend other LEADS workshops. Don't just be satisfied with taking Launch, Endeavor, Achieve, Discover, and Service are now available. Now is the time to expand yours and others horizons. But this can only be accomplished with the assistance of the Chapters. Request that a workshop be held at your school ([www.leadership.apo.org](http://www.leadership.apo.org)). Invite other members to attend. Build upon what you have learned and help make your time in AΦΩ that much more fulfilling. Everyone needs to help make sure these workshops are presented in the Section on a routine basis.

## **Major Dates to Remember**

Sept 18 Wake-N-Bake '04 at Empire State Building. 10 AM – 4 PM.

Oct 3 Beat the Chair. Spot TBD. 12 – 3.

Oct 16 Voting Delegates Workshop  
Location & time to be determined.

Oct 30 APO LEADS Day. Location TBD.  
10 AM sharp – 3 PM.

Nov 1- 7 National Service Week

Nov 6 Section 97 National Service Day.

Nov 13 Section 99 Fall Conference at Steven's Institute of Technology.

Dec 27 – 30 National Convention in Denver, CO.



### ***Local Alumni Get together to Honor 65 Years of Service***

On Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, a fellowship dinner was held in honor of Beta Iota Chapter. Almost 100 Alumni and Actives celebrated the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their chartering (and the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of their re-chartering). The event was held at NYU's new Kimbal Student Center. Great food and fun was had by all, and everyone felt the night was a great success.

### ***Service to the Nation as a Participating Citizen***

In these difficult times in our nation (and in the world) we should all be mindful of all of our fields of service. But in the coming months service to the Nation may pop up more often than others. Yes, the main service you can do is to get out and vote. However, there are other things you can do. Encouraging others to vote or assisting with voter registration drives. Delivering absentee ballots to the homebound or assisting with security at polling places. And no matter what your current feelings are, please remember that ΑΦΩ not only has (or had) alumni serving in combat, but actives as well.

### ***National Volunteer Conference Huge Accomplishment***

This past August, 175 volunteers from across our Nation got together in Missouri. Why should you care about that? Because 4 of them were from our Section (of the 25 from the Region). That gives every Chapter more trained volunteers to help them in their endeavors. Next year's conference, July 28 – 31, will also have workshops geared towards Chapter Advisors. We encourage all Advisors to attend this educational event.

### ***From America's Promise: Make a Difference Day***

All promise sites and partners are encouraged to participate in **Make a Difference Day, Saturday, Oct. 23**. Projects can be as small as taking a walk with an older adult, or as large as participating in a Habitat for Humanity build. Be sure to register projects on the Make a Difference Day website, <http://www.makeadifferenceday.com/>. Each registered project is eligible for a \$10,000 grant from the Paul Newman Foundation. Ten projects will be awarded. For more information, project ideas, or to get help registering, please check out the website, or contact Emily Williams at 816-531-9200 or [ewilliams@pfc.org](mailto:ewilliams@pfc.org).

## ***Don't be meek – Be heard!***

Don't ever forget that the Active members of AΦΩ are the control force in the fraternity. They do this via the National Convention, which gives the Board direction for the two years following it. It is not just your right, but your responsibility to meet as individual chapters and discuss up & coming legislation. Chapters also need to decide on the Voting Delegates (by Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) who will represent them at Nationals.

Now any Brother interested in submitting legislation needs to hurry. If you have an idea you think will make things better for the fraternity then speak-up. The deadline for this convention is Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. If you need help, the National web site has the general format you can follow. In addition, there are many brothers in the area who can help.

It is also the responsibility of Chapters to take care of their delegates who are so far away from home. It is very important that chapters should start raising funds as soon as possible to assist delegates (principally the Voters) with either travel, room, meals or snacks. Keep your delegates sane so they can make what they feel to be good decisions.

## ***...So Should AΦΩ Be Worldwide***

Many Brothers don't get the concept that there are Alpha Phi Omega Chapters throughout the country. It may be even harder for them to comprehend AFW on a worldwide scale. For those of you in the know, the fraternity has been trying to expand outside the USA for some years. Someone finally figured out there's a drawback – not everyone reads English. So AΦΩ is looking for some linguistic volunteers. The National Media & Technology Committee has started translating fraternity materials into other languages to make it easier to spread our principles. Currently, they are concentrating on Spanish (for Puerto Rico) and French (for Quebec). Anyone interested in helping should contact Kenneth Hunter at [kwh\\_apo@hotmail.com](mailto:kwh_apo@hotmail.com) for more information.

## ***The Brothers that Chose You Need You***

Many of you never thought you would ever make it through pledging. And now, some of you can't believe that you are taking on leadership roles in your Chapter. Soon many of you will be graduating and feel that you just did not get enough of AFW while in school. Whether you feel that way or not, you can assist your fraternity in a few special ways.

*Become a Life Member* – your one time, \$50 or \$100 donation help's to keep fees to a minimum for Brothers that follow you.

*Become a Torchbearer* – your minimum donation of \$75 also shows your generous support of the fraternity

*Join an Alumni Association* – continue to do community service & have fun with mature Brothers

*Become an Alumni Volunteer* – share your experiences and enlighten future members on the principles of Alpha Phi Omega.

You can find out about any of these at [www.apo.org](http://www.apo.org)



Have you seen me lately? I'm the *Torch and Trefoil*, *T&T* for short. I'm your link to what's happening throughout Alpha Phi Omega. If you did not get your copy of me last semester, speak to your Chapter President or Membership VP. If they're hoarding my clones and me, demand your copy. If there was not enough in the last mailing (if the mail is showing up) it is their responsibility to let the National Office know how many are currently in the chapter and where to mail them. Hope to be read by you soon.



### A Word from The HBIC

I just returned from giving blood. There is a need out there.

With the events of this past weekend along the eastern coast of the United States there is a desperate need for blood. Alpha Phi Omega has always stood proud when it came to our Blood Drives and the response for this need. I want to encourage every Brother this note reaches (that means you can forward it to chapters, Alumni Associations and staff that I missed by this distribution) to make an appointment today with your local Red Cross Donation Centers and give a pint of life-saving blood.

Even those in our Central and Western states should make this appointment. Blood shipments are straining the banks of every center across the United States.

If the Blood route is not your thing, think about other services that you can extend to those who were left homeless by the recent hurricanes. Food, clothing, even donations of money. Food banks are being stretched, bedding at relief centers and clothes are all needs at this time. And with other weather forming it may be a long season for our Brothers and families on the East Coast.

What a way to kick off a new school year....a Service Project with impact.

Our Brothers across the United States rallied with 9-11 and I am sure that we will do the same at this time. And I am not one that wants to capitalize on another's misfortune, but I would love to see reports flowing into the National Office on how you, or your chapter, your Brothers, responded to the need for Service to others during this time.

Bobby Hainline National President

### Same time Next Year?

Many readers may be thinking "with this new Section web site up-and-running, there won't be a need for a news letter." Well, you're thinking incorrectly. The site will be available as a constant resource for actives, as well as a promotional tool for the fraternity. This newsletter, as long as Brothers assist with it, will be here to stay. The *APONY Express* is more internal than the website. The form in which it is produced & distributed may change with time, but its usefulness hopefully will never reduce.

### Congratulations

To Beta Iota Chapter on their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

To Alpha Gamma Gamma on their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

To Alpha Epsilon Sigma for getting a picture into the *T&T*.

To Anne Dodgen on receiving a Distinguished Service Key from BI.

To Scott Adams on earning his Masters , and starting a new job.

To Sabatay Lazar (BI '96) and Evelyn B (AGG '94) on their wedding.

To Charlotte Diaz (Phi) & Emilio on their wedding and pending baby.

To all those that Graduated this past May.

### Teach a Man to Fish

Need a job? Well here are two places for you:

If you are still in school and willing to work P/T for NYC, send five copies of your resume to: NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, 125 Worth Street, Rm. 908, NY, NY 10013. Indicate in your cover letter you are applying for all "College Aide" positions.

Whether in school or not, you can apply to the Boy Scouts. All types of positions are available. Send your resume to GNYC – Boy Scouts of America, 350 Fifth Avenue, Suite 530, NY, NY 10018, Attn: Bill Sullivan (for p/t office worker, fundraising, accounting, etc.) or Ken Swanson (for professional scout representative p/t & f/t).