



# PHI THETA KAPPA

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- Greetings from our Regional President
- Clackamas 2007 Leadership Seminar

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## Communication Improvements – Part Two

As mentioned in our last newsletter, one of the goals of the regional officers is to strengthen our region (and our individual chapters) by increasing communication.

We hope you've had a chance to visit our region's website, MySpace page and blog. These were created to give members extra opportunities to share their chapter activities, viewpoints and interests. It's very important that all chapters feel included in our region's events and news. Please visit the websites and take part...or at least leave some comments for the regional officers so we know how to help your chapter.

Our first regional phone conference for all chapter members and officers was held on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The participants reviewed and gave feedback about recent and upcoming events. Some highlights from the call included:

- An opportunity to review the goals of the International Officers. We've included those in a separate article in this newsletter.

- The Greater Northwest Region invites members from our region to attend the Greater Northwest Regional Conference, March 5th-7th at Clark College in Vancouver.
- Members of Portland Community College – Sylvania's Alpha Eta Iota and Student Government planned a sixth trip in December to New Orleans to assist with cleanup and rebuilding of Ward 9. You can read more about their trip on page 5.
- It was noted that rope course facilitator at the regional leadership conference in August said we were her favorite group—and she has been doing it for quite awhile! She was inducted as an honorary member into Omicron Xi!

**Our next regional phone conference for all chapter members and officers will be January 13th at 6 p.m. Pacific time or 7p.m. Mountain time. The free conference center telephone number is (218) 936-1018, conference ID: 343687#**

Please let us know about your chapter's special activities, events, and awards so they can be included in the newsletter and on the regional website. We also welcome your suggestions for the website and newsletter. Contact information is provided on page 7 and on the regional website.

### Website:

<http://www.rmcpk.org>

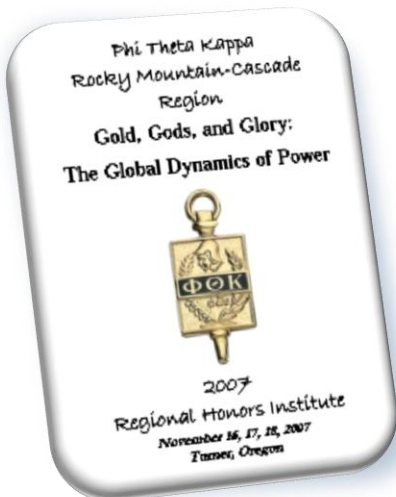
### Blog:

<http://rmcpk.blogspot.com>

### MySpace:

[http://www.myspace.com/phi\\_theta\\_kappa\\_rgion\\_iv](http://www.myspace.com/phi_theta_kappa_rgion_iv)

## 2007 Regional Honors Institute



Last November our Regional Officers hosted the Rocky Mountain – Cascade Region Honors Institute in Turner, Oregon. Chapter members and officers from around the region attended the three day event. The focus of the Institute was the International Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study Topic “Gold, Gods, and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power.

There were three general sessions followed by seminar discussions. The discussion leaders were faculty advisors Barbara Casteel (Tillamook Bay Community College), Brett Matti (Chemeketa Community College) and Velda Arnaud (Lane Community College).

Cyrus Partovie led the first seminar on Saturday morning, “The Iranian Puzzle and What Went Wrong.” Mr. Partovie is currently a Senior Lecturer in Social Sciences in the Department of International Affairs at Lewis and Clark College. He spent seven



years in the Iranian Diplomatic Service before the 1979

Islamic revolution and from 1982-1988 he served as a Foreign Policy Analyst in the Secretariat of the former Crown Prince of Iran.

Mr. Partovie talked about Iran’s history, ethnic and religious groups, and its geo-political significance in the world. In his words, “Iran is easy to swallow and hard to digest!!”

The second seminar on Saturday afternoon was led by Dr. Dean Darris, Political Science Instructor at Clackamas Community College. Dr. Darris is also the author of “American Democracy: Promise and Betrayal,” (4<sup>th</sup> edition, Thomson Publishing, 2006).



Dr. Darris discussed the intentions of America’s Founding Fathers in his seminar, “Secrets of the Temple: The Politics of Money from the Founders to the Present.”

Paul Kopperman, Ph.D. is a History Professor at Oregon State University. His principle research interests

center around the 18<sup>th</sup>



century British army and British medicine in that period.

The Regional Honors Institute ended Sunday morning with Dr. Kopperman’s seminar, “Gold, God, Glory, and Beyond: The Motivation Behind Two British Empires.”

The weekend wasn’t all work though, as attendees had plenty of fellowship opportunities (including Karaoke on Saturday night!)



We hope to see you at the next Regional Honors Institute!



Josh Farnsworth (Sigma Zeta) lights a candle during the Founder’s Day Ceremony.

## Greetings from the Regional President

Hello Everyone,

We are all back in school and working hard. It was great to see everyone at the different regional events we have had so far this year. It was fun to see my old friends and meet new members. Please remember that if you were able to attend one or more of these events, it is your responsibility to share what you learn with those who were not able to attend. If you are one of those who did not get the opportunity to attend, please take the opportunity to ask about the events and what was learned.

I know there are a lot of you out there who are trying to do great things but are running into challenges everywhere you turn. Some of these challenges may include getting additional members to help, dealing with the administration or not knowing where to start. It is important that we look at these challenges as just that, challenges and remember challenges can be overcome. Sometimes it takes looking at it from a different angle, asking for help, asking someone with more experience for guidance, or compromising on some issues. When you run into these challenges remember to use the resources available to you such as your fellow Phi Theta Kappans, your instructors and advisors, and the regional team.

Remember you are all Phi Theta Kappa and that means you have earned it. Always celebrate your successes -- no matter the size! You are already a success by taking the initiative and furthering your education in college and being a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Richard McWaters  
President, Rocky Mountain – Cascade Region



*To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.*

--Anatole France

### Regional Officers (left to right):

- Nicole Reed**, Regional Vice President (Omicron Xi, College of Southern Idaho)
- Isaac Bramwell**, Eastern Vice President (Omicron Xi, College of Southern Idaho)
- Megan Worman**, Vice President of Communications (Sigma Zeta, Lane Community College)
- Dave Arter**, Regional Coordinator
- Scott Salsberry**, Northern Vice President (Alpha Eta Iota, Portland Community College)
- Dee Lauzon**, Southern Vice President (Sigma Zeta, Lane Community College)
- Richard McWaters**, Regional President (Omicron Xi, College of Southern Idaho)



## International Officer Goals



International President

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Alpha Epsilon Pi Chapter  
Raritan Valley Community College  
Somerville, NJ



International Vice President  
- Division I

**Connie Myers**

Alpha Rho Epsilon Chapter  
Columbus State Community College  
Columbus, OH



International Vice President  
- Division II

**Deeneaus Polk**

Pi Epsilon Chapter  
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community  
College - Jackson County  
Gautier, MS



International Vice President  
- Division III

**Mahmedein Mahmedein**

Pi Kappa Chapter  
St. Louis Community College –  
Florissant Valley  
St. Louis, MO



International Vice President  
- Division IV

**Ulugbek 'Bek' Baymuradov**

Omicron Phi Chapter  
Treasure Valley Community College  
Ontario, OR

- Increase number of members from 2006 year, by the 2008 International Convention.
- Have 670 chapters [10% increase from last year] enroll in The Five Star Chapter Development Program.
- Have 20% of attending chapters' college presidents attend at least one general session (last session on Friday or Saturday morning) at the 90th International Convention; determined by number of college presidents who preregister for International Convention.
- By 90th International Convention, chapters offset carbon footprints from traveling to and from the 89<sup>th</sup> International Convention through tree planting initiatives.
- Have Hallmark submissions from 460 chapters [5% increase from last year] and no more than 460 entry disqualifications [10% decrease from last year] for the 2008 Hallmarks.
- Receive 30 submissions [20% more than last year] for the Honors Case Study Challenge either individually or as a chapter.
- Have total of 610 chapters enrolled as Chapters of Service by 2008 International Convention.

*Reminder!*

**Thinking about running for International Office?**

Don't forget the application deadline is February 22, 2008. Applications can be found on the international website [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org)

## Members of Alpha Eta Iota Help Clean New Orleans

Since spring 2006, Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus has sent six volunteer groups of students and faculty members to work on the relief effort in New Orleans. They worked in the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, which suffered the most devastation from Hurricane Katrina. The students have worked on numerous projects including gutting houses, delivering meals to volunteers, removing trees, and preparing a park and community center for use.

The sixth group of seven student volunteers just returned from a December trip which was headed by Dr. Cami Bishop, student leadership coordinator at Sylvania Campus. Erica Bailey, an active member of Alpha Eta Iota chapter was one of the volunteers who just returned.

Dr. Bishop is quoted about an earlier trip on the PCC website as saying, "It was such a rewarding experience that they want to go again and all feel grateful for the opportunity to participate. The home owners, neighbors and businesses continually expressed their thanks for the time and energy these dedicated students gave to the relief effort."



Picture courtesy of the Sylvania Scoop, Portland Community College

## Clackamas 2007 Leadership Seminar

Ah, the good life...you and three friends are enjoying vacation on your yacht... the sun on your face, the wind in your hair.... Suddenly the yacht begins to take on water, and your vacation becomes a survival challenge as the four of you are now huddled together on the raft trying to determine which of the fifteen items salvaged from the yacht are most important to your survival.

This was the premise behind one of the team building activities regional Phi Theta Kappa members, joined also by members of the Greater Northwest Region, wrestled with during the weekend leadership seminar conducted by Alpha Xi Zeta at Clackamas Community College on October 26th - 28th. The chapter integrated aspects of leadership, team dynamics, and communication with international society hallmarks into a dynamic three day event.

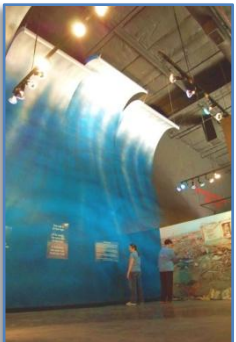
The seminar started Friday night with a presentation about the homeless situation in Portland, Oregon and the implications of the Global Dynamics of Power on the homeless. Attendees were asked to bring items for donation to the homeless.

Saturday featured three general sessions:

- **Leadership**, an address by Dr. Thomas Jones (Small Business Instructor at Clackamas)
- **Communication**, by Ms. Mindy Brown (Department Chair, Student Leadership, Outreach & Testing at Clackamas)
- **Psychology of Leadership** was addressed by Mr. Bill Zuelke (LPC, Dean of Student Services)

Group exercises like the one above, "Survival at Sea," "Scholarship Award Committee," and a Lego building project, gave the participants an opportunity to apply the teamwork skills they learned during the general sessions.

Sunday the group toured the multi-sensory exhibit "Real. Life." The exhibit is sponsored by Medical Teams International, whose mission is to provide humanitarian relief and development aid to people around the world affected by disaster, conflict and poverty.



The exhibit contained vignettes that portray the living circumstances of the poor around the world and the effects of disasters on communities. Some of the exhibits included an opportunity to stand under a 25 foot tsunami wave like the one that decimated Indonesia, to walk through a refugee tent in Albania, witness the line for medical help in Uganda, and experience a garbage dump in Mexico where families live.



The final room showed how we can make a difference in the lives of people in need. It was an amazing and emotional experience for the entire group.

The seminar lived up to its promise of an unusual weekend of scholarship, service, and fellowship to "enrich and equip you to step up to the challenges" of leadership...and it will not to be forgotten!

More information about the exhibit and the mission of Medical Teams International (as well as ideas of how you can help) are on their website at [www.medicalteams.org](http://www.medicalteams.org)



## Chapter Updates: We Need Your Chapter News!!

### Alpha Eta Iota at PCC- Sylvania:

- Has a new web page: [http://www.pcc.edu/contrib\\_top/resources/aspcc/sylvania/PTKWebPage.html](http://www.pcc.edu/contrib_top/resources/aspcc/sylvania/PTKWebPage.html)

### Alpha Xi Zeta at Clackamas:

- Has a new web page: [home.comcast.net/~alphaxizeta](http://home.comcast.net/~alphaxizeta)

### Sigma Zeta at Lane:

- **TITAN ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS!** In September the chapter was asked to help with a fundraising effort to support Lane's baseball and soccer teams. (Lane's baseball and soccer teams receive no funding from the college, and this fundraiser is one of their primary funding sources.) Sigma Zeta stepped up and has helped serve food and drinks at every home University of Oregon Duck football game.
- **OPERATION GREEN: 648 BULBS!** In October Sigma Zeta planted daffodil, tulip, and narcissus bulbs at Lane's entry on Eldon Shafer Drive. The project was funded, in part, by SOLV, Home Depot, and Jerry's Improvement Center.
- **EZ ON MYSPACE!** Another way to contact Sigma Zeta is via their MySpace page. Check them out at <http://www.myspace.com/ptklanec>

Please forward any chapter activities to [alesta@comcast.net](mailto:alesta@comcast.net) and we'll list them in future newsletters.

## Upcoming Events:

### **Regional Conference Call – ALL Chapters**

January 13th at 6 p.m. Pacific time or 7p.m. Mountain time  
Conference Center: (218) 936-1018 Conference ID: 343687#

### **International Hallmark Awards Deadline – February 1, 2008**

<http://www.ptk.org/hallmarks/>

### **International Officer Candidate Applications Due February 22, 2008**

<http://www.ptk.org/chapters/resources/runoffice/intoff.htm>

### **2008 International Convention April 3-5, 2008**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### **2008 Rocky Mountain-Cascade Regional Convention May 2008**

Lane Community College

Host Chapter: Sigma Zeta

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