



PHI THETA KAPPA

Rocky Mountain – Cascade Region

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Communication Improvements

The officers of the Rocky Mountain - Cascade Region welcome you to a new academic year and our newsletter. One of our goals is to strengthen our region (and our individual chapters) by increasing communication. To this goal we have created this newsletter, a blog, a MySpace page, and a new email list. We are also currently redesigning the webpage to better serve the needs of the region.

We want to include all the chapters of our region and

highlight their special activities, events, and awards. Please forward chapter news and officer names to us.

Our first regional phone conference for all chapter members and officers will be October 14th at 6p.m. Pacific time or 7p.m. Mountain time. The free conference center telephone number is (218) 936-1018, conference ID: 343687#

Your suggestions for the website and newsletter

are always welcome and may be given to any regional officer. Contact information is also provided on the regional website.

Website:

<http://www.rmcpk.org>

Blog:

<http://rmcpk.blogspot.com>

MySpace:

http://www.myspace.com/phi_theta_kappa_rgi_on_iv

International Leadership Conference

Rocky Mountain - Cascade regional leaders convened with over 100 other participants at the fifth annual International Leadership Conference for Regional Officers and Coordinators held June 16-18. Officers heard presentations on Phi Theta Kappa history and programs, leadership strategies, civic engagement and motivating members. They also participated in several team building activities.

The leadership conference provided a rare opportunity for our regional officers and



coordinators to gather with those from other regions and the international officers. The team building activities were not only fun, but productive as evidenced by our successful work on goal setting with our regional coordinator, Dave Arter.

Clackamas 2007 Leadership Seminar – October 27-29

“We look forward to seeing you at what is sure to be among the highlights of events throughout the Rocky Mountain - Cascade Region!”

Alpha Xi Zeta Chapter at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City, Oregon is conducting a weekend leadership seminar on October 26th - 28th. The chapter has integrated aspects of leadership, team dynamics, and communication, with international society hallmarks.

The seminar starts 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 are asked to bring items from the brochure/ registration form list to donate to the homeless.

Saturday features leadership, communication and teamwork general sessions, each followed by cohort exercises on the same topics. A fellowship dinner brings the day’s formal activities to a close.

Sunday morning, seminar participants will visit the Real World Exhibit displayed by

Medical Teams International. This unique exhibit features a room with a 25-foot tsunami wave, a burn unit in a Moldovan children’s hospital, a Mexico garbage dump where families live and work, and many other displays, which are outlined in the seminar brochure.

The seminar promises to "enrich and equip you to step up to the challenges" of leadership. Consider joining other Phi Theta Kappa members in an unusual weekend of scholarship, service, and fellowship not to be forgotten!

More detailed information is found in the seminar brochure and registration form located on the regional website.

Satellite Seminar Series at Chemeketa



Alpha Kappa Omicron (Chemeketa) invites all other chapters in the region to join them in viewing the 2007 Honors Satellite Seminar Series.

The seminars will be held on Tuesdays in October and November. Anyone who would like to attend should be at Chemeketa by 4:20 p.m.

Seminar Schedule:

Seminar 1: Tuesday, October 2

How to Win A Cosmic War by Reza Aslan

Seminar 2: Tuesday, October 16

Dealing with the Dragon: America's Economic Relationship with China by Zanny Minton Beddoes

Seminar 3: Tuesday, October 30

Afghanistan after the Taliban by Tamim Ansary

Seminar 4: Tuesday, November 13

American Theocracy: Politics, Radical Religion, Oil, and Borrowed Money in the 21st Century by Kevin Phillips

Regional Service Project Cleans Up!

On Saturday, September 15, 2007, our region gathered on the beach in Yachats, Oregon to participate in SOLV's Fall Beach Cleanup. Phi Theta Kappans joined the nearly 4,000 volunteers who spent several hours scouring the beaches of Oregon to collect more than 30 tons of trash! It was a beautiful, sunny day and the work was followed with fun, fellowship and food!

This is first time the activity was promoted as a regional service project related to the International Service Project "Operation Green: Improving our

Communities". Phi Theta Kappa members from Chemeketa, Clackamas and Lane participated in the cleanup which included an overnight stay in Yachats.

The members who chose to spend the night were treated to an enlightening evening as Lane's Advisor, Velda Arnaud conducted a Myers-Briggs Personality Inventory. The Inventory is based upon the idea that a person's behavior is the result of how they prefer to use their perceptions and judgment and identifies sixteen personality types. The Myers-Briggs Personality Assessment is

considered one of the most reliable personality tests and it is thought that knowing one's personality type allows for better interpersonal relationships because it aids in appreciation and understanding of individual differences.

The beach cleanup was a great success and a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. There is another cleanup planned in the spring and all chapters in the region are invited to participate. More information will be available on the website and in future newsletters.



2007 International Honors Institute

The 2007 International Honors Institute was held at Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL (near Chicago) from June 18-23, 2007. Several regional officers and members joined the four hundred participants who attended the weeklong exploration of the 2006-08 Honors Study Topic, Gold, Gods, and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power.

There were eight general sessions led by internationally recognized scholars and topics ranged from the "War on Terror" to the way the war on polio changed medical research, charitable fund-raising, and government drug testing in the



United States. Each session was followed by a facilitated small-group discussion where we discussed the session's topics, such as: the role of media on global attitudes, Afghanistan's reconstruction efforts after the Taliban, the crisis in Sudan, and the Color Code Personality Measurement. The Honors Institute Choir performed musical selections related to the theme.

The Honors Institute provided another outstanding opportunity for our region's members to work together and fellowship with each other. They enjoyed the chance to meet with members from other regions and the international officers. It was a challenging (and exhausting) week.



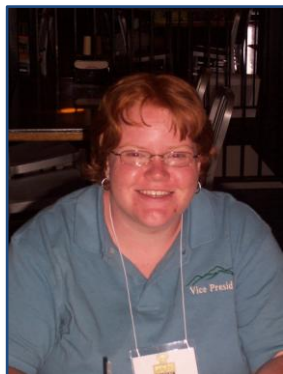
Meet Your Regional Officers

“We want to support the individual chapters in their endeavors and offer our help. Through the coming months individual officers will visit chapters and attend chapter events. Please contact us if you'd like help with planning, events, presentations, etc. We want you to be successful!”



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Tillamook New Officer Training

On Friday, September 14th, Beta Delta Epsilon Chapter at Tillamook Bay Community College held a Phi Theta Kappa Programs Workshop for new chapter officers. Barb Casteel, Advisor to the chapter, led the training to introduce the Five-Star Program requirements and chapter organization. The meeting was not only a good review of requirements, but also introduced some new ideas about how to make the chapter stronger through more effective meetings and increased networking and visibility.

The meeting started with an in-depth look at the foundation of a chapter (One Star) such as: new member and officer

recruitment, orientations and inductions; how to increase positive visibility around the campus and community; meeting efficiency, annual reports and chapter updates. An "Action Plan Template" was reviewed as one way to identify key strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for the chapter. The template also names key people responsible for the plan or event (chair person, team members, coach, and outside resources and participants).

Once the basics are in place, the addition of chapter projects (service, college and honors study), were discussed. A key component of Two and Three star status is the

collaboration with other college and community groups. Ideas and examples, such as an Ambassador Program and newsletter are some of the ways discussed to increase collaboration and visibility.

We discussed how to complete the Hallmark entries for Four and Five Star status and how to increase chapter involvement and leadership in regional and international activities and meetings.

Since local projects and fundraising are such integral parts of successful chapter operation, there was also discussion about how to organize and support these activities.



Regional New Officer Training & Leadership Conference

The New Officer Training Academy & Regional Leadership Conference was held August 16-19th in Twin Falls, Idaho. Members and officers from the region enjoyed the opportunities to learn more about leadership skills, teamwork, and Phi Theta Kappa programs. We were joined by International's Director of Honors Programs Susan Edwards.

There was time devoted to sharing ideas, networking, and fellowship. Some of the workshops offered included PAM and navigating the international website, recruiting new members, officer roles, and resolving issues among members. There was even a ropes course to help build teamwork skills.

Fellowship opportunities included a river rafting trip, bowling, a semi-formal dinner with dancing after.



Chapter Updates:

Beta Delta Epsilon at Tillamook:

- Initiated a scholarship to be given Spring 2008.
 - Established an application development committee and an evaluation committee.
- Created a “Pink Ribbon” flyer to be distributed in October—breast cancer awareness month
- Planning a community potluck to inform and support local “Food Roots” organization—empowering local economically challenged individuals.

Alpha Eta Iota at PCC- Sylvania:

- Has a new web page: http://www.pcc.edu/contrib_top/resources/asgcc/sylvania/PTKWebPage.html

Alpha Xi Zeta at Clackamas:

- Has a new web page: home.comcast.net/~alphaxizeta

Sigma Zeta at Lane:

- In addition to the road cleanup on 30th Avenue, will plant daffodil and tulip bulbs to beautify the campus entrance.

Please forward any chapter activities to alesta@comcast.net and we'll list them in future newsletters.

Upcoming Events:

Regional Conference Call – ALL Chapters

October 14th at 6p.m. Pacific time or 7p.m. Mountain time
Conference Center: (218) 936-1018 Conference ID: 343687#

Alpha Xi Zeta (Clackamas) Leadership Seminar
October 26th-28th

Alpha Kappa Omicron (Chemeketa) Honors Satellite Seminars
October 2nd, 16th, 30th, and November 13

2007 Regional Honors Institute
November 16-18, 2007
Aldersgate Conference Center, Turner, Oregon

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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