



ZΣΛ Newsletter

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Pan Hellenic Picnic

The San Diego National Pan Hellenic Council held their annual BBQ Picnic Saturday, September 29, 2001 at Bonita Cove East, across from the Bahia Hotel on Mission Bay. The BBQ was on the grill by 10 am and all San Diego Greek organizations were well represented. There were games for the children, and much fellowship by the greeks.



Alpha Phi Alpha was out in force. Over 40 tickets were sold on behalf of the fraternity. Many brothers brought their wives and families to enjoy the great picnic weather and barbeque. The children played piñata, and



the young men played football on the grass. Brothers played dominos, cards, and just kicked back. Overall, the event was well organized and we look forward to interacting with our fellow greeks next year.

Alpha History

The Fraternal Prayer used in the opening and closing of chapter meetings was adopted at the 26th Anniversary Convention held December 28-31, 1933 in St. Louis, Missouri.

CAEP Scholarship Breakfast

The CAEP Annual Scholarship Breakfast took place on June 16, 2001 at the DoubleTree hotel in Mission Valley. Hosted by Bro. Reginald Marbray in collaboration with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Scholarship Breakfast was a success. Well attended by over 180 parents and media, The Zeta Sigma Lambda Scholarship Foundation presented eight students with monies this year in varying amounts. These students were:

- Quentin Brooks (Morse High)
- Eric Rogers (Morse High)
- Herman Reddick (Morse High)
- Russell Lowe (Morse High)
- Nathaniel LaPierre (Morse High)
- Jason Burns (Lincoln High)
- Boris McDaniel (Lincoln High)
- Prince Thompson (Lincoln High)
- Michael Spencer (Lincoln High)

The Foundation gave away over \$6,000 to our deserving CAEP students this year. Overall, over \$25,000 in scholarships was given away during the ceremony.

We are asking all brothers with corporate connections in San Diego County to notify Bro. Marbury. The Foundation would like to solicit their financial support for this worthy enterprise.



Newsletter??

The newsletter you hold in your hand is the result of initiatives discussed during the Planning Meeting (see next page). There have been other chapter newsletters in the past.

The reason for it is to keep brothers informed of ZΣΛ activities that might not be able to make every meeting, and also to help reclaim brothers.

It will be mailed out every quarter to every brother on the ZΣΛ roster, financial or not.

We thank you for your support. If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically, please email Bro. Reggie Marbray at marbrayr@arinbe.com. It would save us some postage, not to mention a few trees.

Who's Who Seminar at SDSU

On September 26, 2001, Alpha Bro. Dr. Howard Carey represented Zeta Sigma Lambda at the Undergraduate Pan Hellenic Chapter's "Who's Who In San Diego" Seminar at San Diego State University. This seminar focused on prominent Fraternity and Sorority members in the community, and highlighted the long-term advantages of being a member of a fraternity or sorority. Bro. Carey represented ZΣΛ in excellent fashion. The event was sponsored by Bro. Dr. James Kitchen, Vice President of Student Affairs at SDSU. The event was also well attended by the SDSU community.

Upcoming Events

| Activity | Date and Time | Location |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Next ZΣΛ Meetings | Nov. 25, 2001 • Dec (TBA) • Jan. 25, 2002 | Neighborhood House |
| 5th Annual Gold Coast Classic | Nov. 18, 2001 @ 3 PM | QUALCOMM Stadium |
| MLK Pageant | Dec. 18, 2001 @ 2:00 PM | Educational Cultural Complex |
| Founder's Day Event | December 1, 2001 @ time TBA | TBA, contact Bro. Cook |
| Holiday Dance | Dec. 5, 2001 @ 7 PM | Hotel Del Coronado |
| CAEP Book Fee Ceremony | Dec. 19, 2001 @ 10 AM | Neighborhood House |
| MLK Parade | Jan. 20, 2002 @ 9 AM | Downtown San Diego |
| For more information | Call Reggie Marbray @ | 619-640-7224 |



ZΣΛ Planning Meeting

The Zeta Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha held their annual Planning Meeting on Saturday, September 15, 2001 at the Mission Valley Hilton from 8 AM to 12 PM. The Meeting, which included breakfast, was held to plan ZSL's overall activities for the coming year.

Brothers attending included: Bros. Wyatt, Cook, Hall Carey, Charles, De Witt, Bass, Wright, Nash, Marbray, Brooks, Russell, De Walt, Covington, Ross, McCord, Ellis, Allen, Long, Gillespie, Littlejohn, Thigpen, and Wynn.

The meeting consisted of several workshops that centered on our current activities. These workshops had well-defined goals to help brainstorm, critique, and suggest new

strategies to improve these activities. The workshops included:

- Membership (chaired by Bro. Long)
- Educational and National Programs (chaired by Bro. Marbray)
- Social Committee (chaired by Bro. Cook)
- Communications (chaired by Bro. McCord)
- Investment and Income (chaired by Bro. Ellis)
- Housing (chaired by Bro. Charles)
- Bylaws (chaired by Bro. McCord)

Some of the more broad proposals were: all members need to be risk-management certified; broader participation is needed from the chapter in the CAEP program; a Spring Social including Brothers, their wives and significant others should be planned; reestablishing a phone tree to keep brothers connected;

establish a 5-6 year program to raise a half-million dollar fund to promote future chapter programs; establish the actual functions of a Fraternity House; and review and revise the by-laws for our chapter.

All of these proposals and more were discussed at length by the brothers present. Many of them will be discussed by brothers in committee and they will present reports at the next Monthly Meeting.

During the Breakfast, Bro. Victor Ross presented the brothers with a business opportunity for fundraising. The product, a multi-purpose carry bag for college students, was touted as a money-maker for the local, and national organization. The members present agreed a more focused proposal needed to be made at the regional level.

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Senior Brother's Workshop

On Friday, August 10, 2001 at 2 PM, the senior brothers of Zeta Sigma Lambda (San Diego, California) met at Bro. Bob Covington's House. The meeting involved lunch, and various discussions about the fraternity from a local, regional, and national level. It was a wonderful event for us to have for the older brothers, since a majority of them cannot get to most of the evening monthly chapter meetings. The following brothers that attended this meeting were:

- Bro. Rufus Dewitt (Senior Brother)
- Bro. Earl Davis (Senior Brother)
- Bro. Matthew Williams (Senior Brother)
- Bro. Bob Covington (Senior Brother)
- Bro. Payton Cook (Senior Brother)

- Bro. Larry Sadler (Senior Brother)
- Bro. Kelvin Ellis (President)
- Bro. Marion McCord (Vice President)
- Bro. Reggie Marbray (Recording Secretary)

Bro. Rufus DeWitt commented on the lack of concern placed towards senior brothers at the Regional and National Conventions. That comment sparked discussion relevant to how senior brothers are assisted during conventions. One of the recommendation requested a "concept" be formed to support senior brothers during conventions. This "concept" would make sure that senior brothers would get to certain meetings of their interest. It could also provide a "helping hand" when they need direction around a convention facility.

The overall purpose was to inform other chapters of something Zeta Sigma Lambda is doing to include its senior brothers. It is our intent to have at least one of these meetings every 3 months. This will keep our senior brothers informed, and strengthen their sense of involvement.

**“First of All, Servants of All,
We Shall Transcend All.”**



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