



ZΣΛ Newsletter

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Pan Hellenic Picnic

On September 28, 2002, the San Diego chapter of the National Pan Hellenic Council held a Picnic at Crown Point. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority spearheaded this event, organized by all the Greek letter organizations in San Diego.



This annual event was well attended this year; the crowd was estimated at over 100. All Black San Diego Greek letter organizations were represented. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity showed up in force. There was plenty of food, drink and fun for all. Dancing, card games and dominoes dominated the adult's time, while the egg toss and football entertained the children.



The level of cooperation this year among the Greeks was notable. Everyone pitched in to help barbeque, set up and break down the tent cover, and conduct the children's games.

The Greek spirit was evident when all organizations were called upon to sing their organization's hymn. One by one, each frater-

Alpha History

Alpha Lambda was established on April 11, 1911 in Louisville, Kentucky. Although most welcomed the new chapter, some argued that the Fraternity was for undergraduates, and that graduates should be content with four years of activity and control. It was only after years of experience that the General Organization began to encourage the separate organization of alumni brothers into chapters.



nity or sorority gathered their members together to sing. A hush went out as all listened attentively to the strains of their hymn, possibly heard for the first time by Greeks from other than the organization they belonged to. This fostered a deep feeling of appreciation for each other's organization. Of course, the Alpha brother's rendition of the Alpha Hymn, led enthusiastically by Bro. Leon Brooks, was sung with reverence and verve.

We all look forward to next year's Pan Hellenic Picnic.

Economic Conference

An Economic Development Conference was held August 1-4, 2002 at Ballys in Las Vegas. Regarded as a "mini-convention," the Conference was enthusiastically attended by the brotherhood. Our General President's keynote address at the Opening Session stressed the Conference's workshops and that Alphas should take advantage of the economic opportunities they represented.

After the day's sessions and workshops, the brothers took advantage of the night's opportunities Las Vegas has to offer.

President's Message

On October 12, 2002, I met with the Executive Committee to establish the Chapter's programs, activities and organization for calendar year 2003. The strategic objective we adopted is to *Strengthen the Chapter's Core Infrastructure*. In line with this strategic objective, we adopted the following goals:

- 1) Increase the number of financial members
- 2) Strengthen our internal organization and management
- 3) Execute our National Programs and support our National Initiatives

Brothers, I look forward to discussing with you the details our strategic objective and goals during the next few meetings. With your support and commitment, Zeta Sigma Lambda can achieve its 2003 goals and thereby continue to be an active voice in San Diego.

New Chapter Officers

New officers were installed at the last meeting:

President Marion McCord
 Vice-President Reginald Marbray
 Recording Secretary Donald Long
 Corresponding Secretary Tracey Wells
 Treasurer Duane Wright
 Financial Secretary Jeff Fonseca
 Historian Payton Cook
 Director of Ed Activities Reginald Marbray
 Editor of the Sphinx Gary Nash
 Parliamentarian Gene Moore
 Sergeant at Arms Mike Ross
 Director of Membership Robert Covington

Upcoming Events

| Activity | Date and Time | Location |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Next ZΣΛ Meetings | Nov. 22, 2002 • Dec. 27, 2002 • Jan. 24, 2003 | Neighborhood House |
| Executive Committee Meetings | Nov. 13, 2002 • Dec. 11, 2002 • Jan. 8, 2003 | Neighborhood House |
| MLK Pageant | November 17, 2002 @ 2 PM | Educational Cultural Complex |
| Life Membership/Founder's Day | December 4, 2002 @ 7:06 PM | Hilton, Mission Valley |
| Holiday Ball | December 7, 2002 @ 6 PM | Mission Valley Marriott |
| MLK Day Parade | January 18th, 2003 @ 9 AM | Downtown San Diego |



Henry A. Callis



Charles H. Chapman



Eugene K. Jones



George B. Kelley



Nathaniel A. Murray



Robert H. Ogle



Vertner W. Tandy

Head Start Initiative

In July of 2002, Zeta Sigma Lambda Chapter responded to a Request For Proposal to institute a Fatherhood Initiative and Youth Involvement Initiative in collaboration with the San Diego Neighborhood House Association for the Head Start Program. Bro. Long is spearheading this effort for the chapter, but was assisted by Bros. McCord and Marbray with writing the proposal. The grant will provide \$10,000 to support each of the initiatives and the chapter is required to provide \$2,000 as in kind contributions to each of the projects. Regional Vice President Bro. Ron Celestine also designated Bro. Long as the Alpha Head Start Western Regional Coordinator.

A significant meeting was held in Las Vegas from July 30 to August 1 with Head Start

representatives from all over the nation present. Additionally, fraternity members who will be working with the program in their respective areas also attended. Programmatic changes were announced noting the government will only fund "Fatherhood Initiatives" project" at this time.

It is now required to resubmit the proposal from the Head Start Grantee as a supplemental grant application. Our local agency, Neighborhood House Association (NHA) will author the resubmission using the information provided from the initial proposal. Bro. Long has been in frequent communication with NHA and the Head Start Regional Office on this project. The purpose of this initiative is to encourage fathers of head start children to become actively involved in the education and development of their children. It is recognized that the fathers may have various

problems from employment to education and the fraternity is tasked with addressing these issues and working with the fathers to overcome the obstacles. The project will be operated under the aegis of the Zeta Sigma Lambda Foundation.



Time Change for General Meeting

The General Meeting of Zeta Sigma Lambda has temporarily been changed. Voted on by the general body at the September meeting, the General Meeting will be held at Neighborhood House at 6:30 PM instead of 8:00 PM. This change is on a trial basis for two months. Any decision to make the change permanent will be decided at the October General Meeting. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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Eta Sigma 30th Reunion

The Eta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha celebrated their 30th anniversary the weekend of September 6-8 2002. Several brotherhood events were scheduled, and all were enthusiastically attended.

In development for two years, Bro. Larry D. Brown was instrumental in organizing the

event. His tireless efforts paid off with a full schedule of events, and success in informing as many Eta Sigma brothers as possible.

Friday, September 6th saw a step show on the campus of San Diego State, and a Welcome get-together at the Comfort Inn in Mission Valley. Saturday the 7th, a Brotherhood BBQ was held at Bro. Gary Nash's home in Encanto. Saturday night, the Reunion Banquet was held at Casa Real at SDSU.

Over 50 brothers of Eta Sigma, spanning from 1976 through 2001 attended the Barbeque and the Banquet. Many came from far away, some as far as Washington, D.C. All who attended enjoyed the company of brothers they had not seen for many years. Connections were made, and brothers went away

from these events with a renewed appreciation of brotherhood and Alpha Phi Alpha.



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