

Section 89



Newsletter



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Important Deadlines

May 1

- Spring Youth Service Day

Paperwork due Online—

[http://www.apo.org/show/
National_Programs/Service/
Project_Database/
Service_Project_Report_Form](http://www.apo.org/show/National_Programs/Service/Project_Database/Service_Project_Report_Form)

July 19

- National Volunteer

Conference (NVC)

Registration

<http://www.nvc.apo.org/>

30 Days Before Event

- APO-LEADS: SERVE

[http://www.apo.org/show/
National_Programs/Leadership/
APO_LEADS/Courses?id=5](http://www.apo.org/show/National_Programs/Leadership/APO_LEADS/Courses?id=5)

From the Desk of Dan Dixon - Section 89 Chair

Celebrate to Commemorate, and Rededicate!

Brothers, first let me thank all of you who came to National Convention it truly was a great and memorable experience. That being said I would also like to thank all the voting delegates and staffers that helped me laugh, survive, and ultimately enjoy a very stressful time.

Over the past year, I have served as your Section Chair. I have been met with many challenges, struggles, and turmoil both personal and fraternal. But more importantly I have seen a glimpse of what Section 89 is now and what it can be! One of the hardest things to understand in any organization is how we can all join together to hold the same ideals or advancement of a movement and yet we can be tripped up, distracted, or drawn from the big picture.

Looking back on my last year, I have learned many things. Perhaps one of the strongest lessons I have learned is to look at the big picture. Too often in life we remember the negative. I think any Section Chair would be lying if they didn't admit to at least occasionally wanting to walk away or resign due to the increased scrutiny, to say nothing of the copious amount of email! But as hind sight is 20/20 I am taking stock of what we as a brotherhood in this Section have accomplished.

We have chartered a new and long awaited chapter at SUNY Cortland. The brothers of Alpha Zeta Lambda truly inspired me and reminded me what a great organization we have. On a very stressful morning, with many people critiquing and helping, a slice of our section joined in a momentous occasion. There was more than a chapter chartering that day. For some it was the close of a very long process, others the start of a new adventure, and for me personally a rededication to the ideals of Alpha Phi Omega. Leadership, Friendship, and Service bound by a single tie in Alpha Phi Omega held in stewardship and was give unselfishly to the petitioners and now brothers of AZL.

I am also reminded of the tremendously successful SLED we had at RIT hosted by Xi Zeta Chapter. This was my first SLED and I think it has set the bar pretty far for future attendances. There were many brothers there even guests from Region I. It was truly a success thanks in no small part to the Staff, brothers that were willing to help out at the last minute, and of course Leadership Lisa!

I am reminded of when I consulted and weighted the question of running for Section Chair I was told by many people that "it will be some of the best days of your life and some of the worse, however, you are in it for the students and it is the most rewarding position in the National Fraternity!" This has never been far from my mind. Through many conversations, IM discussions, conference calls, long nights, lonely drives home, and the dawning of my nametag that proudly displays Section 89 chair, I have always remembered that everything the Staff does should be for the students. And that we as

brothers should need no more edification than to see you as actives brothers succeed.

Along the journey there have been many bumps and turns, as a Section Chair I have had to take the cautious and many times the unpopular stance, but that is what I feel I have needed to do. I have found myself in the middle of conflicts that I wanted no part in but as Section Chair they were unavoidable. I have not always seen eye to eye with every brother in this Section some have chosen to take a step back while others have chosen to step forward. I thank you.

I have plans. I have been working since the day of my election to attempt to revamp our website and through help from our webmaster we will very shortly have a new look and more control over apo89.org. Also for those of you who will be attending the business meeting at Epsilon Sigma's Sectional Conference you will hear of a possible new structure to better manage Section 89 and ultimately to better serve you the students.

As we move towards the close of the Spring semester I would like every brother, pledge, staff member, key volunteer, and alumni brother to pause and reflect on Alpha Phi Omega. This semester is increasingly important for Section 89 as many chapters will be celebrating their anniversaries. I want you all to know that the celebration is not only of a date or a founding, but of you as well. Your chapters have reached these milestones due to your help as well as your brothers before you. It is for this reason that I would also you to not only celebrate to commemorate but more importantly take a moment and no matter what position you hold, rededicate yourself to the ideals of our fraternity. Know that we can not always be together but bound by a single tie we are never separated but through our own actions. It will be impossible for many of us Staffers to be at every banquet, event, ritual, or meeting but we will always be there in spirit and hopefully our spirit and that of the eternal flame of service will help guide us as brothers.

For those of you who will be moving on through graduation, service to your country, or perhaps just a moment to refocus I wish you luck. It is my belief that you are always welcome to return to Section 89 and it will be here with open arms. It is for this that I ask that we all rededicate ourselves to the principles set by our founding fathers not that of men joined in an organization but of the very basic hope to make the world a better place. Through our service, though we may not see it right away, we are changing the world one act at a time.

As always I thank you for the opportunity, the honor, and more importantly your brotherhood.

"Leadership, Friendship, and Service, bound in a single tie TOGETHER in Section 89!"



Section Calendar

February 17	SLED—Section Leadership Education Day Email Lisa at lisa@apo89.org to register	Xi Zeta Chapter, Rochester Institute of Technology
March 15	Absolutely Incredible Kid Day http://www.campfireusa.org/a_i_kid_day/mainpage.html	
March 23-35	Section 88/89 Conference—Viva La Service Epsilon Sigma Chapter, http://www.vivalaservice.com	SUNY Buffalo
April 20-22	National Youth Service Day http://www.apo.org/show/National_Programs/Service/Programs/Spring_Youth_Service_Day	
April 21	Gamma Chapter 80th Anniversary Banquet Phi Chapter 75th Anniversary Banquet Chi Pi 20/35th Anniversary Banquet	
May 1	Deadline For National Youth Service Day Forms http://www.apo.org/pages/show/National_Programs/Service/Project_Database/Service_Project_Report_Form	
June 22-24	APO-LEADS: SERVE http://www.apo.org/show/National_Programs/Leadership/APO_LEADS/Courses?id=5	Cleveland, OH
June 29-July 1	APO-LEADS: SERVE http://www.apo.org/show/National_Programs/Leadership/APO_LEADS/Courses?id=5	Baltimore, MD
July 26-29	National Volunteer Conference http://www.nvc.apo.org	
Fall 2007	Section 88/89 Conference	Alpha Delta Eta SUNY Albany
Winter 2007	Region I/II Conference	Eastern Pennsylvania Area



Spring Youth Service Day (From the SYSD Handbook)

Welcome to APO's 2007 Spring Youth Service Day (SYSD)! Your Chapter, along with hundreds of others across the nation, participates in this exciting event by planning and performing a service project benefiting youth, and/or directly with youth. What makes SYSD extraordinary is that along with one of our national service partners, Youth Service America, Alpha Phi Omega participates in the largest service event in the world

(National and Global Youth Service Day.) This year, APO's SYSD (which can also be thought of as "Spring Youth Service Weekend") is officially **April 20-22, 2007**.

Participating in SYSD helps realize Frank Reed Horton's dream that Alpha Phi Omega make the world a better place, particularly through service to "the youth of all nations." A SYSD project is a wonderful opportunity to work together as part of our National Fraternity to provide service that leaves a lasting and positive impact on local youth. Through projects that guide youth by engaging them in service, we both directly benefit them and inspire them to become the next generation of volunteers.

We challenge you to maximize the resources of your Chapter to plan a project that:

- 1) Addresses the needs of youth in your community.
- 2) Mobilizes and supports youth on a lifelong path of leadership and service.
- 3) Educates the public about the contributions of APO and young people in the community as servant leaders.

Therefore, don't just limit this project to the members of your Chapter! Use this opportunity to develop new relationships and build stronger communities by including other volunteers and organizations from your campus and neighborhood. —snip—

Last year, APO performed over 30,000 hours of service and reached almost 42,000 youth as part of SYSD! This year we hope that you will do your part to continue our success. Good luck and happy service project planning!

Whitney M. Amyot and Carla Moran

Spring Youth Service Day Chair and Service & Communication PD

Why Volunteer?

concern about the future

It isn't the easiest thing to care about. Most of us are kept very busy with today's problems. But if you care about the future of our country, volunteer service in Alpha Phi Omega is quite satisfying. One of the best ways to have a hand in shaping the future is to help shape the young people who will ultimately own it.

A belief in the principles of Alpha Phi Omega

If you believe the principles of leadership, friendship and service are worth strengthening and spreading, then Alpha Phi Omega is a cause worthy of your gift of time.

A desire to be involved in a volunteer service that is unique

Alpha Phi Omega is different and therefore refreshing. The skills you use in your work may be helpful to your volunteer service and vice versa, but it won't just be more of the same.

An enjoyment of relationships with unique and spirited people

We have many, all serving a common cause, and it shows in our relationships with each other. We know why we are here, and we are enthusiastic about what we are doing. Alpha Phi Omega may have met a need for you as a college student. It can still do that and you can share with others what you experienced as a Brother. Or you may be discovering this unique organization for the first time post-college.

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1. How long is the commitment?

The commitment is for the term of the elected officer you are working under. So anywhere from six months to two years.

2. How "active" will I become during this time?

At no time are you to be "active" in the chapter. The term active is used to refer to the students currently involved in the chapters. Once an active Brother graduates, they are then referred to as alumni. You are there for support and as a resource. You may attend functions and help at projects if they welcome you but at no time do you run the events.

3. How much does it cost?

Besides time, the main cost is travel expenses and the cost of attending any chapter functions and conferences. Depending on your role and your location within a Section/Region, this could be a substantial amount. However many volunteers work together in order to share the expense in various ways.

4. How much time does it involve?

Your limitations are what you participate in currently i.e., work, school and your own social life. You will know at the beginning of your job what the expectations are from your Section Chair.

5. What happens if I become a volunteer and I realize that I do not have enough time?

Talk to your Section Chair/Regional Director. You may not have enough time to do your current job but there may be another position or task on a smaller scale that you can do.



What can I Do?

Section Level:

- Section Staff
- Section Chair
- Section Rep for a Chapter
- Section Secretary
- Section Webmaster
- Extension Sponsor

Region Level:

- Regional Director
- Advisor Liaison
- Program Specialist
- Region Webmaster

National Level:

- National Committee Member
- Workshop Presenter
- APO LEADS Presenter
- Conference Coordinator

And there's many more positions to suit your needs...

For More Information

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Any Member of Staff!!

SLED in Review

By Joe Picalila, President of Chi Pi Chapter,
SUNY Fredonia

SLED was another great experience that happened on Saturday Feb. 17 and was held at RIT. For the uninformed, SLED stands for Section Leadership Education Day, a day set aside in the spring semester for brothers and pledges to get together for workshops that help with teambuilding and working together. This year had workshops on Scouting, Fundraising, Pledging, and Parliamentary Procedure.

Additionally there were roundtable discussions and activities. After SLED many brothers went to Jordan's store and also had a fellowship to Nick Tahoe's, home of the original Garbage Plate. Everyone had a great time and met with brothers from other chapters. It was a good chance to hang out prior to the March sectionals at SUNY Buffalo.



Chi Pi Brothers at SLED at RIT

By Kate Ayote, Brother of Chi Pi Chapter, SUNY Fredonia

SLED. Also known as Section Leadership Education Day. But what do these four letters combine to become? Fun, fellowship, learning, exhaustion, new friendships, new experiences, and so much more. Here is a small entry in the life of Kate about her trip to R.I.T. For this semester's awesome SLED on Saturday, February 17, 2007.

4:30 am: Wake up and get dressed. Check the mp3 player and head sleepily downstairs to meet the rest of her car for their trip to Rochester.

5:00 am: Realize that her car is trapped in its parking space by being turtled on a giant snowdrift. Oops.

6:00 am: Triple A finally follows through and gets the tow truck to the car. On our way!

6:30 am: Hit the 90 after a quick stop at Timmy Hos for caffeine and Wal-mart for Lisa to get stuff and me to get gas.

8:27 am: Arrive at R.I.T. Campus in the correct place, 3 minutes before supposed to, AND before the Xi Zeta brothers! (Amazing for Chi Pi!)

9:00 am: Find recent alumni Sarah with Pi Rho brother Anthony, Alpha Delta Eta brother Shannon, grab pledge Geoff, and head out to get coffee and donuts for breakfast. Boing and Waddles now join Kate's lovely family.

9:58 am: Still can't find the Dunkin' Donuts that is supposedly 5 minutes away from campus using the map that Xi Zeta brother Matt gave us, and instead find this nifty coffee shack (literally) and snag caffeine and head back for SLED, late of course. (Typical Chi Pi's!)

10:10 am: Finally get back to campus and head to Rory's Pledge Retention workshop making a dramatic entrance with Boing and instantly increasing the hilarity of the room. We did a fun icebreaker similar to Never Have I Ever and much fun was to be had. Then we discussed in group work how to help retain pledges. The fact that Chi Pi's three pledges at SLED were at this workshop gave us much insight to the needs, wants, desires, and loves of the pledges.

11:00 am: Giggling and heading to the next workshop with the other brothers of countless chapters, reuniting ties not seen since Nationals in Kentucky and further back, we head to Mike Richardson's workshop on Scouting. Mike, though awesometacular in his scouting uniform, was about a minute late, and Boing, being the ever present leader that he is, decided that he would like to run the meeting. Mike decided to co-host the workshop with Boing and much was learned about scouting by all.

12:00 noon. Break time! It was time to harass brothers from other chapters to buy the amazing Zelda themed letter shirts that Chi Pi is selling! Many brothers signed up to purchase, much to Kate's delight. Food was gotten and all hungry people were happy. Boing had a good time zooming around workshops and brothers Boinging merrily around.

1:00 pm: Roundtables! Kate and Boing and Waddles headed over to the "everyone-talk-about-whatever" workshop and we grew closer understanding concerns, ideas, and help from other chapters.

2:30 pm: We did workshops with Lisa! This was fun! First we did a program where we had to figure out how to save our lives after being in a plane crash and figuring out what our most essential items were. Then we did another workshop in different groups where we were in another plane crash and had to save people. Boing was kidnapped by the evil and vile Mike Richardson and Fuzzy Rossman, and sad phone calls were made with him pleading to be helped and released.

3:45 pm: SLED was over, and plans were made everywhere to head to Jordan's store, Nick Tahou's for Garbage Plates, and then everyone to go home.

4:00 pm: Jordan's store! Yay for lots of nifty apparel and lettery goodness. The Chi Pi shirts were ordered and brothers quiver with anticipation as they will be ready in one week!

5:00 pm: We headed to Nick Tahou's and had yummy plates of food, a Rochester treat! They definitely taste better than they sound.

After this wonderfulness, many plans were made to go back to Fredonia and have fun. Brothers visited and had wonderful times, sharing with Boing-y goodness. Pictures were shared, Laughs were had, and exhaustion reined supreme. Great fun, great brothers, and great times. Can't wait for next SLED!



Boing, Chi Pi Chapter Mascot

Congratulations Alpha Zeta Lambda—SUNY Cortland



On December 10, 2007, the 18 Petitioners at SUNY Cortland were inducted as the first brothers of Alpha Phi Omega as the Alpha Lambda Zeta Chapter was chartered. Many brothers from all over the section were in attendance for the ceremony and festivities. Thank you to all the brothers who participated in the chartering ceremony. We welcome Alpha Zeta Lambda as the 12th chapter in Section 89 and wish them a lifetime of leadership, friendship, and service!

Michael Scala, President and Rita Wright, Advisor, hold the Charter for Alpha Zeta Lambda Chapter.



Alpha Zeta Lambda after their chartering

One of the many gifts AZL received



80.... 75.... Let's Celebrate!

By Renee Phillips, President, Gamma Chapter, Cornell University

Welcome to Section 89, Cortland! Gamma was ecstatic to have the honor of helping with Cortland's chartering ceremony last December. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience, and they are more than deserving of the honor of being called fellow brothers.

As 2006 closed with the founding of a new chapter, 2007 begins with the celebration of some chapters who have been around for quite some time. Phi turns 75 this year (congratulations, Syracuse!), and Gamma turns 80. (Boy, we're all getting old.) We have a fantastic weekend planned to celebrate our 80th anniversary, including a bar-be-queue, a huge service project (of course), a speaker event with Cornell (and Gamma!) alums speaking about leadership, a formal banquet, and a brunch on Sunday. These will all be held on the weekend of April 20-22, and we would love to see you at the banquet on Saturday evening! Unfortunately, it happens to fall on the same weekend as Phi's anniversary event (we have good taste in weekends), but that just means you can have one APO-anniversary filled weekend.

If you would like to come, send me (Renee) an email at rrp32@cornell.edu. We hope you'll be able to make it!



Viva La Service—March 23-25

All conference information, including registration packets, schedules, and costs can be found at <http://www.vivalaservice.com>.

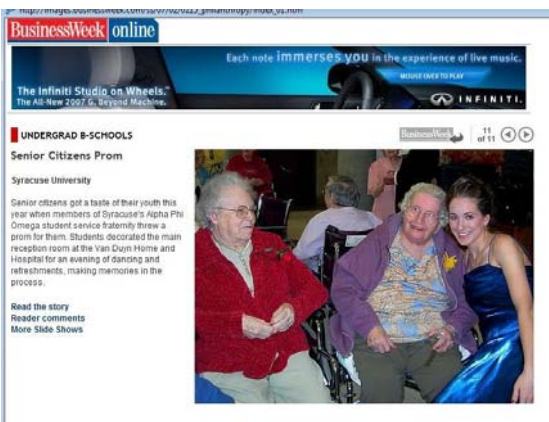


Paperwork!!!

Make sure ALL paperwork for pledge rituals (inductions) and brothering rituals (initiations/crossing) is into National Office within 10 business days along with the money to cover all form submissions.

Be sure to keep the chapter copies of the membership forms at your chapter, and make copies of any checks sent in until you know the money was received at the National Office.

Phi Chapter in Business Week Magazine



Check out Phi Chapter's write up in Business Week Magazine at http://images.businessweek.com/ss/07/02/0215_philanthropy/index_01.htm. Phi Chapter is shown on the last slide of the slide show with their Senior Citizen's Prom Event. Way to go Phi!

Warm-Up America

The Warm Up America Foundation was founded in 1992 to help keep those less fortunate warm in their time of need. If you are able to knit or crochet, they are looking for 7 inch by 9 inch squares to sew into blankets. More information for Warm Up America can be found at <http://warmupamerica.com/>.

Project Niño

Project Niño was founded in 2005 by Steven Mezik, a professor at Herkimer Community College, Barbara Mezik, and Terry Heron. They visited a group of orphans, and it was clear that many of the children did not have access to the educational system. The children could not attend school due to a lack of funding for their annual health and dental exams, school supplies and uniforms. This prohibited these children from entering the educational system- one of the limited ways in which these orphans would be able to escape the cycle of poverty. While children of all backgrounds are affected by the prohibitive Ecuadorian laws, it is the orphans who suffer most. (Taken from the Project Niño website.)

Steve has asked for donations of school supplies, furniture, and monetary donations to help the orphanages in Ecuador. If you can help, please contact Steve through the Project Niño website at <http://projectnino.org>.



More pictures from SLED at RIT

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BE A LEADER, BE A FRIEND, BE OF SERVICE



Bits and Pieces from National Office

Things you need to know from Convention:

- AAMD's will be \$25 per active brother, starting this November. (This is up from \$15 in the past.)
- Pledge and Petitioning Fees will be \$25 per pledge, starting in the fall semester. (This is up from \$20 in the past.)
- Alumni Association Dues are now \$25 per year. (This is up from \$15 in the past.)
- An \$7 annual insurance fee may be charged per active brother.
- No pictures from/of rituals are allowed in ANY printed/online publication, without the permission of the National Office.
- National Convention 2008 will be hosted in Boston, Massachusetts.
- A National Leadership Award will be presented every two years at National Convention.
- A transition plan is being created through a committee for single-gender chapters.



National Convention Election Results

Our new national officers are:

Maggie Katz—National President
Mark Stratton—National Vice President
Ed Richter—Leadership Development PD
Carla Moran—Service & Communications PD
John Ottenad—Membership & Extension PD
Jeff Cantor—Alumni Relations/IVD PD
Brant Warrick—Finance & Operations PD
Jim Hahn—Marketing PD
Marilyn Mims Dow—Region 1 Director
Michael Haber—Region 2 Director
Dawn Gurganous—Region 3 Director
Matt Cross—Region 4 Director
Adam Bolain—Region 5 Director
Rob Coop—Region 6 Director
Cole Roberts—Region 7 Director
Kat Whitfield—Region 8 Director
Ginny Combs—Region 9 Director
Frank Brodsky—Region 10 Director
Tony Ploughe—Region 11 Director