

Phi Theta Kappa  
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Newsletter

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## Regional Officer Changes

Due to the resignation of a Regional Officer, these new changes are in effect for the remainder of the 2010-2011 year.

Christopher Cox (Alpha Nu Sigma) has moved from the Secretary position to the Vice President of South Carolina.

Nancy Caddell (Alpha Nu Sigma) has taken on the Secretary Position.

We look forward to positive things from our 2010-2011 Officer team.

## The Heart of Phi Theta Kappa

Have you ever stopped to think what Phi Theta Kappa is really about? Yes, we all know the four Hallmarks: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship. Let's not forget the Honors Study topic that challenges us each year. The Hallmarks are just a small part of Phi Theta Kappa, although they do require a lot of work and dedication from everyone.

Stop for just a moment and consider the hidden Phi Theta Kappa. Where else can you find a society, sorority, or fraternity that truly cares about each individual chapter and member? Phi Theta Kappa members will rejoice with you when you succeed, encourage you when you are discouraged and hold you in their arms when you cry.

Such an example of the true spirit of Phi Theta Kappa occurred dur-

ing my term as President of Alpha Sigma Gamma at Williamsburg Technical College.

Everything was going great! We had completed all requirements for Five Star and were in the process of writing our essays. There were only two of us writing the essays: the Vice President and I. Then, trouble came calling; I suffered a stroke. I couldn't make the contribution I had planned to make.

What were we going to do? There was less than a month left to the deadline. I was in the middle of trying to write the Scholarship essay when the phone rang; the caller was a Phi Theta Kappa angel of mercy. For the next two weeks Diane Mooring from Florence Darlington Technical College called me every day or I called her to work on the essays. There were

times when we were on the phone as late as midnight. She talked me through the essay process when I was so very confused.

The night before our package was due at Trident Technical College, Diane drove to Lake City to pick up our essays.

I can never fully thank the Phi Theta Kappa community for caring enough to reach out to one individual chapter in such a special way. Diane, thank you; you will always have a special place in my heart.

In closing, I challenge each of you to go forth and carry the torch of what Phi Theta Kappa truly means; we are a society with a heart.

# Alpha Omega Chapter Hosts Advisor Retreat

On Saturday, August 7, the Carolinas Region alumni chapter, Alpha Omega, hosted a retreat for the region's advisors. The one day event took place in Asheboro, North Carolina, and was attended by numerous advisors who were both new and experienced. The event was also attended by Phylliss Duvall, Chapter Relations Manager, from Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters. In addition to attending, Phylliss assisted alumni, their advisor Beth Carraway, and Regional Coordinator John Sharpe in facilitating the educa-

tional forums. Topics presented and discussed included gaining administrative support, chapter building through Phi Theta Kappa programs, and PAM. Forums were specifically focused to address the advisor's role in chapter activities. Although this was not the first Advisor retreat hosted by the region, this was the first retreat in recent years. The alumni chapter is excited to have been able to fill this regional need, and we look forward to hosting another retreat in the future.



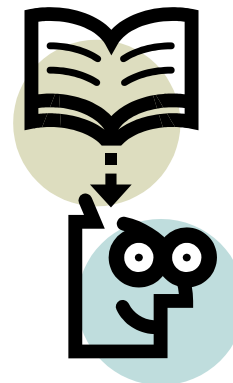
*getting to know one another*

# Alpha Omega Nu Helps Meet Teacher's Needs

"Alpha Omega Nu's chapter secretary, Phyllis Williams, has taken the lead in our group in gathering items for classes in Williford Elementary School (a Title I school), in Rocky Mount, NC. Like a fairy godmother, Phyllis has worked to grant some of the expressed wishes of several of the teachers at the school. The requested items are intended to assist, enhance, or supplement the planned educa-

tional activities in many classrooms. To date, the donations include:

- \* 25 Jigsaw Puzzles
- \* 12 Coloring Books
- \* 40 Dry Erase Boards
- \* 24 Packages of Pencils
- \* 72 Glue Sticks
- \* 1 Set of Sidewalk Chalk (12 to 20 pieces)
- \* 108 Clothespins



- \* 14 "Treasure Box" Items (small toys, to be used as rewards)
- \* 1 Box Full of Yarn
- \* 2 Three-Shelf Bookcases
- \* 1 Rocking Chair

# Regional Events Numbers Increase

This years Carolinas Region events have all seen a tremendous growth in members and advisors attending which is contributed to the results of our chapters determination for membership growth.

We are moving right along with

getting participation increases!

On average this year our events have seen a 30-40% increase over last years numbers which is great news.

We wish to thank all the members of the Carolinas Region for

your participation in Phi Theta Kappa and Carolinas Region programs and for making the Carolinas Region Great!!!!

Congrats to each chapter for the hard work required to increase the number of active members!

# “Teaming Up for WOW”

Alpha Chi Sigma of Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, NC came together as a productive team to represent Phi Theta Kappa for the “Work On Wilmington,” a community wide project. This annual event takes place every April and involves individuals, groups, and businesses within the area. They all volunteer their resources, time, and skills to better the city. Teams are formed and each one is given an area of focus to enhance or repair.

Alpha Chi Sigma’s team was assigned the Wilmington Children’s Museum. The team volunteered with dedication to paint murals on walls, make needed repairs, clean and enhance the landscaping, and make beautiful flower boxes for the outside play area.

how they can help by going to their website at:

[www.workonwilmington.org](http://www.workonwilmington.org).



*Changing the look!*

The team, after working hard for numerous hours, left behind an updated environment for the community children and those visiting to enjoy for years to come. Anyone can read more about this worthwhile project and learn



## Beach Sweep !

This year Alpha Nu Sigma along with Alpha Sigma Gamma participated in the annual Myrtle Beach - Beach Sweep. Once a year the community comes together to clean up the beach area from debris left on the beach.

Members collected recyclables,

trash, and cigarette butts to ensure that no trash was swept into the coastal waters or surrounding dunes. By collecting these items members ensure a safer environment for people and animals alike on the beach. The two chapters enjoyed a cookout and fellowship following their hard work.



# Alpha Upsilon Theta has been busy!

The Phi Theta Kappa- Alpha Upsilon Theta Chapter at Piedmont Community College in Yanceyville and Roxboro North Carolina has had a very busy season. During the calendar year 2010 we worked on two benefits for scholarships within the school. We developed a partnership with the Horticulture Department on campus and sold the donated plants to raise funds for both the Becky Williamson and the Foundation Scholarships. The Becky Williamson scholarship is a GED related scholarship going to a qualified student coming out of the GED program and serves as a great motivation for matriculation into our college. The plant sales are always a huge hit with the community and the school and these are often monthly events.

Phi Theta Kappa on campus is also very active in motivating the GED students as well. One of our members and current Roxboro president; Linda Garrett is often invited to speak before the GED classes as a previous recipient of her GED. She is more than able to motivate these students as they can easily see where she was and what she is working toward in her own life. We are very proud to call her our president due to the strong work ethic that she holds.

One of the projects that generated the most joy from our team is the cards for the active duty military in Afghanistan. What started as a personal project from the heart of our current Caswell president; Lisa Wiley; became an ongoing and growing project. Once started as just asking students and faculty to sign a premade card that would be sent to the U.S. Troops overseas, developed into a card making project where the members came to the table and crafted cards from their own creative minds to be sent to unknown soldiers. The project will become care packages in the coming months as we seek to gain a deeper understanding about what the soldiers needs may be.

Our scrapbook is currently underway and we are working diligently and creatively toward building a book that can be looked back on with pride. It is quickly being filled with letters of appreciation from our local community in Yanceyville as we work toward raising awareness of the needs in our area. Some of the most prominent photos are of our Angel Tree Project, placing the names of children from families in need on the window of our Academic Success Center and emailing the students and faculty generated loads of gifts for the areas children and families for Christmas. However, the project at the local nursing home is the one that touched our hearts more than any other. Our team worked for days creating rabbits out of wash cloths and collecting sample size toiletries to create Easter Care Packages and an atmosphere of celebration for the residents of The Brian Center. Singing and presenting plants to the staff and faculty at Christmas had quickly brought the need to light and the joy that we received from the work made it far less like work and more like pleasure for our team.

We worked side by side with the Maintenance Staff on Yanceyville campus for the Project Green beautification. Planting donated plants from the Horticulture Department in the flower boxes and along the wall of the buildings. We have been given an ongoing spot to maintain in front of the entry way and we look toward the work as team fellowship, the work is light and the laughs are many.

In May, Open House tours on both campuses were directed by many of our members and we guided our guests from building to building and explained all of the wonderful opportunities that our campus holds. Taking members of the community and even community leaders from the local area and introducing them to the faculty and staff that were available to explain the technology that their areas of expertise allowed. From the Cosmetology Department, Biology Department and Computer Labs to the Digital Effects and Animation Technology Building, it went over beautifully.

The summer brought with it a wonderful opportunity for our newly developed Roxboro team to stretch their wings with a bake sale. They generated a nice amount of revenue, and the remainder of the baked goods, were presented to the faculty and staff as part of the assignment. Our advisors keep very busy over the summer months as well. Both Edna Brown and Norwood Walker attended the Advisor's Conference in Asheboro, N.C. and the Leadership Retreat at Mayo Park in Roxboro, N.C. Gaining much insight into what it takes to be a great leader and returning it to our team.

Starting in September with a fundraiser for Relay for Life seemed an appropriate way to start the Fall semester. We worked diligently on a presale for the cactus gardens that Mark Rembold and his team from the Prison Department would be making up, while waiting for the green plants to arrive and brighten up the space all around. Furthering our September activities, we will be providing campus tour guides and assistance with the ice cream social during our schools Fortieth Anniversary celebration on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

In November we have the tremendous honor of being able to co-host our first Leadership conference. Our team is excitedly planning our travel to Charleston, S.C. in the next few weeks to be able to assist the team there in the presentation of seminars and hands on opportunities to lead. After several of our members were able to attend the Regional Conference in Louisburg, N.C. just a few months back, we look forward to giving back to the teams that gave so willingly to us.

The major highlight of our year was our Induction Ceremony. We inducted just over 40 invited members into our ranks as the best and the brightest on our campuses. The team also selected an Honorary Member to induct, Mark Rembold; Horticulture Instructor /Corrections as he has been so active in our chapter and with the donations of the plants and his willingness to assist us in any way that he could. We had met with many of the inductees and offered ourselves as an introduction during our Orientation Meeting to guide and assist with any questions that remained. It was a glorious presentation as we held our candles and lit the new flames with our own. The torch was passed with newly elected officers as well. Spreading the fellowship of our team of leaders, no one walked away from their previous office to never return to our meeting table. All promising to return, both alumni and currently enrolled. We work as a tightly knit team.

## Go Alpha Pi Alpha!

The newly inducted chapter officers at Guilford Technical Community College were eager for the new year to start. In fact, they were so eager that they worked on membership recruitment strategies as well as leadership development, all summer long. Our chapter decided to set up an information table, a couple days out of each month, and give away specially personalized school supplies to the new students who are coming to register for the first time. We discovered that most people on campus, including old students, had no idea who Phi Theta Kappa was! Getting the new students motivated to earn those A's was a huge pleasure on our part! Alpha Pi Alpha had chapter representatives attend the Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida, and ever since then it seemed as if the motivation gained from the convention has lasted all through these last

couple months and has been passed on to the rest of the officers who were unable to attend. The Regional Honor Institute in Louisburg was also a great motivation! We had one member take a leadership role in the Debate, and also participate in the Reader's Theater. Another member dressed up for the costume contest and won a \$75 certificate to the Regional Leadership Conference in Charleston, SC. Our leadership abilities have already begun to blossom thanks to the support of Phi Theta Kappa. We have many new ideas and activities to be planned for the coming semester. We are also looking forward to putting our Regional Honors in Action and Service Project into action! Thanks so much to the Carolina's Region Officer Team and John Sharpe for all your help! See you in the future!





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The Carolinas!!!*

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

December 1, 2010	Administrator Hallmark Award Entries Due
December 1, 2010	Guistwhite Scholarship Application Deadline
December 3, 2010	Nota Bene Submission Deadline
December 31, 2010	Five Star Chapter Development Plan Update Due (final for year)
December 31, 2010	Deadline for Reporting Members for 2010 (noon CT)
February 2, 2011	International & Regional Hallmark Award Entries Due
March 18-20, 2011	Carolinas Regional Convention Village Inn Golf & Conference Center Clemmons, North Carolina

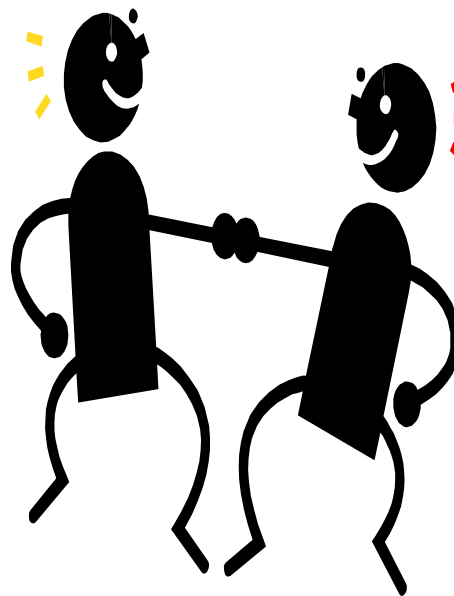


## Members Working Hard In Community

The Alpha Eta Kappa chapter at Midlands Technical College has had a great start to the new school year. Our chapter has begun scheduling a number of volunteer events, either in conjunction with other groups in the Columbia, SC, area, or on our own. Members are excited to have a full schedule of activities to choose from, and a number of members are participating in everything that's offered on our volunteer calendar.

Members are interested in participating in chapter activities—it's just a matter of having activities planned and scheduled in advance! By offering a fuller calendar of activities with more times and dates, members are able to work out a

volunteer agenda flexible to his or her own schedule. Everyone in the chapter is busy with classes, but



nearly everyone can make time for a simple afternoon event, such as the first volunteer commitment Alpha Eta Kappa has scheduled at the Ronald McDonald House. Our chapter has been able to get the word out in enough time to members so that they can see what is possible to work into their everyday schedule of work and classes. I'm hoping to keep member interest high by continually updating a schedule of events, both large and small, so that everyone in our chapter has an opportunity to serve.