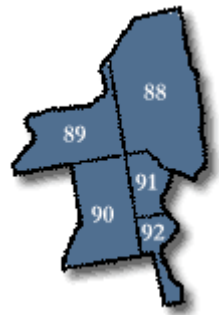


# ALPHA PHI OMEGA REGION II NEWS



All the best news for all the best Brothers!

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## A LETTER FROM THE REGION DIRECTOR

We all know that the supreme purpose of Alpha Phi Omega is Service.

Earlier in this still-new academic year, a sudden and overwhelming need for that Service arose. In the days following Hurricane Katrina's landfall, I heard (directly or indirectly) from many Chapters. Each one was taking a significant role in coordinating or assisting the response on their campus. Zeta Theta (Drexel University) immediately wanted to find a way to go to the Gulf Coast and volunteer directly in the rebuilding efforts. Epsilon Zeta (RPI) was asked by their school to take charge of all on-campus fundraising. Alpha Beta (Penn State) set about replenishing the Red Cross's diminished supply of blood reserves. Similar responses occurred across the colleges and universities of Region II. I can't tell you how proud I was, and continue to be, of the leadership demonstrated by our Chapters to answer this call. As you know, there is still much to be done.

In fact, there is no shortage of help needed in the world today. Situations such as hurricanes Katrina and Rita remind us of the true need for what we as a Fraternity do. If we are to continue providing that Service, to develop the Leadership necessary to provide it in the future, and to foster Friendships between those committed to such ideals, we must continue to find new recruits to join our cause. The need is there, it is up to us to fulfill it. And we cannot do it alone. We absolutely must keep a concerted focus on spreading the word of what we do in Alpha Phi Omega, so that we may SHARE our unique brand of Leadership, Friendship, and Service with a new generation.

Selfless volunteering is a noble endeavor under any circumstances. In Alpha Phi Omega, we have been practicing and refining that endeavor for eighty years. If we believe in what we are, it must continue to GROW so that we may do more good deeds with it. I thank you all for your efforts not only in helping to carry on the spirit of Alpha Phi Omega already, but also in ensuring that that spirit is put into action time & time again. When the next terrible disaster occurs, and as time goes by and others need us, I know our Fraternity will be there again to help.

Thank you.

In LF&S,

Mike Haber  
"Spreee"

P.S. I'm looking forward to visiting your Chapters this semester, and seeing you in action. Feel free to invite me to any specific events (banquets, ceremonies, Service projects, etc.) at which you might like to have me in attendance. Each Chapter is unique and has special attributes in its own way. I've long felt that the best way to know a Chapter is by interacting with the Brothers on their own turf.

## *Congratulations!*

Congratulations are in order for the following chapters that had a membership of over 100 last year.

### **Section 89:**

**Phi** (Syracuse University) – 124 Brothers

### **Section 90:**

**Alpha Beta** (Penn State University) – 136 Brothers

**Xi Iota** (Susquehanna University) – 102 Brothers

**Iota Omicron** (Gettysburg College) – 101 Brothers

**Alpha Gamma Alpha** (Dickinson College) – 100 Brothers

### **Section 92:**

**Sigma Eta** (Villanova University) – 124 Brothers

**Delta Zeta** (University of Pennsylvania) – 106 Brothers

Congratulations to all the Brothers from these Chapters for their successful recruitment efforts.

## Its all the e-rage!

So, everyone's online these days. E-mail, instant messenger, personal web pages. It's enough to make your mind explode!

So what does Region II do? It give you more e-communication alternatives! That's right, more!

Your friendly Communications Coordinator, Chuck Brace, has created a LiveJournal community page for Region II.

Go to [www.livejournal.com/users/aporegion2](http://www.livejournal.com/users/aporegion2) to access the BLOG site. You do not need to be a subscriber to LiveJournal to read or even post to the site, however, registration is free and you can create your own BLOG page when you register.

The Region II BLOG on LiveJournal is for everyone to post events, announcements, or just to chat with other Brothers. So log on today.

I hope to see you online!

--Chuck Brace  
Region II Communications Coordinator

## CALENDAR

### Upcoming Events

October 21, 2005 – LAUNCH – ABΞ (SUNY Geneseo)

October 22, 2005 – LAUNCH – IO (Gettysburg College)

October 23, 2005 – LAUNCH – AB (Penn State University)

October 23, 2005 – EXPLORE – ABΞ (SUNY Geneseo)

October 23, 2005 – Section 90 Council Meeting – AB (Penn State University)

October 30, 2005 – ACHIEVE – ΕΣ (SUNY Buffalo)

November 4-6, 2005 – Section 88/89 Conference – ΚΦ (St. Lawrence University)

November 5, 2005 – LAUNCH – Section 88/89 Conference – ΚΦ (St. Lawrence University)

November 5, 2005 – DISCOVER-- Section 88/89 Conference – ΚΦ (St. Lawrence University)

November 6, 2005 – Section 91 SLED – ΞΑ (Muhlenburg University)

November 6 – 12, 2005 – National Service Week -- “Making Safer Homes”

November 15, 2005 – AAMD and Chapter Reaffirmation forms due to National Office

November 19-20, 2005 – Section 90 Fellowship Event: Greek Olympics – IO (Gettysbrug College)

November 20, 2005 – Section 90 Council Meeting -- IO (Gettysbrug College)

December 27, 2005 – EXPLORE -- Region I/II Conference – AΔH (SUNY Albany)

December 27, 2005 – DISCOVER -- Region I/II Conference – AΔH (SUNY Albany)

December 28-20, 2005 – Region I/II Conference – AΔH (SUNY Albany)

December 28, 2005 – ACHIEVE -- Region I/II Conference – AΔH (SUNY Albany)

# TWO MU LAMBDA BROTHERS VICTIMS OF THE HURRICANE

Two years ago, New Orleans played host to many APO Brothers for our National Convention. I, along with 12 other Mu Lambda's, spent one of the best weeks of my life there. The city was beautiful and everyone was so nice.

However, no one's hospitality topped that of our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Galang, the parents of Mu Lambda alumni Romeo Galang. They allowed us all to sleep in their house and spoiled us with a buffet of the finest New Orleans cuisine. Their hospitality was boundless. Now, that home that provided us with so much is no more.

Another Mu Lambda alumnus, Pooja Dhume, was affected as well. She was my Grand-big and was always there for me. Now it's my turn to be there for her.

I know all of you are looking for some way to help. All I'm asking of you is to send a card from your chapter wishing them well. APO was such a large part of both Pooja and Romeo's lives. Please send all cards (or donations if you wish) to:

Sara Missell  
26 Riga Street  
Rochester, NY 14615

Thank you for all of your generosity!

--Sara Missell  
Mu Lambda Chapter  
Reprinted from the Section 89 Newsletter

## A MINUTE WITH THE PREZ: GREEK OLYMPICS

Get ready for THESection 90 event of the semester! On November 19-20, we're having a Greek-themed Olympics at Gettysburg! This means each chapter is going to go head-to-head against each other in relays and games during the day, and then at night attend a Greek social complete with a toga competition! The winning chapter will be crowned at the end of the night and will be able to take home the glory.

Accommodations will be provided for the night if you want to stay and see what Gettysburg is all about. On Sunday, we will have a brunch and a section meeting for those that want to attend. In the meantime, recruit some of your favorite brothers to compete and look for updates from your chapter's ICR chair! If you have any suggestions for games/races you would like to have, e-mail your ideas to me at [sms590@psu.edu](mailto:sms590@psu.edu)!! I look forward to seeing you all in your togas!!!

--Shauna Sergent  
Section 90 President  
Alpha Beta Chapter  
Reprinted from the Section 90 Newsletter

## NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK, NOVEMBER 6-12, 2005 "MAKING SAFER HOMES"

The theme for this year's NSW is "Making Safer Homes" The following is an excerpt from the recent T&T article: "Working with Habitat for Humanity and other organizations that help create safer homes – inside and out – is one way to interpret the "Making Safer Homes" theme. Also consider projects in the areas of domestic and sexual violence prevention, fire safety, substance abuse prevention, child welfare, and emergency preparedness. You can locate more ideas in the NSW handbook at [www.apo.org](http://www.apo.org)."

# Everything's Great in 88!

Things in Section 88 have been quite busy this fall thus far! We're looking forward to the 88/89 Sectional Conference, hosted by Kappa Phi at St. Lawrence, November 4-5. I expect a great time and a fun "Mon-APO-ly" theme.

Regionals will also be in Section 88, December 28-30, hosted by Alpha Delta Eta Chapter at SUNY Albany, with some huge help coming from Epsilon Zeta, Xi Rho, and other chapters around the region. Registration packets should be arriving in the mail soon, and the conference will be a worthwhile conclusion to a hectic fall in Eastern NY.

So far, I've heard nothing but good news in terms of rush from each chapter, with increasing membership across the section. Also impressive has been the desire by chapters to work with each other on a section-wide basis. In addition to everything else going on, Xi Rho will be hosting a section fellowship event on October 22nd. They'll be running an 80's dance/karaoke night and have already created invitations and are preparing for the event. Brothers from chapters outside of the section will also be welcome for the good times.

Those are the big happenings in Section 88 for the fall. I've been having a great time in my first year as Section Chair, and look forward to the rest of the semester and all that will be going on!

-- Ed Pollack  
Section 88 Chair

## Links and Contacts

Below are some handy web links and e-mail addresses for you and your chapter:

Region II Web Page: [www.apor2.org](http://www.apor2.org)

National Web Page: [www.apo.org](http://www.apo.org)

National Leadership Development Web Page: [www.leadership.apo.org](http://www.leadership.apo.org)

Region II Live Journal BLOG Page: [www.livejournal.com/users/aporegion2](http://www.livejournal.com/users/aporegion2)

Fall 2005 Section 88/89 Conference: <http://www.apo88.org/sectionals.php>

Region I/II Conference: <http://www.apo88.org/regionals.php>

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Region Director: [director@apor2.org](mailto:director@apor2.org)

