



PHI THETA KAPPA

Sigma Zeta Chapter
November 2010 Newsletter

2010 Cornucopia Project

The cornucopia is defined as "a hollow horn-shaped object, filled with edible or useful things; an abundance or plentiful supply." This symbol of prosperity, dating back to the 5th century BC, alluding to an overflowing supply is not always the case for some of our fellow stu-

dents here at Lane Community College. For some, the cornucopia is empty. Once again, the Sigma Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is planning to provide holiday meals to as many deserving families as possible. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted at the chapter office, Building 17 Room 312, through Friday, November 19, 2010. Suggested items include canned vegetables, boxes



Help turn the empty horn...

of mashed potatoes, gravy packets, canned milk, canned pumpkin, jellied cranberries and even gift cards that will enable recipients to purchase a turkey, ham or other main course. To donate, contact Eric Roberts at eroberts4023@gmail.com and help fill the basket to overflowing.



...into one that's overflowing.

Applications for the food boxes are available online and will be accepted through the deadline of November 17, 2010. Go to <http://lanecc.edu/ptk/harvestapp.htm> to print the application. Approved applicants will be notified by the chapter and will be able to pick up their boxes on Tuesday afternoon, November 23rd, between 2:00 and 4:00 pm in the southwest corner of the cafeteria.

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal. -- Henry Ford

Honors In Action

October 15-17, 2010 found Matt, Paul and Velda at Tillamook Bay Community College for the Fall 2010 Honors In Action Conference. Their beautiful new school was a nice setting for this gathering of the Rocky Mountain Cascade Region. With chapters representing colleges in Oregon, Idaho and as far away as Utah present, a diverse cross-section was in attendance. This event was not only about fellowship, but also scholarship and service. We visited a group of women who make quilts for

the homeless. We were even allowed to help, although they were kind enough not to say how much they might have to redo.

One of the guest speakers gave us much food for thought as to the fragility of information, that is, who controls it and who has access to it. It was brought to our attention that we all have a responsibility to ensure the continued free flow of accurate information made available to everyone. Look for additional coverage in next month's newsletter.

Ask Out Advisor

I just learned about the honor society. Is it new? If not, then when did Lane's honor society get started? –JA

Dear JA: Lane's Phi Theta Kappa honor society was chartered in 1968. The chapter has been in existence for 42 years now. During that time, the foundations of the Society have remained fairly consistent: recognizing academic achievement and providing opportunities for individual growth.

Phi Theta Kappa started in 1918 in Missouri, and this month is considered Phi Theta Kappa's birthday. November 19th is Founder's Day. Briefly about the history of the Society:

- It originated in 1910 with six charter members in Columbia, Missouri.



Velda Arnaud, Advisor

- In 1918, the organization became Phi Theta Kappa and was modeled after Phi Beta Kappa, the honor society for senior-level colleges.
- The letters for Phi Theta Kappa are taken from the first letters of the Greek words meaning wisdom, aspiration, and purity.
- Initially, Phi Theta Kappa was for women's junior colleges, but in 1924, it was expanded to all junior colleges.
- In 1929, Phi Theta Kappa became the official honor society for the American Association of Junior (now Community) Colleges.
- The first elected national president was Margaret Mosal. She eventually became the chief executive of the Society, and she held that position for fifty years.
- In the 1960s Phi Theta Kappa expanded their focus to inducting members in their freshman year rather than waiting until graduation.

Phi Theta Kappa today:

- Phi Theta Kappa has over 2 million members and is considered the largest honor society in higher education within the United States.
- There are over 1,250 chapters throughout the world.
- The programs focus on the four hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship.
- The Society records over 200,000 students participating in Phi Theta Kappa programs each year.
- Over 100,000 new members are inducted each year.
- Headquarters is located at the Center for Excellence in Jackson, Mississippi.

Your local chapter, Sigma Zeta:

- Has been the #1 chapter in the region since 2006.
- Was a Top 25 chapter internationally in 2008 and 2009.
- Proudly claims Dee Lauzon, International President 2008-09, and former chapter president.
- Recognizes Jeffrey Arnold, National President 1976-77.
- Regular participates in community and campus service projects.

-- Velda

Come Smash a Car!



We're literally days away from the most anticipated football game of the year. Of course we're speaking about the Civil War game between the Oregon Ducks and the Oregon State Beavers. This year, Sigma Zeta is bringing something new to our school. From November 29th to December 3rd, during the week leading up to the big game on December 4th, we will be hosting a car smash in the

area outside the southwest entry to the cafeteria. Our plans are to paint half the car in Beaver orange and black and the other half in Duck green and gold. Whoever wants to take a swing at their opposing team will be allowed to purchase the opportunity to take a whack. We hope this will be an annual event, which will allow us to make Phi Theta Kappa better known on campus.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

PLACE BUILDING 19, ROOM 232

TIME THURSDAY @ 4:00 PM

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring a prospective member to give them a peek into ΦΘΚ.

ASLCC MEETINGS

PLACE LCC BUILDING 3, BOARDROOM

TIME MONDAY @ 3:30 PM

COUNCIL OF CLUBS MEETING

PLACE LCC BUILDING 1, ROOM 206

TIME 4:00 PM SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY EACH MONTH

PHI THETA KAPPA FOUNDER'S DAY

NOVEMBER 19, 2010

PROJECT CORNUCOPIA DISTRIBUTION

NOVEMBER 23, 2010

CAR SMASH FOR CIVIL WAR GAME

NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 3, 2010

CHRISTMAS PARADE

DECEMBER 11, 2010

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SEATTLE

APRIL 7-9, 2011

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Chapter blog:

sigmazeta.wordpress.com

Our YouTube Videos:

<http://youtube.com/iamvelda>

Regional Web Site:

<http://www.rmcpk.org/index.htm>

Regional Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=75667814169>

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Watch for the next issue coming in early December.