



PHI THETA KAPPA

Sigma Zeta Chapter
October 2010 Newsletter

Meeting Information for Fall Term

Our chapter's weekly meeting is now being held in Building 19, Room 232. Join us each Thursday at 4:00pm as we enjoy fellowship and plan our activities.

New Member Orientation

We have an orientation session for new members scheduled for October 14, 2010. This will be held at 4:00pm in Building 19, Room 232.

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Officer Position Change

Matt Ray is now our chapter President. This leaves an opening for the President-Elect position. See the Advisor's column for more information.

Inside this Issue...

Phi Theta Kappa's International Convention is only six months away. It's not too soon to begin planning to attend. This year it's practically in our back yard!

We had a busy September, participating in sprucing up the campus, helping to clean up Fall Creek Park and working on fundraising opportunities to name a few.

Have you wondered what leadership positions are available in Phi Theta Kappa? Check out our new column, *Ask Our Advisor*.

Do you want to help keep unnecessary items out of our landfills? Look for the article about the Better World Book campaign.

As always, make sure to check out the calendar of upcoming events.

It is my privilege to serve you as our chapter's Communications Officer. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our newsletter, please feel free to email me. Contact information is on page 7.

-- Paul Tanner

Time To Start Planning for the 2011 International Convention

Phi Theta Kappa's 2011 Annual Convention will be held April 7-9 in Seattle, Washington. Wouldn't it be great if enough of attend so that we can charter a bus and travel together? Start saving your money now to participate in this fabulous activity.

At last year's Convention, our chapter returned with these awards:

- Distinguished Chapter (Top 100)
- Scholarship Hallmark (Third year in a row)

With this year's convention practically in our back yard, our region will be well represented. There will be an opportunity to attend the Senior College Transfer Fair where we can meet with admissions counselors offering transfer scholarships for Phi Theta Kappa members. We will also have the opportunity to enjoy free time in Seat-

tle, perhaps visiting the Space Needle, Pike Place Market and the Experience Music Project. All of these attractions are within walking distance of the Convention hotels. Most all

Convention events are scheduled to take place at the Washington State Convention Center at the corner of Eighth and Pike St. in downtown Seattle. A few events will be held at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. For more information and a promotional video follow this link: <http://convention.ptk.org/>. If you are interested in attending please inform our advisor, Velda Arnaud by emailing her at arnaudv@lanecc.edu.



Welcome Week

Our chapter provided assistance to new and returning students during the first week of the term, commonly called Welcome Week. We helped man the welcome tent set up by the college and gave directions and other help. If you remember how lost you felt your first week here, then we hope you will volunteer for the next Welcome Week. Let's remember that part of our service as members of Phi Theta Kappa includes helping those who are new to the school and need help finding their way.



Dennis Cooley helps a new student

What Has Your Chapter Been Up To?

Campus Beautification

Another successful beautification event took place here on campus led by the diligent members of the Sigma Zeta Chapter. This time we worked directly with Head Groundskeeper Frank Drengacz, who had us assist installing fresh plants for the first week of fall term. Once the dust settled, we counted 122 chrysanthemums



Left to right: Karlie, Eric, Tracy, Matt, Velda

mums successfully put in the ground throughout the campus. Our weekend horticultural tradition carries on, so please take a moment between classes to indulge in the smell of these beautiful flowers. -- *Contributed by Matt Ray*

SOLV Beach and Riverside Cleanup

The fall SOLV Beach Cleanup involved a local waterway cleanup. Organizers have found that 60-80% of trash that ends up on the beaches of Oregon starts from the creeks and rivers that empty into the ocean. This time we decided to help a county park in our community instead of commuting all the way to the ocean beaches. After a little deliberation, and some quick research, we decided on going to Fall Creek Park, a



short 10-minute drive from Thurston. This is a little county park that has been adopted by two local women, Maggie and Pam. They have slowly been reclaiming the area from the Himalayan blackberries and Scotch broom that have grown over the years. Five members of our chapter and two family members were able to show for this event. We cleared a pile of debris that was about ten feet in diameter and a little over

six feet high. We have been invited to return any time we would like. The chapter is discussing making this our semi-annual SOLV project. The next waterway project is SOLV IT, scheduled for Earth Day, April 16, 2011. Please mark this on your calendar so you can enjoy participating. The park has picnic facilities and horse-shoe pits so that we can make this a family event for the day.

-- *Contributed by Mark Saxton*



Left to right: Don Weimer, Eric Roberts, Tracy Weimer, Matthew Ray, Dennis Cooley, Mark Saxton, Zander Saxton

Fundraising Activities

Frozen Support

Sigma Zeta has been looking for new fundraising avenues for quite some time. Our chapter has taken a path less traveled by adopting a vending machine to bring in funds. This machine is a frozen food machine to be exact. Our campus cafeteria closes early in the evening but classes' car-yon until past sundown. We will have many options for students to choose from and even attach prize tickets to some items. Our machine is located in the vending alcove by the north restrooms where the ATMs are. Please come on down to the cafeteria to see the new approach to an age

old problem: Where are the donations? --
Contributed by Matt Ray

Car Smash

Another fundraising activity will be held the week of the Civil War football game between the Oregon Ducks and the Oregon State Beavers. From November 29th through December 3rd we will have a car smash to raise funds for the chapter. We have received approval from the college to bring in an old car and beat it up with sled-gehammers! If all goes as planned, half of the car will be painted in Beaver orange and black and the other half in Duck green

and gold. Tickets will be sold to those who want to pick up the sledgehammer and bash their opposing team. We have been

assigned an area near the southwest corner of the Center Building which will give us great visibility.

What's the Value of a Book?

Every year a billion books are sent to landfills while many people only dream for a chance to read. Sigma Zeta, in cooperation with Better World Books, is saving books destined for the landfill. Better World Books was founded in 2002 by three friends from the University of Notre Dame who started selling textbooks online to earn some money, and ended up forming a pioneering social enterprise — a business with a mission to promote literacy.

As of now, Better World Books has turned 35 million donated books into \$7.5 million in funding for literacy and education. In the process,

they have also diverted more than 13,000 tons of books from landfills.

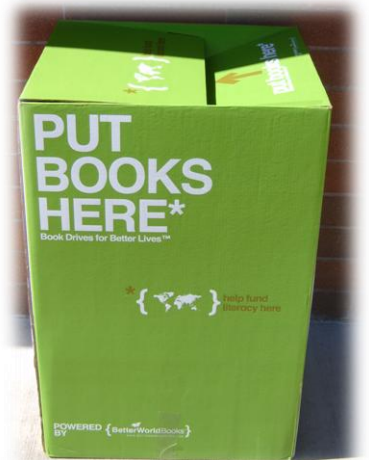
Thanks to the donations from LCC Students and staff, your Phi Theta Kappa chapter shipped 21 boxes of donated books this September contributing to:

- Total Pounds of Books Diverted: 6,283
- Total Trees Preserved: 67
- Total Gallons of Water Conserved: 49,315
- Total Pounds of Greenhouse Gases Diverted: 8,998
- Total Kilowatts of Electricity Saved: 15,238

It's easy to help, just slip your book donations into any of the boxes located around campus and assist your school, the environment and help spread literacy and education throughout the world.



Dennis Cooley empties a donation box



To repeat what others have said requires education; to challenge it requires brains. -- Mary Pettibone Poole

Ask Our Advisor

I have heard that there are leadership roles in Phi Theta Kappa, but it appears that all the positions are already filled. Are there any other opportunities for leadership? -BR

Dear BR: There are leadership positions available at many levels within Phi Theta Kappa. At the chapter level there are five elected and numerous appointed positions. One of the elected positions is currently open, and if you or anyone else will be around during the 2011-12 academic year, the position of president elect is currently unfilled. The president elect shadows the president for the year and then assumes the position of president at the formal induction in the spring.

The appointed positions are the active team leaders, and they are in charge of the individual projects. Look through this newsletter, and you will see many different projects. Some are annual projects, such as the fall campus beautification, and others are on-going like Better World Books. There are many more projects than are mentioned in this newsletter, and the more members who are involved, the stronger and more involved our chapter becomes.

Beyond the chapter level, there are regional and international leadership positions, as well. Elections for both of those are in the spring. To run for an international office, the process begins in late fall, and it is an intense and highly rewarding



process. Running for a regional office is less rigorous, and it begins in early spring. If anyone is interested in either of these types of offices, please come see me.

During the year I often offer leadership workshops for chapter members. These workshops are designed to improve members' skills, and the topics are based on the members' needs. If you have topics that you would like to have covered, please let me know, and I will find a method of delivering that instruction.

Finally, taking that step forward to lead is a little scary, at first. As you develop your skills, you will feel more comfortable. Community college is the perfect place to develop leadership skills, and we are extremely supportive for you to do so.

--Velda

I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have. -- Thomas Jefferson

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

REGIONAL HONORS IN ACTION CONFERENCE

TILLAMOOK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OCTOBER 15-17, 2010

VETERAN'S PARADE

NOVEMBER 6, 2010

30TH AVENUE ROAD CLEANUP

NOVEMBER 11, 2010

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 4, 2010

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SEATTLE

APRIL 7-9, 2011

Sigma Zeta Chapter Contacts

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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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http://www.myspace.com/phi_theta_kappa_region_iv

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Watch for the next issue coming in early November.