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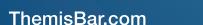
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"The purpose of this Fraternity shall be to form a strong bond uniting students and teachers of the law with members of the Bench and Bar in a fraternal fellowship designed to advance the ideals of liberty and equal justice under law; to stimulate excellence in scholarship; to inspire the virtues of compassion and courage; to foster integrity and professional competence; to promote the welfare of its members; and to encourage their moral, intellectual, and cultural advancement; so that each member may enjoy a lifetime of honorable professional and public service."

# Mission, Vision & Core Values

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International is a professional law fraternity advancing integrity, compassion and courage through service to the student, the school, the profession and the community.

We are the preeminent law fraternity promoting the bonds of fraternalism and we are the leader in the development and advancement of professional ideals.

#### Core Values

Bound together by tradition and our common interest in the law, we share these core values: Integrity, Compassion, Courage, Professionalism, Service, Diversity, and Innovation.

# Message From the International Justice:

#### R U With Me?

By Ronald J. Winter (Alden), International Justice

For those of you who were in attendance at Convention in

Scottsdale, you recognize the significance of these letters. For those of you who were not, I implored the assembled delegates, colleagues and friends to join with me as we embark on this new biennium.

It was Steve Tasker who described the key to good leadership not as getting people to follow you but as getting them to **join** you. Thus

"Good leadership [is] not getting people to follow you but as getting them to **join** you."

began my administration as your new International Justice, in remarks at the conclusion of the 59<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention.

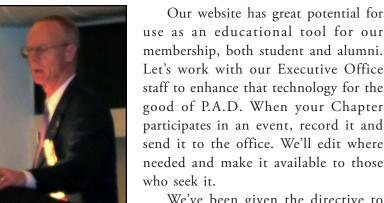
We have much to accomplish this year, and it will take the

concerted effort of all of P.A.D. Nation to make it happen. Chief among my goals are to initiate a record number of law, pre-law and alumni members this year. In particular, I have set 6,000 as the goal for law school initiates this upcoming academic year, a number which has never been achieved in one year.

In targeting that goal, I have set some goals within each District which I will be sharing and discussing with the District Justices and the Executive Office. Most significantly, however, I need the delegates to our Convention to return home with the same passion and dedication to P.A.D. that they demonstrated over our 4-day meeting in Arizona. That emotion and drive will take us to new heights this year, but it won't be easy.

We need to motivate and mobilize the membership, a phrase that I hope to not only repeat often during my tenure as your IJ, but put into action. I am reaching back in my P.A.D. history to friends who have been less active in recent years and challenging them to join me in making this a year for the ages.

The grassroots network of this organization is in place; our task now is to make use of it for the good of all of our members. I need each one of you out there to step up and ask "What can I do?" I'll have an answer for you, on that you can be sure.



We've been given the directive to consider two new advisory councils. Well, I've considered them and I'm putting good people to work on them. Let me know if you're interested in serving on the Law Student Advisory Council (LSAC) or the International Relations Advisory Council (IRAC).

Your new International Executive Board has a vision for the Fraternity and a plan to get us there. I'll do my part in chairing the Board, but we need folks at all levels to accomplish the tasks.

Are you with me?



The 2012–2014 International Tribunal l-r: Assoc. Tribune Tad Bistor, Chief Tribune Philip Greenberg, Assoc. Tribune John Karasek.

# Clerk's Corner

By Kathleen "Kitty" Maloney (Kennedy), International Secretary

The reins of the Clerk's Corner have been passed from Stephen King to me as a result of my election to the position of International Secretary (I have big shoes to fill!). A huge "Thank you" to the attendees of the 59th Biennial Convention—you made it one of the best Conventions I have attended in the 16 years I have been a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International.

On the Sunday after Convention, the newly-elected International Executive Board convenes for a day-long meeting. New and reelected board members pick up where the previous board left off, and the learning curve can be steep. One thing is certain, it is a fast transition. During lunch on that Sunday, I sat across from Stephen as he outlined the role of International Secretary. This overview, although quick, truly helped me assimilate into my new role. Most importantly he said, "do not hesitate to ask questions of me!" Those eight little words meant a lot. We all need help sometime, even when we think we understand what is expected of us. I am lucky. I have two past International Secretaries serving on the board with me who I can turn to for guidance when needed. What may seem like a short, casual lunchtime conversation, was really a brief but important transition discussion between officers.

Did your Chapter have an Officer's Transition meeting last spring? While spring is traditionally the time for such meetings, there are times that they just do not happen. So if your answer to the question above is: "No," do not worry! It is not the end of the world! As the fall semester is just beginning, there is still time to sit down with the officers from the previous year's executive board to discuss your Chapter, the roles and responsibilities of the officers and events or processes that are unique to each individual school and Chapter. This will help get the new Chapter officers off to a good running start and provide a good foundation for planning out the Chapter calendar for the semester.

What if you cannot get in touch with the past officers or the scheduling of a meeting is impossible? This is where an Alumni Advisor, Faculty Advisor, District Justice, Assistant District Justice, local alumni and the Executive Office can be very helpful. All mentioned are valuable resources to a Chapter, and the officers and members should not hesitate to ask questions or ask for guidance.

Another valuable resource for Chapter officers and members is the District Conference. Throughout September and October, each District in the Fraternity holds a District Conference. Typically these conferences are one day (usually a Saturday) and provide student and alumni attendees with a wealth of information that can be brought back and applied at the Chapter level. Topics covered typically include: Chapter Operations, Programming, Membership Recruitment and Retention, Alumni Relations and often special topics that are specific to the District. While District Conferences are mandatory for Chapter officers, I encourage all members to attend one this fall. For it is at these conferences that the seeds of fraternalism are cultivated.

I, like the rest of the International Executive Board members, will be attending various District Conferences over the next few months and I look forward to meeting and working with the students and alumni attendees.



The 2012–2014 International Executive Board l-r: Int'l. Board Member-at-Large Jay Ross, Int'l. Board Member-at-Large B.J. Maley, Int'l. Marshal John Miquel, Int'l. Secretary Kathleen Maloney, Executive Director Andrew Sagan, Int'l. Justice Ronald J. Winter, Int'l. Vice Justice Stephen T. King, Int'l. Treasurer Daniel McDowell, Int'l. Board Member-at-Large Arnold Hirsch, Int'l. Board Member-at-Large Araj Ahmed, and Chair, Int'l. Advisory Board Rhonda Hill.









# 2012 Biennial Convention Wrap-Up

By Leslie Plummer, Editor, *The Reporter* 

Another Convention has come to a close, and it was a tremendous success! More than 100 Law School and Alumni Chapters were in attendance to help steer the Fraternity into the new biennium. Convention activities kicked off on Tuesday evening with the Key Volunteers Reception. International Vice Justice Ron Winter emceed the event with his signature dry humor. Among those sharing their stories of working with Rhonda Hill over the years were Past International Justice John Weitkamp, Chief Tribune Melissa Dewey, and International Board Member-at-Large Kim Gallant, who brought down the house with her declaration to become the "new Rhonda" while in a "Rhonda" costume.

Wednesday morning saw the Executive Office staff and vendors busily setting up the registration area and preparing for the attendees arrivals. That evening, the Convention officially began with the procession of the International Officers and District Justices and the opening session. The Hon. Loretta Preska was on hand to accept the 2012 Barbara C. Jordan Award and to give the Convention's Keynote Speech. Later, attendees and guests gathered for the Stanley H. Kohn Memorial Reception to exchange stickers and pins representing their home cities and states, a Convention tradition.

August

Convention activities began bright and early on Thursday with an early breakfast followed by committee meetings. After a luncheon honoring the International Advisory Board and Distinguished Service Chapter, the second general session was called to order. This session introduced a big change to how Convention business is handled—electronic voting cards! The evening ended poolside with The Frank McCown Purple and Gold Party. Members and guests enjoyed fraternizing with their brothers and sisters under the glow of the "moon light."

During the third general session on Friday morning, the Nominations Committee was selected and sequestered for the day while they interviewed potential candidates for International office and made their recommendations. After the session, members attended workshops on Chapter operations and "Free Publicity" hosted by Jeff Crilley. A highlight of the afternoon's session was the presentation of the John J. McAulay Legal Educator Award to Dean Penny Willrich of the Phoenix School of

attend P.A Law. That evening's community service event—making cards for veterans at a nearby VA hospital, was well attended by members who were eager to show P.A.D.'s commitment to serving the community.

The final day of Convention is always an exciting one, as it is election day for International Officers. The new officers for the 2012-2014 biennium are: International Justice Ronald J. Winter (Alden), International Vice Justice Stephen T. King (Wythe), International Secretary Kathleen Maloney (Kennedy),

International Treasurer Daniel McDowell (Watson), International Marshal John Miquel (Mentschikoff), International Board Memberat-Large Arnold Hirsch (Coke), International Board Member-at-Large B.J. Maley (Webster), International Board Member-at-Large Araj Ahmed (Brandeis), and International Board Member-at-Large Jay Ross (Paterson). The newlyelected International Tribune is Chief Tribune Philip A. Greenberg (Rapallo), Associate Tribune John Karasek (Robert E. Redding Alumni), and Tad Bistor (W. Douglas). P.A.D. also presented the Tom C. Clark Equal Justice Under Law award to

Kimberly Motley, who spoke at length about her storied career fighting for justice and her clients' rights in Afghanistan.

**|-5, 2012** 

The Convention ended with the International Awards Banquet (see pages 8-9 for a list of all Chapter and District award winners), and the induction of Past International Justice Jack L. Miller (Benton) into the Distinguished Service Chapter—Phi Alpha Delta's highest honor. The Distinguished Service Chapter is composed of members of the Fraternity who have been selected in recognition of unusual and outstanding service to the Fraternity. Membership is determined by unanimous election by the International Executive Board.

We would like to thank all of our attendees, our speakers and, of course, the Convention Host Committee for helping us make this Convention so successful!

Pictures counterclockwise from top left: International Justice Rhonda Hill opens the 2012 Convention; District XXV Justice Jesse Bulluck and Int'l. Board Members Kitty Maloney; Hon. Loretta Preska and Anthony Colascione; Past International Justice Rhonda Hill dances with Executive Director Andrew Sagan; several examples of P.A.D.s marrying P.A.D.s; Dan McDowell's financial workshop; the Winter family attend the community service project; the winner of the Cactus Decorating Contest—District VIII.











# Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International

# 2011–2012 Award Winners

# Law School Chapter Awards

Stanley H. Kohn Outstanding Law School Chapter Award

1st Place

Franklin Chapter

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Lincoln Chapter

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Fleming Chapter

#### Alex A. Hotchkiss Outstanding Law School Chapter Justice Award 1st Place

Lindsay Ruedig (Lincoln)

2nd Place

Hannah Knight (Fleming)
3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Hillary Ryan (Goldwater)

#### Paul Meier Outstanding Law School Chapter Vice Justice

Jennifer Schroader (Goldwater)

#### Frank E. Gray Outstanding Law School Chapter Clerk Award

Chelsea Halpine-Berger (Franklin)

#### Dalphine MacMillan Outstanding Law School Chapter Treasurer

Camal Pennington (Harlan)

#### Jack L. Miller Outstanding Law School Chapter Marshal

Jeffrey Levin (Harlan)

#### Outstanding Professional Program

1st Place

Fleming: P.A.D. Goes to Court

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Read: Mock Trial Showdown

3rd Place

Franklin: Success SUITS Him/Success

SUITS Her

#### Outstanding Academic Program

1st Place

Read: Are You Smarter Than a Professor

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Hamill: Academic Lecture Series

3rd Place

Butler: Mentor Program

## Outstanding Alumni Networking

Program

1st Place

Story: Speed Networking
2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Z Flace

Fleming: Attorney & Judge Banquet

3rd Place

Tilden: P.A.D. Networking Gala

#### Outstanding Social Program

1st Place

Lincoln: Boat Cruise

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Fleming: Roast and Auction

3rd Place

Burr: Quiz Bowl

# Outstanding Community Service 1st Place

A.L. Stephens: Seal Beach Victims Fund

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Story: Founders Day Charity Auction

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Fleming: Canned Immunity

#### Most Improved Chapter

1st Place

Goldwater Chapter

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Ramos Chapter

3rd Place

Benton Chapter

#### Chapter Merit Award Recipients

Butler Chapter

Fleming Chapter

Franklin Chapter

Goldwater Chapter

Hoffman Chapter

LaBrum Chapter

Lincoln Chapter

Read Chapter

Read Chapte

Story Chapter

Tilden Chapter

TrumanChapter

#### Service Scholarships C. Raymond Judice

Service Scholarship

Lindsay Berkstresser (Penn) Kate Kirwan (Lincoln)

Matthew "Sandy" Rae

Service Scholarship

Michael Yang (Ryan)

William R. Robertson Service Scholarship

David Holt (Butler)

Donald R. Moore

**Service Scholarship** Thomas Robbins (*Iredell*)

Robert E. Redding Service Scholarship

Erin Radefeld (Hamill)



#### 100+ and Top Recruiter

Lincoln Chapter – 179 Read Chapter – 143 Story Chapter – 118 LaBrum Chapter – 104

**Top Student Body Ratio**Benson Chapter

#### Meet or Beat

District 1: Truman Chapter
District 5: Goldwater Chapter
District 17: Fish Chapter
District 19: Rockefeller Chapter
District 20: Starr Chapter
District 21: Jackson Chapter
District 22: Read Chapter
District 23: Cahn Chapter
District 25: Alexander Chapter
District 26: Cherry Chapter
District 30: Franklin Chapter
District 33: Penn Chapter

# District Awards

# Outstanding District 1st Place: District VIII

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: District XXIII 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: District XI

#### **Outstanding District Justice**

Araj Ahmed (XXIII)
Finalists (listed alphabetically):
B.J. Maley
Kevin Mechtley
John Norris
Peter Scimeca

#### Most Improved District

1<sup>st</sup> Place: District VII 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: District XI 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: District VIII





# Alumni Chapter Awards

# Outstanding Alumni Chapter 1st Place

West Suburban Alumni Chapter

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Knoxville Alumni Chapter

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### George Fink Outstanding Alumni Chapter Justice 1st Place

Twin Cities Alumni Chapter

B.J. Maley (West Suburban)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place
Jason Eyberg (Twin Cities)
3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Tie)

Allison Janowitz (*Miami*) Michael Abejuela (*NCAA*)

#### Charles Tom Henderson Outstanding Alumni Chapter Vice Justice

John Miquel (Miami)

#### William "Robbie" Robertson Outstanding Alumni Chapter Clerk

Sarah Soucie Eyberg (Twin Cities)

#### Rex G. Hardy Outstanding Alumni Chapter Treasurer

Vito Kirvelaitis (West Suburban)

#### Enid William Ross Outstanding Alumni Chapter Marshal

Heather Darsie (West Suburban)



# Outstanding Community Service Program 1st Place

West Suburban Alumni Chapter
DuPage PADS Partnership Program and InterChapter Charity Bowling Tournament
2nd Place

West Suburban Alumni Chapter DiGrazia Scholarship Program 3<sup>rd</sup> **Place** 

Twin Cities Alumni Chapter

Donation Wars

# Outstanding Professional Program 1st Place

Twin Cities Alumni Chapter

Hanging Your Shingle

2nd Place

West Suburban Alumni Chapter
Founders Banquet
3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Miami Alumni Chapter *E-Discovery* 

# Outstanding Social Program 1st Place

West Suburban Alumni Chapter Summer Luau

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Miami Alumni Chapter *Mimosas & More* 

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

West Suburban Alumni Chapter Post-Holiday Party

# Most Improved Alumni Chapter 1st Place

Twin Cities Alumni Chapter **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Knoxville Alumni Chapter **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** 

Miami Alumni Chapter

## 2012 P.A.D. Award Winners



## Hon. Loretta Preska The Barbara C. Jordan Award

Judge Preska was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on August 12, 1992 and entered duty on

September 18, 1992. From June 1, 2009 to the present, she serves as Chief Judge of that Court. Judge Preska received a B.A. from the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York in 1970, a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 1973, and an LL.M. in Trade Regulation from New York University Law School in 1978.

Following graduation from Fordham, Judge Preska was an associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP and an associate and, beginning in January 1983, a partner at Hertzog, Calamari & Gleason until her induction as a United States District Judge in September 1992. Judge Preska was nominated to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in September 2008. She received the Louis J. Lefkowitz Public Service Alumni Award from Fordham University School of Law in 1992 and served several terms as a Vice President on the Board of Directors of the Fordham Law Alumni Association. The Fordham Law Alumni Association awarded her its Medal of Achievement in 1998. She received a Doctorate of Humane Letters, honoris causa, from the College of St. Rose, Albany, New York, in 1998; the Edward J. Weinfeld Award from the New York County Lawyers Association Federal Courts Committee for Excellence in the Administration of Justice in 2001; the Charles Carroll Award from the Catholic Lawyers Guild in 2004; the Stanley H. Fuld Award for outstanding contributions to the development of commercial law and jurisprudence in New York State from the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association in 2009; and, in 2011, the President's Special Award from the New York Women's Bar Association. She has lectured at Securities Industry Association Legal & Compliance Division, the International Bar Association, and numerous other venues, and was a contributing author to Federal Civil Practice published by the New York State Bar Association in 1989.



# Dean Penny Willrich The John J. McAulay Legal Educator Award

Penny Willrich is the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Phoenix School of Law. Dean Willrich joined the full time faculty in 2005. Prior

to joining the faculty, Dean Willrich served as the first African American woman trial court judge in the history of the State of Arizona from 1999 to 2005. From 1995 to 1999, she served as a Commissioner of the Superior Court. She retired from the bench in 2005, but continues to serve as a Judge Pro Tem.

From 1992-1994, Dean Willrich served as an Assistant Director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security. While in this position, she was instrumental in securing legislation that would fund a multi-year statewide technological improvement initiative. This initiative placed computers at the desk of every social worker assigned to Arizona Child Protective Services and allowed the Department to better track the services being provided to children in foster care.

In June 1987, Dean Willrich joined Community Legal Services (a non-profit law firm) in Arizona, as its managing attorney and Director of Domestic Violence. Dean Willrich often testified before the Arizona Legislature on pending domestic violence and family law bills; she was instrumental in rewriting the Domestic Violence Victims Handbook; she developed the uniform interrogatory questions on domestic violence as it related to custody. She was also instrumental in getting legislation passed that protects the address of domestic violence shelters.

After graduating from law school, Dean Willrich had a strong desire to give back to the community. She served as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow and Staff Attorney at West Texas Legal Services (WTLS) from 1982 to 1985. Because of her work ethic, ingenuity and willingness to work hard towards providing access to justice for the poor, Dean Willrich became the managing attorney for WTLS from 1985 to 1987. As managing attorney, Dean Willrich educated attorneys on the value of paralegals in providing services to the poor; and assisted in writing a publication



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## 2012 P.A.D. Award Winners



# Kimberly Motley The Tom C. Clark Equal Justice Under Law Award

As the first International Attorney to litigate cases in Afghanistan's criminal, civil, and commercial courts, Attorney Motley has a versatile and often

volatile practice. In early 2012, Attorney Kimberly was awarded the title of "Honorary Legal Adviser" to the UK Ambassador in Afghanistan and Legal Advisor to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in Kabul, Afghanistan. Both positions were created specifically for her and are credit to her robust legal reputation worldwide. She has permission to practice in Afghanistan, the United Arab Emirates, and the U.S. Since being in Afghanistan in 2008 she has come a long way in terms of building trust and credibility among her clients and other legal practitioners for her work.

Attorney Motley's respect for laws, ethics, and spirit for litigation is not confined to Afghanistan. She is a practicing attorney and litigator since 2003. Prior to coming to Afghanistan, she was an attorney with the State of Wisconsin's Public Defender's Office since 2003. In this capacity, Attorney Motley litigated hundreds of criminal, civil and juvenile cases.

Attorney Motley received her J.D. from Marquette Law School in 2003. She also received a Master's of Science Degree in the area of Criminal Justice in 2003 and a B.S. in the area of criminal justice with a minor in political science in 2000 from the University of Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Despite being an American who studied and practiced law in the US, Attorney Motley has successfully demonstrated a strong understanding of the local laws of Afghanistan, Sharia Law, and the nuances involved in litigating cases in the various courts. While in Afghanistan she has successfully litigated cases involving British, American, and Afghan citizens for offenses varying from bribery to adultery cases. She has successfully litigated cases of many foreigners and has been touted as "Superwoman," the go-to Attorney in Afghanistan and an all around formidable litigating force to be reckoned with.

Attorney Kimberly strongly believes in the "client orientated" approach to her profession as a lawyer to protect

the rights of her client. She has litigated hundreds of cases on a pro bono basis, which she believes protected the rights and integrity of her clients while also making strong social stands. Some of her cases focused on women rights have stirred both domestic and international outcry. She recently litigated a case on behalf of an Afghan woman, Gulnaz, who was raped by her cousin, impregnated, and put in jail on charges of "adultery". Attorney Kimberly fought for the release of this woman all the way to President Karzai and was able to get the first Presidential Pardon for a moral crimes case in Afghanistan. It is her goal that this case will serve as precedent to protect the rights of other women in Afghanistan similarly situated.

With the goal of representing her clients and to institutionalize ethical and effective legal practice, Attorney Motley became co-founder with her husband Claude, of Motley Legal Services (MLS), a law firm in the US, UAE, and Afghanistan. Through this firm, Attorney Motley will continue to represent her clients and promote a high standard or competent legal representation. Her firm will also continue to support capacity development of Afghan lawyers. Research publications by Motley Legal Services will guide government and other relevant stakeholders to promote transparent rule of law in Afghanistan and abroad. The Italian Embassy in Afghanistan recently published her research study to facilitate drafting of sentencing guidelines for juvenile courts. These guidelines if accepted at all levels will prevent discrimination in sentencing against juveniles and is unprecedented in the Middle East.

Also, there are no short cuts to big outcomes. Trust building among clients is a process that will follow all her cases to come and outcomes to be achieved. Through this approach, her durrent focus is to take MLS in many other countries where rule of law needs to be strengthened and her clients need to be protected.



# Law Cops Review

# The Next "Chapter"

By James N. Lewis, Director of Law Operations

After ten weeks of bar review, three days of the bar examination, a week at Convention, and my first week at Headquarters as your new Director of Law Operations, I've realized one thing: there is a light at the end of the tunnel! All of the late nights and countless hours I spent poring over my notes,

"Organization and self-management are critical to success in law school"

preparing events for Phi Alpha Delta, and editing my seminar papers have paid off. And depending on how you decide to utilize the time you

have remaining in law school, this experience can rank as either the most stressful time of your life, or the most rewarding.

Take time at the beginning of this semester and plan for yourself and your Chapter. Create goals that are within reach and put together a plan for attaining those goals. Organization and self-management are critical to success in law school, and the same goes for your Chapter. Having clear and articulate goals will ensure the success of your Chapter this year and create a value in membership that your brothers and sisters can identify.

If you are a Chapter officer, think about a general agenda for yourself throughout the year so that you can be effective in your role to help meet the goals of your Chapter. Think about creating committees to help meet the goals that you and your fellow officers have developed—this is a great way to get your members involved!

If you are a
C h a p t e r
member, vocalize
the benefits you
hope to see from
Phi Alpha De

throughout the year. Your officers will already have an idea of what they hope to accomplish, but they will also want to know what their members are hoping to see by the end of the year.

Finally, no matter what level of involvement you decide to take with Phi Alpha Delta this year, remember that there is a massive network of people at your disposal that want to see you succeed in Phi Alpha Delta and in school. I encourage you to plan ahead for the year and to take advantage of this network. Reach out to the other members within your Chapter, your Chapter's alumni, the other Chapters in your District, your District Justice, local Alumni Chapters, the International Executive Board, and me in the International Executive Office. We are here to help you make law school a rewarding experience, not a stressful one!



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Judge Preska is a member of the Federal Bar Council, the New York County Lawyers Association, and the New York State Bar Association. She has served as a member of the Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction of the Judicial Conference of the United States, as chair of the Benchbook Advisory Committee, and currently serves on the New York Federal-State Judicial Council and on the Board of Directors of the Federal Judicial Center. Judge Preska has also served on the Advisory Board of the New York Chapter of the Federalist Society and, from 2001-2009, on the New York Regional Panel for the Selection of White House Fellows. Judge Preska is also a Trustee of Fordham University.



# Be Inspired and Be Inspiring

By Bryon K. Rupp (Benson), Director of Pre-Law Operations

We're just a few weeks past the 59th Biennial Convention as I write this and the speeches of Dean Penny Willrich, the John J. MacAulay Legal Educator Award winner; Hon. Loretta Preska, the Barbara C. Jordan Award winner; and Kim Motley, our Tom C. Clark Equal Justice Award winner, are still fresh in mind (you can read their bios on pages 10–11). To say that these three women were inspired and inspiring fails to do adequate justice to their lives and accomplishments.

For example, Kim Motley and her husband Claude have dedicated their lives to protecting the rights of women in the U.S., Afghanistan, and the United Arab Emirates. One of Kim's highest profile cases involved working to free a woman in Afghanistan who was raped by her cousin and then forced to marry him when she became pregnant. She refused and was sentenced to twelve years in prison for adultery (the logic being that the court did not believe that a woman could get pregnant her first time so it must have been an affair). Kim's insistence that Afghanistan follow its own constitution and her refusal to pay bribes to corrupt police and judges resulted in harassment, false arrest and personal danger to herself and her family. Instead of shrinking away or being intimidated, she worked tirelessly and not only got the court to reduce its sentence to three years, but then proceeded to get the first Presidential pardon that Karzai ever granted! This passion and advocacy for her clients is exactly what our founding fathers meant when they adopted the



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# P.A.D.'s Historic Landmarks

By Emma Yancey, P.A.D. Intern, Spring 2012

Phi Alpha Delta has a somewhat parallel relationship with the historical progression of the United States. P.A.D.'s close association with this history has ultimately led to its present character.

War has previously been a threat to the Fraternity's stability. However, fraternal bonding around the common interest of law allowed its brothers and sisters to answer the cries of war's victims and return to more peaceable pursuits.

World War I left P.A.D. with depleted roll calls and treasuries, but President Warren G. Harding's 1921 initiation marked the recovery felt by both the U.S. and the Fraternity. Even the varied styles of The Reporter have reflected the happenings of the nation as the Fraternity participated in wartime conservation efforts.

Additionally, national social movements nurtured the progressive nature of the legal profession and P.A.D. Without the right to vote, a group of dedicated women in 1911 created Phi Delta Delta, a legal fraternity which would witness the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution and the admittance of women to all law schools. The sisters of Phi Delta Delta observed and contributed to the infusion of women into the legal profession and P.A.D. recognized it with a merger in 1972. The merger was humorously described in a poem written by two members of Phi Delta



Delta and titled "Resume of Past Events." Marriage was utilized as an allegory for the monumental merger, and the groundbreaking consequences of the newfound unity were entertainingly simplified by asking "...are we brothers, or sisters, or actually 'bristers'? Is it a fraternity, a sorority, or just a 'fratority'?"

P.A.D. has exemplified the progression of U.S. international policy as well. The President of the Republic of Mexico, Miguel Alemán Valdes, was the first international member of P.A.D. Not only a noteworthy occasion in P.A.D.'s history, this initiation began the trend of fraternal international expansion culminating in the first chapter chartered outside the United States in 1969. Since its formal establishment in 1902, P.A.D. has thus monumentally progressed to surpass the needs of its brothers and sisters along with the public they serve.

# 2012 Pre-Law Conference Dates Announced

By Byron Rupp (Benson), Director of Pre-Law Operations

The Pre-Law Conference will be held November 8-10 in Alexandria, VA at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Room rates have been negotiated for \$124/night and the Conference registration fee for members will remain the same. This year's conference will again include the Pre-Law Mock Trial Competition and the Pre-Law Law Expo.

One of our Key Note Speaker for the Conference this year will be Adam Carroll who will be presenting two seminars. The first, *Winning* 

the Money Game, talks about a game that we all play with money, and at any given point in time in our lives, we're either winning or losing. The problem is, most Americans were never taught the rules of how to play the game. Play by the rules, and it's entirely possible to be completely financially free by your early 30's. Make the rules up as you go and you're bound to be relying on someone else for your financial wellbeing well into old age. You CAN have everything you want in life.

Adam's second seminar is about finding your dream job. Most college students don't realize that their dream job is hidden somewhere in their own network, and with a little help, can be found prior to graduation. Adam's description of the new "social capital" movement will have students on the edge of their seats as they come to grips with what they've been missing all along. In this "everybody wins" environment, your campus will be buzzing with Super Connectors long after the program is done.

The conference will also feature seminars by The Princeton Review (the Premier Sponsor and Underwriter of the Pre-Law Program this year) discussing the LSAT and ways to succeed.

We're also very excited to have Dean Michelle Rahman, the Associate Dean of Admissions from the University of Richmond and a panel of other admissions officers leading a discussion on the dos and don'ts of the law school application process.

Begin planning for the 2012 Pre-Law Conference, Mock Trial Competition and Law Expo now by putting together fundraising programs to minimize the individual expense to your Chapters' attendees.

Please remember that each Chapter is expected to be represented. We look forward to seeing you there!

# PHI ALPHA DELTA



PRE-LAW CONFERENCE
MOCK TRIAL & LAW SCHOOL EXPO



Adam Carroll



Dean Michelle Rahman



# Fall 2012 Leadership Symposia Dates announced!

By Byron Rupp (Benson), Director of Pre-Law **Operations** 

The fifth year of Leadership Symposia is about to begin and we keep expanding the opportunities to attend! There are a total of five Leadership Symposia scheduled for Fall 2012 and an additional seven in Spring 2013. Attendees learn about developing their own leadership skills as well as those of future Chapter Officers. Attendees also learn about Fraternity policies, expectations and ways to improve their Chapter programming. For more information about the P.A.D. Pre-Law Leadership Symposia, or to RSVP for the next one near you, please go to the Pre-Law section of the Fraternity website.

Here's what has been said about the Leadership Symposia in the past:

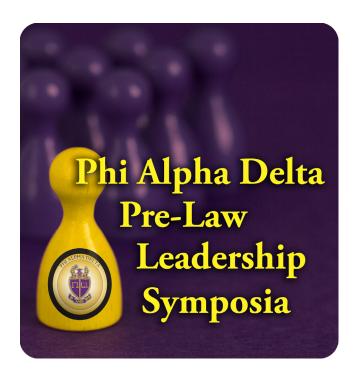
Thank you, Byron!

I learned so much at the conference and solidified my desire for law school. Our chapter is growing, and for that I am thankful. It's hard to recruit and keep new members, but it seems to be going well. Thank you for all of your help over the past couple of years. I know our Chapter was in a rough spot, but without your help and guidance, we wouldn't be where we are today.

Sincerely, Erika K. Wheat (Fall 2011) President, Phi Alpha Delta, St. Edward's University

Thank you so much for coming to Bloomington for the Leadership Symposia this past Saturday! Many of our Executive team members are new to P.A.D. and I think that the Symposia was especially helpful for them!

Fraternally, Courtney Crowl (Spring 2012) President, Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity Indiana University, Bloomington



I would just like to take a moment and thank you for coming to Buffalo and putting on such an informational symposium on Phi Alpha Delta International. Not only was it educating, but as a freshman, I was able to take ideas and concepts that other Chapters were using and bring them back to our fraternity and put them into use. I thought it was exceptionally productive to have all of those other schools there and how we were collaboratively working and exchanging ideas. I thought that was a dynamic element of the symposium. I have to admit that I felt a little out of place there as a freshman, but honestly, I left with a binder full of notes and ideas to bring back and share with elder members of the fraternity.

Thanks again! Fraternally, Andy Plewinski Canisius College Chapter

For more information on where and when this years' Leadership Symposia will be held, please go to www.pad.org or call us at the Executive Office.

We'll see you soon!



# Chapter News - Pre-Law Chapters

## Two Pre-Law Chapters Branch Out and Find New Recruitment Success

#### Robert A. Gammage Pre-Law Chapter

By Anna Thomas, President

The Robert A. Gammage Pre-Law Chapter at Sam Houston State University continued its recruiting efforts in full-force this summer, as we participated in a University-held informational event every Thursday. SHSU hosts around 300 students and parents who have come to Huntsville to tour the campus during a two-day, fun-filled informational event. Our Chapter was given the chance to speak to incoming students about all the perks a lifelong Phi Alpha Delta member holds. It was a great opportunity to answer their questions regarding meetings, community involvement, and the ultimate gift of new friends and lasting connections. It also gave our members a chance to get our name out to the University. We were able to interest both alumni and returning SHSU students in our meetings and events for the upcoming Fall semester.







#### Georgia Southern Pre-Law Chapter

By Brittany Moore, President

The Georgia Southern University Pre-Law Chapter began a new initiative in regards to increasing membership. Our new executive board— President Brittany Moore, Vice President Daniel Spruill, Secretary Kirsten Robinson, and Treasurer Jordan Bonebrainstormed about how we could help our Chapter grow. We decided to participate in a school-wide event called SOAR (Student Orientation and Registration) in order to recruit incoming freshman and transfer students. In preparation for SOAR, we created an eye catching display and became knowledgeable about all the opportunities P.A.D. Pre-Law offers to students. For five weeks we attended the SOAR sessions in hopes of gaining enthusiastic and dedicated recruits. All of our hard work was rewarded; the P.A.D. Pre-Law Chapter gained an unprecedented number of interested students compared to previous years. The new interest that was generated from SOAR makes us very excited to begin the 2012-2013 school year. We plan to participate in other school wide events. In addition to our new membership recruiting technique, we have also revamped our approach to delegation within our Pre-Law Chapter. We are focused on making our P.A.D. Pre-Law Chapter more like a family, an organization built on communication, support, and commitment.

# Chapter News – Pre-Law Chapters

# UF Pre-Law Chapter Takes First Place in Mock Trial Tournament for Charity

By Maya Vaidya, Publicity Director

Over the weekend of April 21st-22nd, the University of Florida held its Second Annual Mock Trial Charity Tournament. The UF Pre-Law Chapter and other pre-law organizations on campus competed to raise money for their charity of choice.

Our team spent many long evenings practicing and perfecting their arguments, directs, and crosses. Their hard work was fueled by a desire to win, but, more importantly, by the desire to help a sick child. All of the proceeds from the event were donated to Devotions to Dalton, a charity started to raise money for treatments given to a baby boy born with the genetic disorder Trisomy 13.



After several grueling rounds of competition, the UF Pre-Law Chapter's Charity Team was declared the winner. While the team was thrilled to win first place, they found that having the opportunity to help Dalton and his family was even more rewarding. The UF Chapter was proud to have been a part of the Charity Tournament and looks forward to participating in similar events in the future.



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name of Phi Alpha Delta - Love of Humanity and Justice for All.

The purpose of the Pre-Law Program has always been to help our members make an informed decision about pursuing a legal education and career opportunities in the law. Having held more than seventy-five new officer orientation calls since March, it is clear that most Chapters have dedicated themselves to helping our members be as prepared as possible for the LSAT and the law school admissions process. However, we need to strive to also look at the reasons why we want to pursue a legal education. Chapters need to bring in speakers who not only inform but also inspire! A law degree is not a guarantee for financial success; you must have a passion for what you do! It is that passion that you will lean on as the billable hours pile up (and your bank account drops precipitously each month with monthly student loan repayments); it is that passion that you must look to when you know you are on the side of justice but the odds seems to be heavily in your opponent's favor.

If you don't have a passion for law now, ask why do you want to go to law school? The dropout rate over the last eight years at ABA accredited schools is over 12%. That means an average of more than 6,000 students who started school each of the last three years will never graduate with an average of \$40,000 (at a public ABA accredited school) to \$70,000 (at a private ABA accredited school) in student loans being spent per year on tuition, books and rent. There is way too much at stake, personally, financially and professionally, to pursue a law degree without having made an informed decision and having a passion for a potential career in the law.

Please, as Chapter officers and members of the Pre-Law Program, use P.A.D. to help yourself make an informed decision. Whether that decision leads you on towards a law degree or away and into a field where you do have a passion,

just know that the Fraternity is here to help you along the way.

Good luck, and have a great year!



# News From Our Alumni



P.A.D. Member From the U.S. Admitted to Canadian Bar

Canada and the United States share the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel which is the world's longest

uncontested border. The United States and Canada also share a very common legal system. This commonality has made it possible to attend law school in the United States, enter the law licensing process in Ontario and eventually become a lawyer in Canada.

Patrick J. McDonnell, Esq. (*Rockefeller*) has done just that. This year when we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War of 1812 between the United States and British Canada, Patrick McDonnell will be celebrating his dual license to practice law in both countries.

Historically it had been difficult for graduates of law schools outside of Canada to become lawyers in Ontario. Mr. McDonnell received his Bachelor of Science degree from Buffalo State College and his Master of Arts degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. He then earned his law degree from Albany Law School of Union University in Albany, NY in 2003,

graduating cum laude. Prior to that, he served for more than 20 years with the New York State Police attaining the rank of lieutenant before entering law school.

Since Mr. McDonnell graduated from a U.S. law school, the process of admission to the Ontario Bar was different and a bit more complicated. He first had to obtain his "certificate of equivalency" from the National Committee on Accreditation ("NCA"). The NCA is a committee that has been erected to evaluate the transcripts of foreign lawyers. It has only the authority delegated to it by the Law Society of Upper Canada, the regulatory organization that governs the legal profession in Ontario. The NCA is the Law Society's "servant" for the purpose of evaluating foreign law school transcripts.

Mr. McDonnell had to demonstrate the "required competencies" in the basic areas dictated by the demands of the NCA. He was required to pass four challenge exams in Canadian subjects to prove his knowledge of Canadian law. He received passing grades on all, earning his certificate of competency to take the Ontario Bar Exam. The following bar exam consisted of 2 separate comprehensive exams testing an applicant's knowledge of Canadian law: the Barrister Exam and the Solicitor Exam covering all areas of Canadian law. He passed.

He was sworn in as a lawyer in Ontario, Canada in the Call to the Bar ceremony held at Roy Thompson Hall in Toronto on Friday, June 15, 2012.



# Meet P.A.D.'s New Director of Law Operations

We are pleased to introduce our newest staff member, Jim Lewis (*Read*). Jim hit the ground running, starting his career at P.A.D. during the 2012 Biennial Convention this past August. Jim hails from Owings, MD and attended the University of Delaware where he double majored in finance and busines management. He moved on to Widener Law where he joined the Read Chapter, serving as Vice Justice during the 2010–2011 academic year.

When asked about his P.A.D. experience, Jim said, "I love Phi Alpha Delta because it offered me an opportunity to showcase a skill set that lawyers need, but are not reflected by success in the classroom. I was able to show leadership,

organization, management, etc. while at the same time, I was growing as a professional from the programming opportunities that P.A.D. provided to the student body at Widener."

Feel free to email Jim at jim@pad.org with any questions regarding Law School Chapter operations, or just to welcome him aboard!



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for domestic violence victims for the State Bar of Texas, Young Lawyers Division.

Currently, Dean Willrich is pursuing her Doctorate of Philosophy - Public Service Leadership - Criminology. Dean Willrich is passionate about fairness in the application of the law, access to justice and involvement in issues concerning families and children. She provides pro bono services and advice to the residence of the Salvation Army Domestic Violence Shelter in Phoenix and Save the Family in Mesa. Dean Willrich helped establish a program in which students at Phoenix School of Law can also volunteer pro bono time to domestic violence victims at the Salvation Army Shelter, including acting as friends of the Court to help residents apply for and obtain Orders of Protection.

Dean Willrich serves on the Arizona Supreme Court Centennial Commission, Commission on Minorities in the Judiciary, the Arizona Black Women Lawyers Board of Directors, and is an Arizona State Bar Disciplinary Hearing Officer. Additionally, she serves on the Boards of Directors for many community organizations.

In 2008, Dean Willrich received the NAACP Roy Wilkins Award. In 2010, she was recognized by the Phoenix Law Faculty for her publication on African American Education in the State of Black Arizona Volume II. She also received an award from The Links, inc. in 2010 for her work and presentations on SB1070 and its impact on Arizona residents.

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# Chapter News - Alumni Chapters



# Chicago Alumni Chapter Going Strong In Its 101st Year

By Pierre W. Priestley, Justice and Julie-April Montgomery, Chapter Executive Board Member

Phi Alpha Delta's oldest Alumni Chapter, The Chicago Alumni Chapter (CAC) began its 101<sup>st</sup> year of continual active operation with a group of outstanding programs that exemplify the Fraternity's mission.

On March 25<sup>th</sup> the Chapter held its annual St. PADdy's Day luncheon at the Misericordia-Heart of Mercy Home, a residential facility for persons with mild to profound developmental disabilities, many of whom

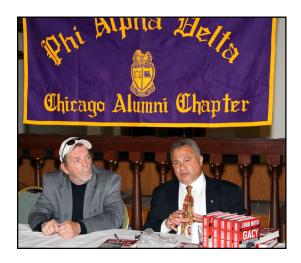
are physically challenged as well. Misericoridia was chosen as the location of our luncheon to bring attention to the tremendous work being done on behalf of our most vulnerable citizens. The Chapter donated a portion of the luncheon's proceeds to Misericordia.

At the St. PADdy's Luncheon, the CAC honored six of its members with the Chapter's Centennial Award for exceptional long-term service to the Fraternity and the Chapter. Royal F. Berg, John Peter Curielli, Gene K. Edlin, James Erwin, Sharon Hunt Muryn, and Michele M. Jochner joined five other living Centennial Awardees named in 2011 whose contributions and service were recognized as being an indispensable and integral part of the history of the Chicago Alumni Chapter.

In April the CAC participated in the annual March of Dimes "Walk for Babies" for the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Our walkers and donors raised \$10,616 this year. The Chapter's relationship with the March of Dimes goes back to 1998 when at the urging of former Chapter Justice, Julie-April Montgomery, the CAC fielded a team to walk in the March of Dimes Walkathon. Since then, our walkers and donors have contributed a remarkable \$120,629 to the March of Dimes. In five of our first six years of participation, the CAC won a "Silver Award" for raising in excess of \$2,500 for the Walkathon. For the last nine years we have been recognized with the "Platinum Award" signifying a contribution in excess of \$10,000.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> our Chapter hosted a book signing by Chapter member, Judge Sam Amirante (Ret.), for his book: "John Wayne Gacy: Defending a Monster." Sam Amirante, a relatively young defense attorney at the time saw his life change when he got a phone call from Gacy, one of America's most notorious serial killers, and heard the words "Sam, could you do me a favor?"

Sam and his co-author, Danny Broderick, provided the audience with riveting details of the investigation and



eventual conviction of the man known as the "killer clown." As the lead defense attorney for a nationally known and reviled defendant, Sam detailed why he undertook such an unpopular and personally dangerous cause. Judge Amirante was initiated into the Daniel Webster Law School Chapter and has been a long time member of the Chicago Alumni Chapter. We are proud to count among our brethren one who is committed to ensuring that representation is extended to those charged with even the most heinous of crimes.

The Chicago Alumni Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta has a long tradition of service to our law schools, students, the profession and our community. The above activities are just a few of the ways that we express our commitment to help our fraternity, profession, and community.

# Chapter News - Alumni Chapters

# Chicago Area Alumni Chapter Member Honored by Court

By Pierre W. Priestley, Justice

On June 29, 2012 many members of our Chapter were happy to participate in the honoring of a true legal legend, our brother, Hon. George N. Leighton (Ret.). On that date the Cook County Board of Commissioners and Circuit Court renamed the county's Criminal Court Building after our distinguished brother. The old court building, previously known by the nickname "26th & Cal" is now known as the Honorable George N. Leighton Criminal Court Building. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Chief



Judge Timothy Evans appointed CAC executive board member Hon. William H. Hooks as the general chairman of the renaming committee. Judge Hooks appointed immediate past CAC Justice Michele Jochner as his co-chair for this memorable event. Judge Hooks and Ms Jochner planned an extraordinary ceremony that drew local, state, and federal elected officials and members of the bench and bar. As a result of Judge Hooks' leadership Phi Alpha Delta members played a prominent role in all aspects of the renaming ceremony and were singled out for their contribution to the event.

George N. Leighton was born in October, 1912 in New Bedford, MA to immigrant parents from Cape Verde, Africa. His early life was working in the cranberry bogs of his native Massachusetts. Committed to bettering his life, he won a scholarship to Howard University where he graduated *magna cum laude*. From Howard he attended Harvard University's law school and graduated in 1946 after a stint as a Captain in the U.S. Army. After moving to Chicago to practice law, Judge Leighton began a distinguished career as a civil rights attorney, activist, law professor, and assistant attorney general. Judge Leighton's legal career progressed with positions on the Cook County Circuit Court, Illinois Appellate Court, and finally a lifetime appointment to the U.S. District Court (ND, IL). The Chicago Alumni Chapter was pleased to initiate Judge Leighton on October 21, 2009, one day before his 97th birthday. We are proud to count such a distinguished and important figure in American legal history as one of our own.



# In Memoriam: Peter M. Sikora (Chapter), 1951–2012

Peter M. Sikora, a judge at Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, died on April 19 following a five-month battle with pneumonia.

A Cleveland, OH native, Judge Sikora suffered a crippling sporting accident at 17 which cost him the use of his legs.

Sikora earned his undergraduate degree from Baldin-Wallace College where he graduated with honors. He then attended Case Western Reserve University School of Law where he joined the Hay Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, and served as associate editor of the law review.

Brother Sikora held many public offices during his career, including Deputy Legal Counsel to Governor Richard Celeste from 1983-1986, Deputy Director and General Counsel to the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities,

and Administrative Judge of the Cuyahoga Juvenile Court.

He was active in the community, and the recipient of multiple awards including the Outstanding Citizen Award of the National Council on Disabilities.

Bill O'Neill, a former Ohio appeals judge said of Sikora, "He accomplished more in a wheelchair than most of us do standing tall. The man's life is the definition of courage."

# Chapter News - Alumni Chapters

# West Suburban Alumni Chapter's Spring and Summer Successes

By B.J. Maley (West Suburban Alumni), International Board Member-at-Large

The West Suburban Alumni Chapter had a great Spring and early Summer, filled with a variety of social, professional, and service activities. Some highlights include the Chapter's first-ever Theatre Outing, a Cinco (actually Cuatro) de Mayo Celebration, the Fourth Annual Charity Bowling Tournament, the inaugural 5K for the Chapter's new Phi Alpha Delta Running Club, and the adoption of new Chapter by-laws.

Our Theatre Outing, "When Law and Culture Collide," was held on March 24. We gathered for a pretheatre networking cocktail hour before attending "Legally Blonde: The Musical" at the Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre and Resort. It was a huge success with over 20 Phi Alpha Delta members and guests in attendance. Just over a month later, we followed up with a "Cuatro de Mayo" celebration (4th of May, because P.A.D. members start early and stay late). We held a variety of social activities including breaking a "child safe" piñata.

The Chapter went above and beyond in its service to the community with its successful bowling and running events. The fourth annual Phi Alpha Delta Regional Charity Bowl drew participants from four area Chapters with the West Suburban Alumni Chapter fielding three teams, and the Chicago Alumni, Story, and Lincoln Chapters also fielding teams. For the fourth consecutive year, the West Suburban Alumni Chapter won the first place trophy for both bowling and fund raising, with individual bowlers B.J. Maley and Pete Bastianen raising the most money. Altogether, the Fraternity raised \$7,565 for DuPage PADS, Inc. (www.dupagepads.org), a charity dedicated to ending homelessness in DuPage County, Illinois.

The Chapter's community service committee, chaired by Staci Rhoads, also started the Phi Alpha Delta Running Club, with the motto "For Fun, Fitness, and Philanthropy." Members of the club participate in various charity runs/walks throughout the western suburbs. Their first event was on June 23, the "Run the Ridge 5K" in Burr Ridge, sponsored in part by the law firm of Codilis



associates. Between sponsorships, donations, and registration fees, the group raised several thousand dollars to support the event which benefited the Turning Point Autism Foundation in Naperville (www.turningpointeautismfoundation.org).

Another big accomplishment for the Chapter was the adoption of new Chapter by-laws. Earlier in the year, the Chapter appointed a committee to review and propose revisions to the by-laws, taking into consideration the recently adopted Model Alumni Chapter By-Laws as well as current Chapter practices, leading to the approval of our new by-laws in May.

The Chapter has planned activities throughout the rest of the calendar year and had a particularly busy August with over half a dozen Chapter members attending the International Convention, followed by a Chapter business meeting, and the Chapter's annual P.A.D. Summer Luau.

The West Suburban Alumni Chapter serves P.A.D. members throughout Western Cook, DuPage, and Kane Counties in Illinois. For more information or to join the Chapter, email westsuburbanpad@gmail.com.

# The West Suburban Alumni Chapter Celebrates Six Years of "Service to the Student, the School, the Profession, and the Community"

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