



Chi-town Connection

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NPHCC Goes Back to the Basics!



On March 31, 2006, the Networking Social and Fundraising (NSF) committee took the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Chicago, Inc. (NPHCC) "Back to the Basics" at its spring social. The Divine Nine left a lasting impression on the T&JJ's venue, located in



NPHCC Networking & Fundraising Committee

Maywood, Illinois as professional skills were utilized to make the night memorable.

Members of the NPHCC came out in record numbers to make the first social of the year a huge success. All in attendance were treated to a host of good food, and spirits. The music for the evening was provided by DJ Shellac of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, as he played a variety of music. Everyone in attendance stated that the event was a success. "The Greek turnout was great," Soror Lisa Jackson of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc and NSF committee chair said. "I would like to extend a special thanks to my committee and the NPHCC executive board for making this evening a success."



Photo Ops from the Spring Fling...By L. Spedy Ketchens (ΩΨΦ & NPHCC Technology Chairmen) & Spring Fling flyer above left

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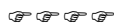
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From the Desk of the President...

Greetings Fraters and Sorors:

It was with great enthusiasm that I entered this term with a great outlook for the NPHC-Chicago in 2006. Our theme: Back to the Basics: Rebuilding, Refocusing and Rejuvenating...In the Name of Service" summarizes our objectives this year. Having identified quarterly foci each of which includes our main thrust, service to our communities, we have begun this year in high gear! They are listed below.

1st Quarter: January-March; AWARENESS (Presidents Forum and Delegate Orientation, Strategic Planning and community service)

2nd Quarter: April-June; FRIEND-RAISING (community service [Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois Walk] and fundraising socials, Greek Family Cookout)

3rd Quarter: July-September; REFLECTIONS AND INVOLVEMENT (summer break and community service (UNCF walkathon, Race for a Cure walkathon))

4th Quarter: October-December; CELEBRATION AND ACHIEVEMENT (Sankofa Awards Brunch, community service and Holiday Party)

We are 40 chapters strong this year with various chapters of the Divine Nine actively participating with our council. We aim to do "big things". Quite a few initiatives have been implemented and are we are planning even more. We are looking for each of our affiliate chapters to get involved in the projects and programs that we are bringing forth this year. If you have not identified where you would like to contribute do so today! Collectively, we can make the difference we make even BIGGER!

In Greekdom, W. Jeanine Daugherty



Chicago Council hosts 75th Anniversary Convention...



Photo courtesy of www.nphcq.org

On October 19-23, 2005, the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Chicago, Inc hosted the 75th Anniversary/63rd Biennial National Convention at the Hyatt-Regency-McCormick Place Hotel in Chicago. The convention, entitled "NPHC: 75 Years of Working Together to Achieve Educational, Social, Economic and Political Empowerment", was led by the 32nd

National President, Dr. Michael V. Bowie of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The delegations from the North Central, Southern, Southwestern, Eastern and Western Regions were encouraged by Dr. Bowie, the national board and the local council to renew their commitments to their respective organizations and to the NPHC, Inc. A special thanks was given to Convention Chairman Frater Ken Harris of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc and Convention Co-Chairperson Soror Sonya Bowen of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc for assisting the local council in its endeavors to sponsor the convention.



Sor. Bowen & Fra.. Harris NPHC Conv. Chairmen

The NPHCC hosted a successful Public Meeting for the National Convention on October 20, 2005, where each of the nine organizations had the opportunity to shine (with the attendance of their National President and/ or their National Executive Director or representative) and absorb the knowledge of the Keynote speaker, Frater Steve Burdine (Past National President of IΦΘ) and Dr. Bowie. Both speakers gave the attendees the needed energy to enjoy the convention. Prior to the public meeting each organization had the opportunity to host a reception for their dignitaries. Special thanks to the Local Council Committee chairs and members for making this convention successful.



Other convention highlights included an empowerment luncheon that featured guest speaker Senator Kwame Raoul of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc and various meetings, caucuses and workshops. The convention also featured a Stepshow/Comedy Explosion where step teams from Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. were the featured attractions. *All Story Clip Art courtesy of www.nphcq.org*



NPHCC Greeks greeting other Greeks during the Convention

Annual Ecumenical Service...

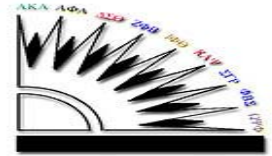


February 26, 2006, the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Chicago, Inc converged upon the Monumental Baptist Church (MBC) located in Chicago, IL to host its annual Ecumenical Service. Soror Elaine Wheeler of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc and NPHCC Chaplain was the chairperson of the event. Pastor of MBC, Reverend Dr. Christopher A. Hill, Jr. invited members of the Divine Nine to worship with his congregation. Special recognition was given to the NPHCC by MBC during its Black History Program. Soror W. Jeanine Daugherty of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc and NPHCC President gave a welcome address on behalf of the council; Soror Sheffea Wright of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. gave the occasion and the historical overview of the council; Frater Christopher Barker (AΦA) gave the history of the sororities and Soror Sharian Wade (AKA) gave the history of the fraternities. Sorors Daugherty and Wheeler made special presentations to MBC. At the conclusion of morning worship, all in attendance were invited to fellowship with the members of NPHCC.



Soror Daugherty with Rev. Dr. Hill
Photo by C. Taylor, ZΦB

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Spotlight on Chicagoland Regional Conferences...



On March 23-26, 2006, **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.** painted Chicago in an array of royal blue and gold, while sponsoring its 66th Central Conference at the Sheraton and Towers. Eta Xi Sigma (chapter of NPHCC's Awards Chair) of Oak Lawn, IL was the host chapter. The public meeting held on Friday evening, March 24, 2006, featured Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's National President who encouraged all in attendance to focus on community service. Many NPHCC members were in attendance and hosted several events in Chicago to entertain conference visitors and guests. NPHCC is proud to have three other active chapters: Delta Sigma (chapter of NPHCC's Vice President), Eta Tau Sigma and Theta Chi Sigma (chapter of NPHCC's President & Sergeant at Arms).



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. hosted its 72nd Central Regional Conference on April 12-15, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency-Wacker in Chicago, IL. The public meeting was held on April 13, 2006 and all NPHCC members were invited. There are 8 AKA chapters active with the NPHCC: Theta Omega, Chi Omega Omega, Lambda Mu Omega, Lambda Tau Omega, Xi Nu Omega (chapter of NPHCC's Financial Secretary), Phi Epsilon Omega, Phi Kappa Omega and Tau Gamma Omega (chapter of NPHCC's Networking/Fundraising Chair).



On April 13-15, 2006, **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.** held its annual North Central Province Council Meeting at the Hyatt-McCormick in Chicago, IL. Evergreen Park Alumni Chapter served as the province council's host chapter. ΚΑΨ hosted a public meeting on April 14, 2006 and several public events to entertain visitors and guests. ΚΑΨ currently has 4 other active chapters with the NPHCC: Chicago Alumni, Chicago Heights Alumni, Harvey-Markham Alumni, and Maywood-Wheaton Alumni.



On April 21-23, 2006, the Upsilon Sigma Chapter and the Epsilon Chi Sigma Chapter (Chapter of NPHCC's Treasurer) of **Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.** hosted its 83rd annual Great Lakes Regional Conference at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza in Chicago, IL. ΦΒΣ hosted several public events in Chicago to entertain its visitors and guests. ΦΒΣ has 1 other chapter active in the NPHCC: Iota Nu Sigma (Chapter of NPHCC's Recording Secretary).



The Chicagoland Chapters of **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.** hosted its 72nd annual Great Lakes Regional Conference on April 21-23, 2006, at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL (a western suburb of Chicago). ΖΦΒ's public event, the Zeta Idol, featured members of the sorority performed in various capacities. The performance was entertaining and enjoyed by all attendees. NPHCC is proud to have six of the Chicagoland Chapters active in its membership. These chapters are: Zeta Zeta (chapter of NPHCC's Holiday Party chair), Zeta Tau Zeta (chapter of NPHCC's Parliamentarian, Chaplain & Community Outreach Chair), Eta Chi Zeta, Xi Mu Zeta, Tau Xi Zeta, and Tau Psi Zeta (chapter of NPHCC's Corresponding Secretary and Nominations/ Elections Chair).

TOP GREEK HONORS...

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Theta Omega

Assault on Illiteracy - **Runner-Up**
Membership Reactivation Award - **Winner**
Outstanding Silver Soror **Winner** (25yr member) Marva Lee

Lambda Mu Omega

Overall Chapter Achievement - Chapter Size 26-75 - **Runner-Up**

Education Target - Chapter Size 26-75 - **Winner**

Lambda Tau Omega

Overall Chapter Achievement - Chapter Size 26-75 - **Winner**

Black Family Target - Chapter Size 26-75 - **Winner**

Economics Target - Chapter Size 26-75 - **Winner**

Arts Target - Chapter Size 26-75 - **Winner**

Assault on Illiteracy - **Winner**

Greatest Percentage of Sorors in Attendance at the Conference

Chapter Size 26-75 - **Winner**

Outstanding Soror in Communications - **Winner**

Tawny Alexander Smith

Outstanding Silver Soror - **Winner** (25yr member) Toni

Austin-Johnson

Tau Gamma Omega

Outstanding Soror in Communications - **Runner-Up**

Kimberly Sutton

Phi Kappa Omega

Outstanding Neophyte - **Runner-Up** - Murlie Standerford

Xi Nu Omega

Overall Chapter Achievement - Chapter Size 126 or more - **Runner-Up**

Black Family Target - Chapter Size 126 or more - **Winner**

Chapter Heritage Award - **Runner-Up**

Outstanding Chapter Exhibit - **Winner**

Greatest Percentage of Sorors in Attendance at the Conference

Chapter Size 126 or more - **Winner**

Outstanding Basileus - **Runner-Up** - Eugenia Reese

Outstanding Soror of the Year - **Winner** - Adrienne

Upchurch

Outstanding Soror of Through the Years - **Winner** -

Michelle Willis

Phi Epsilon Omega

Outstanding Basileus - **Winner** - Danean Edmond

Chi Omega Omega

Overall Chapter Achievement - Chapter Size 76-125 -

Runner-Up

Arts Target - Chapter Size 76-125 - **Winner**

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Iota - Citizen of the Year (not sure of name)

Frater Melvin Slater, 25-years of continued service, mid-sized Social Action chapter of the year.

Mu Xi - Social Action Chapter of the Year (Large Chapter Category - 50 or more members)

Rho Gamma Gamma - African American Life & History

Award (Participation in the monthly quiz), Chapter of the

Year, Reclamation Chapter of the Year (Large Chapter

Category - 50 or more members)

Sigma Omega - Omega Man of the Year (Bro. Greg

Frizell)

District Executive Officers

First Vice District Representative - Steven G. Watkins (**Rho**

Gamma Gamma)

District KRS (Secretary) - Climent Edmond (**Mu Xi**)

District Director of Public Relations - Timothy Tyler (**Mu Xi**)

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Frater Ralph Eichelberger of **Upsilon Sigma** - Sigma's new Great Lakes Regional Director.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Zeta Zeta, 2nd Place Zeta Journal (25 members or more).

Zeta Tau Zeta, 1st place in Z-HOPE activities & 1st Place

Zeta Journal (25 members or more).

Eta Chi Zeta, 1st Place Stepshow winner, Phi Beta Sigma

Regional Stepshow.

Xi Mu Zeta, Soror A. Turner, Regional Scholarship Winner.

Tau Xi Zeta, 3rd Place Zeta Journal (25 members or less).

Tau Psi Zeta, top \$\$\$ raised for March of Dimes Walk

America (Regional & State), Soror C. Walton, Regional

Scholarship Winner, Soror R. Byrd & Zeta Youth B. Simon

(her daughter) Zeta Idol Winner.

NPHCC Active Chapters

- ΑΦΑ** Xi Lambda, Iota Delta Lambda, Mu Mu Lambda, Theta Mu Lambda
- ΑΚΑ** Theta Omega, Lambda Mu Omega, Lambda Tau Omega, Xi Nu Omega, Tau Gamma Omega, Phi Epsilon Omega, Phi Kappa Omega, Chi Omega Omega
- ΚΑΨ** Chicago Alumni, Chicago Heights Alumni, Evergreen Park Alumni, Harvey-Markham Alumni, Maywood-Wheaton Alumni
- ΩΨΦ** Iota, Mu Xi, Nu Pi, Sigma Omega, Rho Gamma Gamma
- ΔΣΘ** Chicago Alumnae, Glen-Ellyn Alumnae, Joliet Alumnae
- ΦΒΣ** Upsilon Sigma, Epsilon Chi Sigma, Iota Nu Sigma
- ΖΦΒ** Zeta Zeta, Zeta Tau Zeta, Eta Chi Zeta, Xi Mu Zeta, Tau Xi Zeta, Tau Psi Zeta
- ΣΓΡ** Delta Sigma, Eta Xi Sigma, Eta Tau Sigma, Theta Chi Sigma
- ΙΦΘ** Eta Omega, Alpha Theta Omega



NPHCC Greeks unified throughout Chicago.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NPHCC – Annual Weekend: June 9-11, 2006

June 9: NPHCC Social - U. N. I. T. Y. - It's as simple as Black & White - St. Elizabeth's Hall - 50 E. 41st St. - Chicago, IL. \$15/advance & \$20/door.

June 10: Sickle Cell Disease Association of IL (SCDAI) Walk Jog & Skate a thon - 31st Street at the Lake 8 am - 12 pm. The walk is \$30 to sign up; you may sign up on site. However, you may not receive a t-shirt.

June 11: NPHCC Annual Greek Family Picnic – Dan Ryan Woods - 83rd and Western (groove 1) @ 11 am – Dusk.

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Centennial Convention will be held July 25 – 30, 2006 at the Warman Park Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC. - 100 years... priceless!
- Sankofa Awards: October 7, 2006
- For information on these events and upcoming council / chapters events visit the NPHCC Website at www.nphcchicago.org.



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- Corresponding Secretary** Tuesday M. Shorty, ΖΦΒ
- Treasurer**..... Chris Rias, Jr., ΦΒΣ
- Financial Secretary** Carolyn D. Franklin, ΑΚΑ
- Chaplain**..... Elayne Wheeler, ΖΦΒ
- Sergeant at Arms**..... Christina Bediako, ΣΓΡ
- Parliamentarian** Melody D. Byrd, ΖΦΒ

Committee Chairmen

- Awards** T. Hightower, ΣΓΡ
- Budget**..... C. Rias, Jr., ΦΒΣ
- Community Outreach**..... L. Randle, ΖΦΒ
- Constitution/Bylaws**..... M. D. Byrd, ΖΦΒ
- Ecumenical Service**..... E. Wheeler, ΖΦΒ
- Greek Picnic**..... T. Orr, ΩΨΦ
- Holiday Party** J. L. Anderson, ΖΦΒ
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- Nomination/Elections**..... R. Byrd, ΖΦΒ
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