

# Section 87 Newsletter

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## Peri's Ponderings

*Notes from the section chair*

Hello Section 87!

Thank you to all the chapters for putting up with the lengthy business meeting at Sectional Conference in order to establish operating policies in our Section. I really appreciate the time the voting delegates took out of their afternoon to help out the Fraternity. It truly is a great service to the section!

Congratulations to Gamma Chapter on their successful bid for the Fall 2008 Section Conference. We are all looking forward to traveling on the Oregon Trail next fall during a most "gorges" season.

There have been a couple of changes to staff. We are sad to see Sue Haber, Gene Cumm, and Dan Dwiggins leave 87 Staff. Also Kristen Vescerra and Wade Love will be leaving staff as they are both moving out of the area (and the state). We wish all of them best of luck and will miss them here in 87. Thank you for all you have done with us! Joe Picalila will be our Service Coordinator and Aaron Knight will be our Scouting and Youth Services Coordinator. These two will help you out with any questions or

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## Life Membership Competition

The three upstate NY Section Chairs are in a competition for the number of Life Memberships obtained in their sections. The winner of the competition will have the other two Section Chairs sing to them at the spring sectional conference. (As of the end of Fall Sectional Conference, S87 was in the lead with 2, with S88 and S89 having 1 each.) If you are interested in purchasing a Life Membership, fill out the form below or fill it out online at [https://www.apo.org/show/Supporting\\_APO/Life\\_Membership/Application](https://www.apo.org/show/Supporting_APO/Life_Membership/Application)

## 1925 Club Challenge

Peri put out a challenge to Section 87 of getting 87 active brothers to join the 1925 Club. If the brothers of Section 87 win the challenge, she will either be dying her hair pink or having to beatbox her life story at the next business meeting. (She needs to get permission for the pink hair from her principal, for that to happen.)

The 1925 Club is a recognition program for students who support Alpha Phi Omega's Annual Fund through a financial gift. It is a way for active brothers to further support the Fraternity's mission and vision, beyond their day-to-day contributions to their chapter, school, and in their community.

## **What does your gift to Alpha Phi Omega support?**

Gifts to the Alpha Phi Omega Annual Fund directly support member services, chapter support, Fraternity publications, APO's leadership programs, and operating needs.

Brothers making a gift of \$19.25 or more will be recognized in the **1925 CLUB**, receive a lapel pin, and be listed in the Fraternity's Annual Giving Report (*a special issue of the Torch & Trefoil, published late Fall*).

To become part of the 1925 Club, fill out the online form found at [http://www.apo.org/show/Supporting\\_APO/Give\\_Online](http://www.apo.org/show/Supporting_APO/Give_Online)

advice you might need within their areas.

What we are gearing up for now is Regional Convention. If you have never been to Regionals, I suggest that you go to Allentown, PA, from December 28-30 and see what it is all about! There are the standard conference things, like workshops, banquet, and a dance, but there is even more people from both Regions 1 and 2! You can go exploring around Allentown, and the surrounding vicinity, such as Easton, PA. (We all know the significance of that town, /right/?) If you register and pay before December 3, you get the early bird discount. Information on the hotel and the conference can be found at <http://conference.apor2.org>.

Also, it is the season for initiation ceremonies. I would like to remind everyone that paperwork and monies are due into the National Office within 10 business days of your initiation ceremony. Please make copies of any checks you send in for chapter records, until you know the checks have cleared. This is to track any mishaps that may occur with any lossage of mail/paperwork anywhere along the line.

**I know that this is a short message this newsletter, but I really do have a request for future newsletters. Becky is not able to do this all herself. We need YOU to help contribute articles on what is going on at your chapters, write-ups from chapters that attend section events, and pictures! Please send anything you write or any pictures to [becky@apo87.org](mailto:becky@apo87.org) so she can showcase your items in the next newsletter.**

Have a safe, wonderful, glorious, and happy holiday season!

Yours, always, in Leadership, Friendship, and Service,

Peri

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## **WANT ADS**

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What do you want to see on our Section 87 Website?  
Let Aaron know at [webmaster@apo87.org](mailto:webmaster@apo87.org)

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Section Leadership Education Day (aka SLED) will be held at SUNY Oswego next February/March (date to be decided soon) Please email Ryan at [ryan@apo87.org](mailto:ryan@apo87.org) with any ideas you would like presented at SLED

Seeking....

A chapter to host a Section Service Project in the spring email [joe@apo87.org](mailto:joe@apo87.org) if interested

A chapter to host a Section Fellowship Event in the spring email [christine@apo87.org](mailto:christine@apo87.org) if interested

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### **Logo Contest**

Calling all artistic Brothers and Pledges!

Help design the Section 87 Logo

The competition winner will be reimbursed their Sectional Registration Cost in the spring (pending approval at the spring business meeting)

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### **Mascot-less**

We NEED a mascot for Section 87.

Why? Because Peri wants it to be stolen and start going from Chapter to Chapter in the Section.

Mascots can apply by sending an email to Peri at [chair@apo87.org](mailto:chair@apo87.org)

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### **Chapter of Excellence and Pledge Program of Excellence**

These programs are designed to recognize chapters nationwide for what they are doing anyway. Check out the requirements for both the COE and the PPOE at

[http://apo.org/site/site\\_files/COE\\_checklist.pdf](http://apo.org/site/site_files/COE_checklist.pdf)  
and

[http://apo.org/site/site\\_files/PPOE\\_checklist.pdf](http://apo.org/site/site_files/PPOE_checklist.pdf)  
respectively to see if your chapter qualifies for either of these national awards!

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### **Paperwork Reminder**

- AAMD/CR/RMP paperwork is due to the National Office by November 15
- Pledging Paperwork is due into the National Office within 10 business days of the induction ceremony
- Brothering Paperwork is due into the National Office within 10 business days of the initiation ceremony

Please be sure to submit all paperwork on time. It saves on confusion later on at the National Office. Additionally, keep copies of all paperwork and checks submitted to the National Office, in case something is lost in the mail or elsewhere.