

# IOTA NEWS

SPRING 2009

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>RECRUITMENT EVENT- CASINO NIGHT</b>	<b>MAR 28TH</b>
<b>RECRUITMENT EVENT- GREEK EXPLORATION DAY</b>	<b>APR 17TH</b>
<b>KSU OPEN HOUSE AND SPRING FOOTBALL GAME</b>	<b>APR 18TH</b>
<b>50 YEAR ANNI- VERSARY OF THE MERGER OF ΦΚΘ</b>	<b>APR 29</b>
<b>SPRING 2009 FINALS WEEK</b>	<b>MAY 11-15</b>

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

The men of Phi Kappa Theta are looking forward to April 29th which marks the 50th anniversary of the great merger of Phi Kappa Theta.

On April 29, 1959, the seventieth anniversary of the original founding of Phi Kappa, representatives of Phi Kappa and Theta Kappa Phi met in Columbus, Ohio to consolidate to very similar Catholic fraternities into one. That day marked the beginning of a new journey. A journey that includes rich history, strong tradition and great men.

When the two fraternities merger on April 29, 1959, they had a total of 63 chapters across the nation. Today Phi Kappa Theta has chapters in almost every state and has a total of chapters. With so many



strong chapters across the nation, Phi Kappa Theta's bonds reach many.

The Iota chapter opened in 1921 here at Kansas State University as Phi Kappa Fraternity. We are very proud to have been on campus for 88 years and to have been a Phi Kappa Theta for 50 years!

The Iota men plan on having a formal dinner with local alumni to celebrate the anniversary day. We would like to invite you to the dinner. If you are in town or planning on being in town, please RSVP with Brett Beier (brettabeier@ksu.edu), Alumni Relations Chair.

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## IOTA HOST ΦΚΘ REGIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

On February 28th, the Iota chapter hosted the inaugural Midwest Regional Leadership Institute. The event was facilitated by Anita Kerlin, Director of Chapter Development for Phi Kappa Theta National Fraternity in coordination with Matt Rosentreter, Midwest Undergraduate Advisory Council Representative.

Phi Kappa Theta Chapters from

all over the Midwest were in attendance. Brothers from the University of Missouri, the University of Nebraska, Iowa State University, the University of South Dakota, Missouri Institute of Science and Technology and Eastern Illinois. Among the many topics covered during the Institute, speakers provided information on Alumni Relations, Philanthropy, Recruitment and the Phi Kappa Theta

Miracle.

Anita also facilitated chapter building activities for the Iota chapter following the event. Our brothers learned a lot and look forward to applying the new information at Iota.

The Regional Leadership Institute will be a bi-annual event and hosted by the home chapter of the Midwest UGAC Repre-

## WELCOME JAN TIDBALL: ΦΚΘ HOUSE MOTHER

The men of Phi Kappa Theta are pleased to announce Jan Tidball as the chapter's housemother. Jan moved into the chapter house on February 15th.

Jan, a Manhattan resident of 42 years, is originally from Meadow, South Dakota.

Jan also works part time at the Kansas State University Athletic Ticket Department. Jan enjoys playing cards, bowling and is a big K-State fan! Jan has two children— a son in Edgemont, SD and a daughter in St George, KS. In addition, Jan enjoys spending time with her grandchildren whenever possible!

Jan's responsibilities as house mother include teaching the chapter members proper etiquette, assisting in their personal development and serving as a positive role-model for the men.

The men are very excited to have Jan and look forward to many great years of having Jan be part of the development of men at Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity.

## CALL TO ACTION: RECRUITMENT HELP

Greetings Fellow Brother in Phi Kappa Theta-

In years past, we have been very fortunate with recruitment. It seems like guys just fall into our lap, and every year we manage to get a sizeable pledge class to keep us going. As this semester has progressed, so far we have been unsuccessful in getting anyone to commit to being a Phi Kap.

We had a parent's event on January 31<sup>st</sup> where only a few guys managed to show up.

Both of those guys are still interested in potentially joining, but we have yet to sell them on the house. Just recently, we had our Casino Event, and we were expecting at least nine guys to show. Due to a heavy snowstorm, all of the recruits were unable to make it. This is the year we need your help.

In order to get another great pledge class, we need your assistance. We really need as many names of recruits as possible and this includes names from you as

alumni. Ryan and I would greatly appreciate it if you could give us the contact information of any high school seniors coming up to Kansas State next year. We are looking for quality men who are committed to academics, faith, service and are responsible and committed enough to move our house in a positive direction. Your help is greatly appreciated.

-Pat Bales

## DEVELOPMENT OF "MAN OF FAITH" SCHOLARSHIP

Members of Iota are exploring the idea of developing a scholarship for incoming freshmen. The development is still in the planning stage, and no final decisions have been made.

The idea came from successful scholarship initiatives in other fraternities on K-State's campus. The brothers would like to give you the opportunity to provide any input into the creation of the scholarship, the

requirements to be eligible or the technicalities of the award.

The scholarship will be awarded to incoming freshmen, who, throughout their high school career, displayed a strong emphasis on faith and academics, both of which are part of our four ideals.

The proposed idea is to give out two \$1,000 scholarships to men who have displayed these,

characteristics, have two letters of references from school or church staff and complete an interview process at the chapter house with a selected panel.

The purpose of the scholarship is two-fold: to increase the awareness of our brotherhood on K-State's campus and to attract and recruit quality men who

exemplify our ideals. By having interviews at the chapter house, we the applicant will come see our house and meet the brothers. Also, by notifying high schools, churches and youth groups about the scholarship, we will raise awareness of Phi Kap at K-State. Please email Matt Rosentreter (mrosentreter@gmail.com) with any and all input concerning the scholarship.

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