

Alpha Alumni

Alpha of Ohio, Regional Alumni Association of Phi Theta Kappa

What Have Alumni Been Up To?

By: Connie Myers-Kerr

Greetings Alumni!

What a roller coaster fall it has been! The leaves are in foliage and the weather unpredictable across the state. One day is in the 40's and the next in the 70's while the sky cannot make up its mind to be sunny or rain. Classes are in full session and Alpha is working hard to continue to improve for you and the region. Great things are happening thanks to our alumni continuing their Phi Theta Kappa support!

Honors in Action was held October 23 -

24, 2009 at North Central State College in Mansfield, OH. The alumni turnout was fantastic as we showed our united front wearing green shirts. In the alumni meeting, we had fifteen in attendance; three of which are also advisors. Summarized minutes are on page 3 of this edition and both the full minutes from Leadership and Honors will be on the alumni website, so please be sure to check them out. Alpha helped the region raise \$285.55 with \$50 going towards the Ohio Region Leaders of

Promise Scholarship. We are continuing the basket raffle at regional convention and ask every alumni attending to bring something spring related to add: i.e. eco-friendly cleaning products, seed packets, etc.

Your alumni officer team also held a meeting on Friday, October 23rd to discuss what issues we need to focus on for the rest of the year. A check for \$100 will be going to the Hites Scholarship Challenge as Alpha

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Join Us!

By: Tiffany McEldowney

Being a member of the Alpha of Ohio Alumni Association is an experience like no other. However, should you choose, it can also be a great responsibility. You have the opportunity to influence and help people at not only your chapter and regional levels, but also internationally. In

your chapter, you can be a liaison for Alpha, explaining membership to potential Phi Theta Kappa Alumni. For the region, you can join Alpha's fundraising efforts, or perhaps help judge scholarship entries such as our new Ohio Leaders of Promise scholarship. Internationally, you can help Alpha man the marketplace

table at our yearly convention (the 92nd is in Orlando, Florida 2010!). As you can see we can use your help in many ways. We hope you will choose to join us in our endeavors and be an ACTIVE Alpha of Ohio Alumni member.

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has had roughly 100 members join since our chartering ten years ago. Our fundraising committee is hard at work coming up with a new item to sell regionally and at International Convention. The new merchandise will be revealed at regional convention this March. The team also wants to hear back from you! We know that some alumni have received their certificates from International Headquarters while others have not. If you never received your alumni certificate from HQ, please email Chuck Bohleke, Tonya Strahler, and myself. We are trying to get the information together to make sure everyone gets their alumni recognition from HQ...
YOU HAVE EARNED IT!

The region has asked Alpha to take on another wonderful task! We are going to be putting together a Tri-Regional Fellowship event for the upcoming summer. The two other regions involved will be our "sister region", Indiana, and our good friends from the Kentucky Region; this will involve International Divisions

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We would also like to take the time to invite all our members, old and new, to attend the Ohio Regional Awards Convention, March 19-20th, 2010 at Sinclair Community College. It is looking to be a fun-filled event! This year we have seen our largest turnout of Alpha members at regional events yet and we hope to continue that next year, beginning with regional awards. So please, even if you can only join us for one of

I, II, & III. The Ohio Region hosted a tri-regional event back in 2005 and it was a huge success! We will have more information available at regional convention on this exciting event. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact committee chair - Heather Clippinger.

We are also looking into holding an alumni retreat sometime in January. This would include a meeting as well as fellowship. Once details are finalized, more information will be given. In addition, be expecting an email soon for an electronic vote on a new proposal that needs to be voted on before regional convention being held March 19 - 20, 2010 at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, OH.

If you know of any chapter members that would be a great regional officer, please encourage them to run for office for the 2010-2011 year. The region is in need of members to step up and serve for the next year in multiple positions. For more

the days, we would truly love to see you there and hope you can make it.



*Alpha of Ohio members in attendance
 at the 2009 Ohio Region Convention
 held at Clark State*

information, check out the Ohio Region Handbook &/or contact regional president, Jeff Gerken, at jeff.gerken@gmail.com.

As always, please contact any alumni officer for information on how you can continue your Phi Theta Kappa experience through Alpha of Ohio! We would love to hear from you!!

Big hugs,
 Connie Myers-Kerr ☺
 Alpha of Ohio President
 Ohio Region
 Alumni Association
 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

CSU Alumni

Cleveland State University is interested in forming a four-year institution alumni association of Phi Theta Kappa. If you are currently taking courses, or planning to transfer there in the future, please contact Robert "Rob" Brodowski at email, rbrodow477@aol.com. Rob has been an active alumnus of Alpha of Ohio for years and served as an Ohio regional officer during the 2006-2007 term while an active member.

Honors in Action [Summarized] Minutes

By: Heather Clippinger

- Meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM
- Connie announced that the minutes from the Leadership in Action is on the website
- The theme for the Regional fundraiser basket will be "Spring into Action" which will include spring items (example: spring cleaning items, seeds, etc). Sondra Holbert will bring the basket for this
- David showed the group a blue polo shirt that we can buy for \$12 and then sell for \$20. The group did decide that the alumni will get a shirt first and then we'll come up with a criteria (like for the 5 star program) for others to receive the shirts
- We might have basket to raffle off at International. There will be e-mails sent out by the end of November on what we're selling, including the basket, so that Chuck can do the paper work with International in December
- Connie asked Tonya to do a break down on amounts that we have each projects that we're doing
- Marcia's proposal for the endowment was talked about. Since Terri Williamson has already started an endowment and Connie has gotten some information from International about endowments, Rick Clever mentioned that we could see if we could somehow set up our own endowment. It was seconded and if anyone can get information on this, please send it to Connie two weeks before regional
- The shirt color for the alumni, at regional, will be light blue or a blue that is not the same blue as the regional officers
- The regional officers have asked the alumni to share their pictures that they take at different events for the Buckeye
- Chuck will write an article for the next Buckeye. Sondra and Tonya Strahler will be submitting recipes for Healthy Ohio
- We will be forming a committee for a Tri-Regional fellowship event with Indiana and Kentucky. Heather Clippinger will chair and if anyone is interested in helping please contact her
- There will be a scholarship committee forming and the requirements are: 2 alumni to serve on the committee with 2 years as alumni.
- Connie announced that we now have a link from ohioptk.org website for alumni with officers' information, applications for memberships, minutes, newsletter, etc

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Full minutes available at
<http://www.ohioptk.org/alumni.html>

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Howdy Bear Word Search

"Howdy Bear" is hidden in the word search 19 times. Have some fun and see if you can find all 19!

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Alpha of Ohio

**Regional Alumni
Association**

**Phi Theta Kappa
Honor Society**

Mission Statement:

We, the members of Alpha of Ohio Regional Alumni Association of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, do hereby associate ourselves to continue to uphold the purpose of Phi Theta Kappa; provide a continuing fellowship of Phi Theta Kappa members; and support the people, programs, and priorities of Phi Theta Kappa.

(Preamble to the Alpha of Ohio By-Laws)



Continue your Phi Theta Kappa experience with Alpha of Ohio!

“Find Alpha of Ohio information which includes our By-laws, application, minutes from meetings, officer contact list, & newsletter at the Ohio Region website.”

We are on the Web!

<http://www.ohioptk.org/alumni.html>

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