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## Hi-Phi News February, 2006



**Co-president, Matt Pruitt as Othello at the regional conference in Elgin, IL.**



**Regional conference in Elgin**

*Far and away the best prize  
that life offers is the chance to  
work hard at work worth doing.  
~Theodore Roosevelt~*

## **A Membership Moment**

**by Jo Deen Schmidt**

I would like to introduce myself and explain what I do as Membership Chair for Phi Theta Kappa Upsilon Mu. My name is Jo Deen Schmidt and I am a second year non-traditional student majoring in Accounting. In my spare time I play in a hand bell choir and am the Site Coordinator for the Internal Revenue Service's Tax Assistance office located in Eureka, Illinois.

The first duty I perform as Membership Chair is to prepare the invitation mailing for each semester. The advisors receive a list of students who meet the criteria for membership which they forward to me. I then compare this list with our existing membership and attempt to eliminate any duplicate names. I do not have this aspect of the job perfected as many of you can attest. This new list is then sent to printing for the printing and collating of the mailing you received inviting you to join Upsilon Mu.

The next step in the process is to begin receiving and double checking applications. I must verify that an applicant was on the invitation mailing, they have attended orientation, and that they have paid their dues. We also check to be certain the student is in a transferable program whether they intend to go on to a four year school or not. Approximately two weeks before the Induction date set by the Executive Board a list of all applicants is sent to the advisor for one final check and approval. This list is then forwarded to printing for chapter certificates and the letters giving the final instructions for the Induction ceremony and reception which follows. While the mailing list is being processed this officer has also been busy scheduling Orientation rooms and making arrangements for the reception which follows Induction.

After Induction all the student's names who were Inducted must be entered electronically with International Headquarters for Phi Theta Kappa. Depending upon how the computer and the internet are working this can be relatively streamlined or a major hassle. Most of the time it falls somewhere in the middle.

Once new Inductees are registered with Internationals my job consists mainly of tracking each members participation in Five Star Program related events and verifying both membership and level of participation of a member when asked by an advisor for reference letters. I must have the proper documentation of events or substitute events in order for a member to receive credit for their attendance on the Five Star Program. I am always open for members to stop by the office during my hours and discuss any concerns they have. I cannot change the Five Star Program to make it easier for a member to reach Five Star status. Any member is free to submit proposals for changes to the Executive Board but the program is one designed and set for the most part by International Headquarters so we are limited in the adaptations we are allowed to make.

A big part of the ongoing responsibilities of the Membership Chair is to communicate all planned events to the general membership through signs in the office window and campus bulletin boards as well as via emailed notices. If your email address listed with us is not correct or you never drop by the office to see what may be posted in the window, you will not be aware of events which are planned and fit into your Five Star Program.

I hope this gives you a better idea of the office of the Communications Administrator (better known as Membership Chair) and their duties. Please get involved and make a difference both in this organization and your college campus as well as the community at large.

## Hi-Phi News February, 2006

### Calendar of Events

Monday, Feb 27	12 & 6 PM	ICC Room 212B	General Chapter Meeting Making St. Patrick's Day favors Drop off gold foil wrapped coins
Monday, Mar 6	11:00 AM	Founder's Room	Women's History Month Builders of Communities and Dreams
Tuesday, Mar 7	7:00 PM	North Campus Arbor Hall Auditorium	Travels Through Literature Kevin Stein: IL Poet Laureate & Local Guy Bring a signed brochure to Communications Admin for Five Star credit
Thursday, Mar 9	2 & 6 PM	TBA	Satellite Seminar 2 Fashion Culture: The Changing Role of Dress in Society
Friday, Mar 10	5:00 PM	ICC Room 302A	Cut off for paying dues for PTK
March 10 – 19			Midterm Break
March 23	7:00 PM	Performing Arts Center	Induction Ceremony
Monday, Mar 27	12 & 6 PM	ICC Room 211 B	General Chapter Meeting Making nursing home tray favors Drop off bags of wrapped chocolate eggs to PTK office



**Board Member,  
James Flanigan  
Submitted this original  
piece for a recent  
Picasso exhibit at  
Lakeview Museum.**

## Women's History Month

The Women's History Month Committee of the AAWCC has arranged for Linda Washkuhn to speak in the Founder's Room on March 6, 2006, at 11:00AM. Ms. Washkuhn is the founder and organizer of the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure which, as I'm sure you are aware, is dedicated to funding the quest for a cure to breast cancer. The national theme for Women's History Month this year is "Builders of Communities and Dreams." I think the Race for the Cure fits rather nicely into this theme; I think it could also be argued that Ms. Washkuhn is making history - hence the historical aspect of Women's History Month.

We're passing this information to you in the hope that you will attend this talk.

Jen Richrath  
Upsilon Mu Chapter Advisor  
AAWCC Member

## Hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa

The Hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa are Service, Scholarship, Leadership, and Fellowship. Fellowship should be incorporated into every activity we have whether it is a fundraiser or a meeting. Sharing an experience or camaraderie in an activity is what Fellowship is about. Most Phi Theta Kappa activities involve Fellowship at some level. Why not have an event that is strictly for Fellowship? It does not have to be something that is academic related. The event can be something fun like bowling or going to a Chief's game. Just because we are honors organization does not mean we can't have fun.

I am the Vice President of Fellowship and the basis of my position is to encourage interaction among members. My goal is to have one more fun event in the last 10 or 11 weeks of this semester. I am writing this as an attempt to gain ideas for Fellowship activities from members. We had a Godfather's Night awhile back and people seemed to like it, but attendance was poor. Now, I want to hear Phi Theta Kappa member's ideas for Fellowship activities. What is it you would like to do and would show up to? If you have an idea, send an email to me at [PTK@icc.edu](mailto:PTK@icc.edu) and put it in the subject line Attention Curtis.

Thanks,  
Curtis Hohenbery  
Vice President of Fellowship



We will be having a March Madness Basketball pool and anyone interested should contact Matt Pruitt at

[mpp2124@aol.com](mailto:mpp2124@aol.com).