



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We extend sincere thanks to the following Lifetime Members and other alumni brothers for their generous support of the Fall 2003 Leadership Conference. This year's conference was a tremendous step toward providing quality leadership training for our student brothers. Thanks to the generosity of these alumni brothers, we've been able to make a difference.

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HELP WANTED

Enthusiastic and "people-person" volunteers are needed to work with the APX Development Director to foster and expand the development program. Assistants are needed immediately to meet our goals for the national convention. The following positions are needed:

Annual Giving
Corporate Support
Support (convention)

Prospect Research
Special Event Corporate

If you're a good communicator, a good writer, or a good graphic artist, please contact Development Director Nicole Morris at: (e) morris@vitetta.com or (h) 215-247-0318.

ALUMNI NEWS

COMPILED BY RENAY H MARQUEZ
FROM INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS

Andronicus

The Andronicus Alumni Association recently held its third "modern" executive board elections. The Board remains mostly as it was last year: Michael Ellars, President; Laura Schmidt, Vice President; John Sterni, Treasurer; Camille Ganir, Secretary; and Kurt Hanna (new member), Member-at-Large.

The coming year promises to be a challenging one for the Andronicus Alumni Association. In addition to continuing activities such as the Andronicus Renovated Chapter House (ARCH) Project and serving as a filming site for commercials and movies, we are exploring the feasibility of a professional lecture series, alumni "mixer" events both at our fraternity house and out on the town, and expanded financial, morale and pre-career support for the undergraduate Chapter.

You can find out more about the Andronicus Alumni Association and our activities at www.andronicusalumni.org

Daedalus

The Daedalus Alumni Association is in a period of reorganization. Currently, we are filing the appropriate paperwork with the State of California to establish ourselves as an official Alumni Association. Our first meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 2004. Anyone interested in joining the Daedalus Alumni Association can contact Scott Swanson at: scottswanson@hotmail.com or visit our website at www.alpharhochi.com/alumni.html

Iktinos

Representatives from the Iktinos Alumni Association (IAA) met with the Iktinos Chapter on September 24, 2003 as a kick-off meeting for the school year. The Chapter Actives provided a tasty meal of salad and grinders. The IAA wanted to give a quick run down of what was expected of the Chapter and the Actives provided ideas and requests for alumni support.

The Chapter reported a great Initiation the previous weekend, Welcome Shineys!

Ideas for Chapter events were brainstormed; some suggestions came from other chapter websites. Homecoming was mentioned as a great time for Alumni to be involved but would require some advanced planning.

The Leadership Conference (LC) [held October 4th] and National APX Convention were presented as great opportunities to get involved on the National Level. Alumni Addresses were requested so that the Chapter might set up office visits.

Overall, it was a great opportunity to start the semester on the right foot, get everything organized and let everyone know what support can be provided to the Actives if necessary. The IAA is happy to hear about the Chapter's activities and want to encourage all APX Alumni Associations to hold beginning of the year meetings with their Chapters. Our latest reports and contact information can be found at www.alpharhochi.org/IAA.

Metagenes

The Metagenes Alumni Association had our third annual June picnic, inviting alumni from the DC area to join us. As usual, the 12' trampoline was a success.

We also recently hosted a semi-serious wine tasting (Drinking, no spitting. We are fraternity brothers after all!) on October 25th which was followed by an impromptu visit to the local steak-house. I'm sure it was due to all the red wine.

Out of that wine tasting came an idea of inner tubing down a mountain during the winter. We'll have to see if it was the alcohol talking.

Satyros

The Satyros Alumni Association has been focusing their efforts on supporting the active members at ASU. Alumni members have opened their offices for tours, attended rush functions and celebrated in the great achievements of Satyros Chapter in the past year. We are looking forward to another exciting semester with the new Pledge Class and wish them the best of luck.

VITRUVIUS

The Vitruvius Alumni Association assisted the Active Chapter with the Fall Rush BBQ again this year. More than a dozen Alumni helped the actives prepare for the Rush Event. Unfortunately the weather provided downpours and the University scheduled parents weekend for the only weekend in September without a home football game so very few potential rushee's attended. However, the low turnout did provide the opportunity for actives and alumni to spend some time together socializing and sharing stories.

The Alumni Association is pursuing refinancing of the house. We are looking at utilizing the low interest rates to allow us to provide some needed capital improvements to the house while not extending the term of the financing significantly.

April 3, 2004, 1:00-2:30 PM the Annual Alumni Association Corporate Meeting will be held at the Chapter House. All Alumni and Active Chapter members are invited and encouraged to attend. Among other topics, we will be discussing communication with Alumni and Actives as well as issues relating to the house

Xenocles

Greetings from North Texas! Since the 56th national convention, the Xenocles Alumni Association has been hard at work. We are currently co-sponsoring the Dinocrates Colony and, along with our co-sponsors at Cleisthenes Chapter, we plan to help Dinocrates return to Active Chapter status by this next summer. With the start of a new UTA School of Architecture administration in January, we also have several events in the planning stages, all of which will get the great name of APX out into public view and lead to the reactivation of our own chapter! We're also looking forward to the first Dallas/Ft. Worth Alumni Gathering, which hopefully will be scheduled very soon.

PAYING YOUR DUES

The Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity would like to extend its sincerest appreciation to all the alumni who have paid their annual dues for 2003. Not only are alumni dues crucial to the general operation of the fraternity, your dues help to make possible publications like this APX Letter and the Archi. Due to your increased support over the last few years, we have been able to develop new programs, such as the Annual Leadership Conference, and Regional Alumni Get-Togethers.

To view the list, point your internet browser to:
www.alpharhochi.org/alumnidues2003.pdf

If you don't see your name on the list, it's not too late. You can send your alumni dues in at anytime.

Frank Kitchel, WGE
913 Springhaven Dr.
Libertyville, IL 60048

Alumni Dues (fiscal year 2003)...\$50.00
 Make Checks Payable to **Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity**

A printed list of dues payers is also available by contacting the WGE, Frank Kitchel.

INTRODUCTION

When the stretch of land now known as New Orleans was first stumbled upon by French explorer La Salle in 1682, it was no more than uninhabitable swampland. Infested with mosquitoes and alligators. However, in 1718, when it was determined that this strip of land located between Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain would be crucial to France's stake in the new world, the city of New Orleans was founded, regardless of all these obstacles.

The city changed hands several times over its history. After being a French territory for 44 years, it was ceded to Spain in 1762, only to be ceded back to France again, under the powerful coercion of Napoleon Bonaparte in 1800. In 1803, the city changed hands one last time when France and the United States signed the Louisiana Purchase.

The cultures that came together during the earliest years of this city are still evident, making New Orleans unlike any other city in this country. The Vieux Carre, a distinctly French neighborhood, shares its border with the Garden District, a Victorian and notably American neighborhood. The city is full of Creole Cottages, and Shotgun Cottages, historic churches, bungalows, parks and above ground cemeteries.

But beyond the historic buildings, New Orleans is home to some of the greatest engineering feats of the 19th and 20th centuries. Despite the prosperity of the city, it was still awkwardly situated on swampland. New Orleans citizens suffered from floods, hurricanes and most devastatingly, yellow fever epidemics. In order to combat this, the surging waters of the Mississippi have been mitigated by a vast system of levees and the construction of spillways.

However, we all know that there is so much more to New Orleans than the architecture. New Orleans has an incredible nightlife, some of the finest cuisine in the country, and is the birthplace of Jazz music. At this year's Alpha Rho Chi Convention, we have done our best to make sure that all of these qualities will be integrated into the program. This very well might be the greatest convention to date. Come join us. And, as they say in New Orleans, "Laissez le bon temps rouler!!"

LINKS

Visit New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau website for further information at www.neworleanscvb.com
Visit www.neworleans.com for a great visitors guide, including 101 cool things to do in New Orleans
Visit the AIA New Orleans at www.aianeworleans.org
Visit the Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans at www.prcno.org/

HOTEL INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS

The hotel accommodations are not included in the full-package. Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. A block of rooms has been reserved at The Radisson New Orleans
Reservations 1-800-333-3333 or 1-504-5334500
Please call The Radisson New Orleans and mention the Alpha Rho Chi Convention to receive the discounted rate.
Reservations must be made by March 10th, 2003, to receive the discounted rate. After this date, guestrooms are subject to availability and the Hotel's prevailing room rates.

ROOM RATE

The discounted rate is \$89.00 per night plus sales and occupancy tax. This rate is for one to four people in a room.
Single = \$102.57 /person per night, including taxes
Double= \$51.29 /person per night, including taxes
Triple= \$34.19 /person per night, including taxes
Quad= \$25.64 /person per night, including taxes
Recommended arrival is Thursday morning, March 25th, and departure is Sunday, March 28th for a total of 3 nights.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Radisson Hotel New Orleans
1500 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112
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Further information about the facility is available at www.radisson.com/neworleansla

The Radisson New Orleans is located in Downtown New Orleans, 3 blocks from the French Quarter, 4 Blocks from the Louisiana Superdome and 14 Miles from the New Orleans International Airport.
The hotel check in time is 4:00 PM. Checkout time is 11:00 AM.
Luggage storage is available before and after check in and checkout times.

ROOM AMENITIES

Computer data port, cable and in-room movies, room service, telephone and voicemail services.

HOTEL AMENITIES

Pralines Restaurant (casual dining); LaSalle's Food & Spirits (deli/pub); Pizza Hut; Full service guest business center with fax machine, photocopier and overnight mail service; Scenic rooftop pool, hot tub deck and fitness center; Uniformed security patrol guards; free shuttle departing for the French Quarter every hour from 10am to 12am.

GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS:

All reservations must be guaranteed. This can be done by providing the cost of one night's room and tax in certified cashiers check or money order or by guaranteeing this amount on a major credit card.

CANCELLATIONS:

Individual guestrooms may be canceled prior to 72 hours before arrival without penalty. If the guest fails to show on the expected date of arrival, the room deposit will be forfeited as a no-show fee and the room will be released for the remaining dates reserved.

TRANSPORTATION:

The closest major airport is the New Orleans International Airport.
The Radisson New Orleans offers an Airport Shuttle 7 days a week \$10 per person, one-way.
Taxi to New Orleans airport; flat fare \$21 per taxi, one-way.
Valet Parking is available at the Radisson New Orleans \$17.92 per day including tax.

ROOM SHARING

Since APX will not be making hotel arrangements for convention attendees, we will not be assigning rooms. If you wish to share a room and split the costs, it is recommended that you contact your fellow chapter brothers, your regional chapter brothers or post an ad on the website for room sharing options. If you need contact information for chapters, associations, or individual brothers, please contact the WGS at vjhapx@mindspring.com

EVENTS

GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

A group photograph will be taken during a banquet at Pat O'Brien's on the River, on the terrace overlooking the Mississippi River.

CHAPTER "BOARDS"

As in previous years, every Chapter and Alumni Association is encouraged to bring a board, collage, electronic presentation or even perform a skit that represents the activities of the past year. Presentations are to take place on the evening of Friday, March 26th.

WORKSHOPS

The Friday morning workshops are included in the full package price. While still under development, the potential topics include the following:

- A roundtable with New Orleans professionals will discuss resumes, portfolios, the do's and don'ts of breaking into the design professions, and career expectations;
- An interactive presentation on how to work with different types of personalities; and
- A workshop on how to manage an effective brainstorming session with clients or with an organization.

APX BUSINESS MEETING

During the annual convention, the delegates are in control of the Fraternity. Do not miss this opportunity to have a direct voice in the decisions that will shape the future of Alpha Rho Chi. Attendance is strongly suggested for all fraternity members.

Business Session will start at 1:30 pm on Friday, March 26th and will commence early afternoon on Saturday, March 27th

- Session 1 - Selection of Convention Officers; presentation of status reports by national officers and the APX Foundation;
- Session 2 - Old Business and New Business motions and Elections of GC officers;
- Session 3 - Break-out discussions on current topics;
- Session 4 - Suggestions for Betterment and future convention sites.

SALE OF APX MERCHANDISE

Chapters and Associations will have the opportunity to sell APX merchandise during the convention. Please coordinate with WGAA Laura Schmidt to ensure that there will not be an overabundance of the same type of item. The APX Marketplace will take place on the evening of Friday, March 26th.

AIA/CES LEARNING UNITS

All lectures, tours, workshops are eligible for AIA/CES learning units. APX is now an official Registered AIA/CES Program Provider.

GRAND COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

This will be held in Sunday Morning at the Radisson New Orleans. As always, this meeting will be open to the public. Feel free to attend and watch your elected officers at work.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

To Be Determined

GUEST SPEAKER DAVID STOLLMAN

Too often good leaders and good chapters are not able to succeed because they are too busy cleaning up after the ones who just don't get it, fixing their problems, or fighting their negative image? Imagine how much more we could accomplish if they were art of the solution instead of always causing the problems.

David Stollman has been consulting with fraternity chapters, national organizations and campus Greek Councils for nearly ten years on the subject of recruitment. He has spoken on more than 250 campuses and served on the faculty of numerous university and fraternity leadership conferences nationwide.

His message will inspire those that want to care about the core values of fraternity life – friendship, service, leadership and scholarship. He will challenge us to embrace the best and get rid of the rest, touching on topics that range across all major issues facing fraternity life.

AWARDS BANQUET

The convention will conclude with the annual Awards Banquet on the Grande Terrace of Pat O's on the River, a new private party venue for World Famous Pat O'Brien's, which is celebrating 68 years in the Historic French quarter.

The Grande Terrace opened October 1999, on the third floor of the Jackson Brewery Millhouse. Over 110 years old, the Jackson Brewery has endured as a great landmark in the City of New Orleans. Designed and constructed by German-born and educated architect Dietrich Einsiedel in 1891, the Brewery was the largest independent brewery in the south and the tenth largest single-plant brewery in the country. Today the building is no longer a brewery, but the view is still intoxicating.

This 3,800 square foot Pat O'Brien's facility features elegant 17th century charm with textured walls, exquisite antiques, ornate chandeliers, and a copper-topped grand piano. The brick carriage way and intricate wrought iron gates capture the appeal of our original bar and restaurant. A spacious terrace overlooking the majestic Mississippi River promises a spectacular view, as well as a spectacular setting for our group photo.

A menu of traditional New Orleans Cuisine will precede the Annual Awards ceremony. The meal will be served buffet style replete with carving station and hors d'oeuvres. A full bar will also be available.

This year, Joe Simon's Jazz, a well-known New Orleans Jazz Trio, will provide entertainment.

OPTIONAL EVENTS

WELCOME PARTY

To kick-off the 57th Convention, we will all be meeting at The Funky Butt Jazz Club. The club is located in the French Quarter, 3 blocks north of Bourbon Street. This is an all-ages club, and drink and appetizer specials will be available for all Alpha Rho Chi attendees. Because the entrance fee to the club cannot be ascertained at this time, and is not included in your registration, this is an optional event. In addition, food and drinks are to be purchased by the attendee.

The club, named after the original turn-of-the-century hall where the first man of jazz, Buddy "King" Bolden, held court and led the band, Funky Butt serves up hot music and Creole cooking in an atmosphere that is swanky, intimate, laid-back and has been compared to the great music clubs of the 20's and 30's.

The club, once New Orleans' most exclusive restaurant, includes an art-deco interior with dining room, lounge, patio, iron balcony and Danny Barker Music Room complete with bar and food service. The Funky Butt faces Congo Square in Louis Armstrong Park. This historical area was once the Sunday gathering place of African Slaves, Red Indians and Creoles. The Slave dances and musical celebrations held there reflect the deepest roots of African culture expressed in the New World. Eventually Marie Laveau would transform these gatherings into her unique form of Voodoo.

Reminiscent of a by-gone era when Rampart Street was the street for music and the area was filled with swingin' joints and elegant bordellos, the Funky Butt is an off-the-beaten-path jazz and blues club, only three blocks and a world apart from the flash and hustle of Bourbon Street.

57th APX NATIONAL CONVENTION

New Orleans, Louisiana

March 25-28, 2004

The Registration Form is also available for download at www.alpharhochi.org



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Last Name, First Name, M.I.)

(Chapter Name / Alumni Assoc / Non-Member)

(Street Address, City, State, Zip)

(Home Phone)

(Alternate Phone)

(E-mail)

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REGISTRATION FEES

Purchase a Full Registration Package or Purchase Tickets to Individual Events included in Full Package. Refer to event explanation page for description of what is included with each event or item.

EVENT / ITEM	Early Bird before Feb. 21	Feb. 22 to March 14	Amount Included
FULL PACKAGE REGISTRATION	\$ 143.00	\$165.00	
Or Individual Tickets for Banquet:	\$ 95.00	\$ 100.00	
Banquet Ticket for Spouse	\$ 47.00	\$ 50.00	
GRAND TOTAL			

Lodging arrangements must be made separately. See information on previous pages.

Full Payment must be included with completed Registration Form.
Make Check and Money Order payable to Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

Pay by Credit Card Option (Visa/ MasterCard only)

Name (as it appears on card) _____

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration date _____

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Signature _____

Mail Completed Registration Form to:

Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity
c/o WGAA Laura E. Schmidt
12320 Texas Ave. #6
Los Angeles, CA 90025

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>Sun 3/28: 9A-3P Grand Council Annual Meeting, 11a-2p Optional Tours, 11a Check-out



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