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SW REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2007

Syntaktes Message

Greetings Sorors,

It is time for a new beginning; the information in this newsletter will help you get motivated and ready to attend the 66th SW Regional Conference. Please share this information with all of your members-graduates and undergraduates. Remember the affiliates need the same information so please see to it that Rhoers and Philos receive the same information.

You may call me when you are in doubt or I have left a cloud of doubt in your mind. I know I will see each member that is able to travel to the regional conference in Dallas on March 23, 2007.

ANNUAL REPORTS

READ....READ....READ!!!!

All Regional Officers, Committee Chairpersons, Coordinators (including Area), Graduate and Undergraduate Chapters are to provide an annual report as a part of the Conference Workbook. Do not let all of the excellent work you did this year go unnoticed.

All reports are limited to one page and must be submitted electronically in Microsoft word format. No Word Perfect, Word Pad or Microsoft Works is to be used for report submission. You are to mail a hard copy as a backup, do not fold the hard copy.

**SUBMIT REPORTS NO LATER THAN
January 31st 2007**

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REGIONAL CONFERENCE DATES



The 66th Southwestern Regional Conference is scheduled for March 23-24, 2007 at the Adam's Mark Hotel: 400 North Olive Street-Dallas, Texas 75201. The Conference is hosted by Alpha Omicron Sigma. Make plans to arrive on March 22 and leave on March 25th. Basileus Paula Alexander and the Alpha Omicron members and affiliates are planning an exciting time for all who attend.

CONFERENCE PACKAGE FEES

Early Registration: December 24, 2006-January 24, 2007

Alumnae & Philo-\$115.00 (w/ Annie Neville Lunch \$140.00)
Undergraduates \$80.00 Rhoers: \$65.00
Guest: \$80.00 (w/ Annie Neville Lunch \$105.00)

Late Registration: January 25, 2007-March 2, 2007:

Alumnae & Philo-\$140.00 (w/ Annie Neville Lunch \$165.00)
Undergraduates \$105.00 Rhoers: \$75.00
Guest: \$105.00 (w/ Annie Neville Lunch \$130.00)

Onsite Registration: After March 3, 2007:

Alumnae & Philo-\$190.00 (w/ Annie Neville Lunch \$215.00)
Undergraduates \$155.00 Rhoers: \$85.00
Guest: \$155.00 (w/ Annie Neville Lunch \$180.00)

ADDITIONAL TICKETS

Life Member Luncheon: \$35.00
Annie Neville Luncheon: \$25.00
Awards Banquet: \$40.00
Step Show: \$8.00

Be sure to contact the SW Regional Grammateus with any questions about the registration packet:

**LaShonda Johnson
P.O.Box 22602
Houston, Texas 77227-2602
281.814.6537**

ljohnson215@housotn.rr.com

Only Cashiers Check or Money Orders will be accepted for the Regional Conference

"The Journey Begins and Ends with US- Increased Membership, Increased Responsibility"

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

The Regional Conference will be at the

Adam's Mark Hotel
400 North Olive Street
Dallas, Texas 75201

NOTE: for reservations, call 214-922-0381
Or 1-800-444-2326

The regional conference hotel rates are:

Single: \$99.00- plus tax
Double: \$109.00 plus tax
Triple: \$109.00 plus tax
Quad: \$109.00 plus tax

Self Parking is \$10.00 per day
 Valet parking is 18.25 per day

Make your reservation **before March 1, 2007**, to receive this rate. After this date, reservations will be taken on a space availability basis only.

PLEASE make your reservations on time.

SORORITY ASSESSMENTS

All assessments for the 2006-2007 sorority year were due **July 1, 2006**.

Delegates must be financial at all levels [National (including SPEAR and NEF), Regional and Local] **BEFORE** they can be seated.

REMINDERS: (1) Only 30 attendees will be allowed to register on site for the conference. This includes Undergraduates, Rhoers, Philos, and Guest. (2) Voting members cannot register on site, they must pre register, this includes Life Members. (3) Only financial members can serve as voting members. (4) Newly inducted Sorors must pay regional assessments.

T.O.R.C.H. & OTHER WORKSHOPS

Look for different workshops to be presented: T.O.R.C.H. A&B. Part A is for all Sorors not certified by Soror Brenda Canty, SW UCC. Soror Janice Walker will have a presenter to present on Battered Women (all are to attend, including Philos and Rhoers), Soror Deborah Daniels will present on the 990 Forms.

UNDERGRADUATE ACTIVITIES

Step Show-Friday, March 23, 2007

Annie Neville Talent-Saturday, March 24, 2007

UCC Brenda J. Canty is planning a special program this year. You will not want to miss the Annie Neville Talent Luncheon. Advisors and Undergraduates adhere to all deadlines set by Soror Brenda Canty. Contact her for any information you may need for any Undergraduate activity.

Brenda J. Canty
Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator
3509 N. 38th St.
Baton Rouge, LA. 70805
missbjc@bellsouth.net
225-356-7615

Reminder: Saturday's attire is Royal Blue and Gold. No Jeans

RHOER EVENTS

Regional Rhoer Coordinator, Deirdre Harris has some brand new ideas for our Rhoers. Chapters with Rhoer Clubs are encouraged to register your Rhoers for this year's regional conference. More information will be presented to chapters from Soror Deirdre Harris, the Regional Rhoer Coordinator. NOTE: Parents of Rhoer will have to sign and submit a release form before the conference to allow participation in Rhoer activities.

Remember Rhoers need to pre register. Parents are encouraged to help chaperone if necessary. All young ladies must be registered for the conference to participate in any activities.

Rhoer Coordinator: **Soror Deirdre Harris**
519 Cedarwood Dr
Mandeville, LA 70471
985.624.7995 or deeyvette523@bellsouth.net

REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship packets for the 66th Regional Conference are included in the registration packet. All applications for regional scholarships are to be mailed by **February 5, 2007 to:**

Faith E. Foreman Dr. P. H.
Chair, Scholarship Committee
2723 Glencullen Lane
Pearland, TX. 77584
713-743-8639: faith1922@hotmail.com

NATIONAL EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

Information concerning the National Education Fund Scholarship should be obtained from the regional and national web sites or from:

**Georgia L. Johnson, SW Region NEF
Trustee & Chair, NEF Scholarship
Committee**

6505 Auburnhill; Austin, TX 78723
512.928.3973 or Gjohn682214@aol.com

Deadline for those Scholarships is **February 20, 2007**

MWANAMUGIMU PROJECT

You will receive another exciting theme for the Mwanamugimu Project during the 2007 sorority year. This theme will be communicated by the SW Region Project Reassurance Coordinator or the National Mwanamugimu Project Coordinator. Chapters should submit essays to the SW Regional Project Reassurance Coordinator Brenda Smith for evaluation **by February 5, 2007**

**Brenda Smith, SW Region Project
Reassurance Coordinator**

3244 Lambert Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA. 70805
225-357-4387
olevia22@bellsouth.net

RECOMMENDATIONS

All recommendations for the 2007 Regional Conference must be submitted to the Recommendations Chair by **January 20, 2007**. Each chapter will receive a copy of the recommendations prior to the regional conference. Please review and discuss each recommendation so that your delegates and alternates will be familiar with them. If your recommendation involves a bylaw change, a copy must be submitted to the Bylaws Policies & Procedure Committee for review. Send all recommendations to:

Crystal Andrews
Chairman, Recommendations Committee
P.O. Box 8022
New Orleans, LA 70182-8022
504.250.7785



**If recommendation is for a BYLAW change
also send to:**

Dolly T. Spencer
SW Regional Parliamentarian
7031 Castleview Ln.
Missouri City, TX. 77489
281.416.7711 or
dspencer2005@houston.rr.com

ACHIEVEMENT & AWARDS

Achievement & Awards Committee Chair Princess Jones has provided the guidelines, application forms and a list of awards given during the Regional Conference. Please see to it that all members of your Undergraduate Chapters, Philos, Rhoers, Rhoer Advisors, Philo Advisors and chapter members are aware of the **deadlines**.

Princess Jones
Chair, Achievement & Awards Committee
P.O. Box 93
Ferris, TX 75125
972.842.3264
gfaith@aol.com

NEW: *Note that the Chair, Princess Jones must be contacted by January 5, 2007 if you wish to display a scrapbook or any other type of exhibit.*

Deadline for submission of all applications for the regional awards is February 5, 2007.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The Life membership Luncheon, coordinated by Soror Bobbie Williams is definitely taking a different turn. **Tickets for the luncheon are \$35.00.** All Life Members are asked to attend, purchase your tickets when you register for the conference. Soror Williams is asking each Life Member to pay \$19.22 so that the SW Region Life Members may purchase a Gold Life on the wall at headquarters. We are to wear a blue hat to the luncheon, yes, it is definitely different.

Contact information:

Bobbie Williams
Chair, Life membership Committee
P.O. Box 7814
Beaumont, TX 77726
409.892.2383 bobbiedear@aol.com

66th CONFERENCE SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Alpha Omicron Sigma Chapter is inviting all chapters, affiliates, and friends to be a part of the souvenir Journal. The ad rates are:

Inside Front Cover	\$150.00
Inside Back Cover	\$150.00
Full Page	\$100.00
Half Page	\$50.00
Quarter Page	\$35.00
Eighth Page	\$25.00
Sponsor/Patron Listing (One Line)	\$10.00
With Picture (s)	Additional \$25.00 Each

Deadline for submission of camera ready ads & original photos is February 9, 2007. You may e-mail ads to: ashanti1922@comcast.net

Make money orders or cashier's checks payable to Alpha Omicron Sigma Chapter.

Mail all materials to:
Alpha Omicron Sigma
P.O. Box 700806
Dallas, Texas 75370

Soror Ashanti McGrew-214.537.7369
Soror Paula Alexander-214.534.7761

OMEGA RHO CEREMONY

The Omega Rho Ceremony will be held on Saturday March 24, 2007.

All Sorors are to wear uninterrupted white attire

No Blue, No Gold, Just White.

ABSOUTELY NO PANTS

The completed form (included with the Awards and Achievement packet) is to be submitted by **February 15, 2007** to

Betty Watson
SW Region Chaplain & Chair, Memorial Committee
1830 Mahalia Dr.
Waco, TX. 76705
254.799.6877 or bettye6877@sbcglobal.net

Chapter Basileus and Advisors:

You are to share this information with each of your undergraduate chapters. Share this information with your membership.

NOTE: Undergraduate Chapters are to bring a complete Layette to be given to a teen from the Dallas Area during the Annie Neville Luncheon. Graduate Chapters are asked to purchase the duffle bag the items are to be placed in and your affiliates are to help with this project. Each chapter is asked to give a \$50.00 money order to the mother to help meet some of her needs. For more information contact

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Awards Night Theme:

"Sigma's Enchanted Evening"

Please wear your most enchanted attire for this festive occasion.

NOTE: Please plan to stay in the Adam's Mark Hotel-401 N. Olive. Make your reservations NOW!!!

Plan to stay to the end of the closing banquet if at all possible

Set your wardrobe for uninterrupted white for Omega Rho Services- **Absolutely no pants**

Blue and Gold or blue or gold or any combination for the meetings. No jeans

Sorors, Philos and Rhoer, we need each of you to make this conference a success. We welcome your suggestions for the betterment of the southwestern region.

Our International Officers and visiting sorors will be in attendance, come and make this a historic conference.