

PHI THETA KAPPA KANSAS REGION

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News from the Northern District!

"Kansas City, Kansas City Here I come!" Make plans now to attend the Kansas Region Convention – February 29 – March 2 in Kansas City, hosted by the Kansas City, Kansas Community College, Johnson County Community College, and the Northern District.

Plans are underway for an awesome event. The event venues are the Double Tree Hotel and Convention Center and Johnson County Community College.

Friday will include a Contemporary Art Museum Tour, dinner, and Political Rally/Ice Cream Social. Following the Campaigning will be an **information meeting** about our First Annual "**Kappa Klatch**". Kappa Klatch is a Phi Theta Kappa "Coffee House" where YOU are the star! Dust off your best Prose, Poetry, and other live performances and bring them to convention. Chapters are also encouraged to work on a group performance. Anything goes! The performance will be on Saturday after the Hallmark Awards Banquet. If you have any questions, contact Pete Pellegrin at petepellegrin@yahoo.com.

Saturday we have break out sessions. If you have a great idea or a workshop/seminar that you would like to share with the region, start planning now! Let Stacy Tucker know what you plan to do as soon as possible. Her email is stucker@toto.net. Saturday will also include campaign speeches by the candidates for regional office, followed by balloting. Saturday evening includes the Hallmark Awards Banquet, Kappa Klatch, and Dance.

Sunday, is the traditional changing of the guard in which the outgoing officers will say good bye and the incoming officers will be installed. Will

that be you? Who knows, but you can't win if you don't RUN! Chapter Advisors have the campaign packet in their 2007-2008 Regional Handbook. It is also available online (see note about the fabulous new Kansas Region Website!). See the Information Sheet at the end of the newsletter for more information. SEE YOU IN KANSAS CITY!

News from the Western District!!

Cloud County Community College--Upsilon Tau Chapter Hosted the fall induction ceremony. Provided ushers for our community Cook Series events. Assisted with the Hand in Hand, 100 Years of Celebrating History in Cloud County weekend activities. Next week we are co-hosting with our Student Senate International Student Week. We are sponsoring an International Student Panel for the community and our student body. Our cafeteria is highlighting a different ethnic food on campus every day next week, and we will be playing music from our International students every day in the cafeteria. We will also have displays of each country, and a slide show highlighting each country playing continuously throughout the week. Thanks- Kim Muff, Advisor

Barton County Community College -- Beta Nu Rho branch switched its advisors (again). Janet Balk has once again become an advisor along with Samantha Smith. Ange Sullivan is no longer an advisor for the branch. Thanks for the interest. Janet Balk

Pratt Community College -- Phi Zeta All throughout the month of October they have been conducting satellite seminars and brown bag lunches. On Halloween members helped with the Beaver Spooktacular, which is a Halloween event for kids of all ages in the community. They have now set up recycling stations on campus.

Dodge City Community College -- Kappa Psi On Monday October 15 they picked up trash on they highway. On Halloween they dressed up and went trick or treating for canned goods for the local soup kitchens or food pantries. Induction got moved to Nov. 29th from 6-9pm in the Santa Fe room.

Hutchinson Community College -- Kappa Gamma chapter has had a busy October. We cleaned up the yard of an elderly lady on Saturday, October 13th. On Friday, October 26th we held a Pumpkin Carving Contest to raise money for the Cancer Council of Reno County. Finally, on Monday, October 29th, we worked with members of the Fire Science Student Organization to host a fire safety activity for about 20 kids from the Boys and Girls club. As for November, we held a recycling awareness day on Wednesday November 7th and we are planning to host a movie night on Thursday, November 15th. Thanks, Trish Conard

News from the Southern District!!

Butler Community College's International honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, will be participating in three projects to help families who have one or more parents deployed from McConnell Air Force Base for the Christmas holiday.

In order to maintain five star status as an International Honor society, the local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa must complete several service projects and, as Katie Roach, President of the Alpha Phi Alpha chapter, said "What a better way to help than aiding the families of deployed soldiers."

The members of Phi Theta Kappa will be aiding McConnell's Family Support Center in collecting plain white pillow cases, on which will be attached a picture of each airman, which are given to their children to sleep with during the airman's deployment. Also, they will be collecting an unlimited amount of any type of children's book, new or gently used. Each book will be read in front of a video camera by the deploying soldier to give to their children to watch while the soldier is deployed. Lastly, they will be hosting a craft table during the annual Christmas party that

NEW WEBSITE: Check us out at <http://www.kansasptk.org>. You will find the latest and archived newsletters, Gallery of Photos (although we need more photos, please send you pictures from the year), Event information (such as the Regional Convention), Links (handy reference to resources at ptk.org and other websites of interest), and Resources (2007 Handbook, Campaign Packet, and Hallmark Entry Forms). A big thanks to Anna Catterson (Allen County Community College – Iola) for her help designing and getting it published online.

McConnell holds for the deployed soldier's children.

Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley and McConnell are all excited about having chapters work with them as troops come home. Jami Van Brocklin has been in touch with people at Fort Leavenworth and they have a unit coming back in the spring. If a chapter near Leavenworth would like to work with them on welcoming back their troops, please contact Jami Van Brocklin at jwhite10@butlercc.edu or Katie Roach at croach@butlercc.edu, president of the Alpha Phi Alpha chapter, at 316-200-7654

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Regional Convention Hotel reservations must be made by January 29, 2008. So call today and get your reservations now! **After January 29**, if you need additional rooms, you may get them if they are available, but it is easier to cancel a room than hope that they have extra rooms available.
2. Registration for Convention is due **February 15, 2008**.
3. Candidates for Regional office need to turn in their resume and application by **February 20, 2008**. There are many benefits of being a regional officer. If you have any questions about the benefits, check out the Regional Officer Campaign Guide for 2008 and talk to a current regional officer.

Other Deadlines:

- February 1: Hallmark Awards are due in Jackson, MS by 5:00pm (not postmarked).
- February 1: Kansas Region Awards *are due to 901 S. Haverhill Road, El Dorado, KS 67042, or email to sforrest@butlercc.edu.

Regional awards that need to be sent to Susan Forrest by 5pm February 1 include: **Sister Chapter, Distinguished Alumnus Award, Distinguished College President Award, Chapter Communication Award, Yearbook Award (coversheet), Achievement in the Arts** - 1 per student - unlimited number per chapter **(coversheet for each), Achievement in Literature** – 1 per student – unlimited per chapter **(turn in hard copy or email piece of literature by February 1 deadline.)**

February 1: Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship deadline (submission online and all materials due)

♪♪ *Kansas City...Kansas City Here We Come* ♪♪

**Kansas Region Regional Conference
February 29-March 2, 2008
Northern District**

Hotel Information

DoubleTree

10100 College Blvd.
Overland Park, KS 66210
913-451-6100

\$80.00 (plus 9% occupancy tax if tax exempt)
Single, Double, Triple, Quad Rate
Indoor Pool

- Mention Phi Theta Kappa – when calling
- Reminder to be tax exempt you must bring your tax exempt form and you must pay using a check or credit card with the organization's name on it.
- You can also make reservation on-line at:
<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/MCIMSDT-PTK-20080229/index.jhtml>

All reservations need to be made by January 29, 2008

Take a virtual tour: www.emarketing360.com/DoubleTree/KS/DHOP/index.html

Registration Information

Cost

\$60.00 per person

Registration Deadline is February 15, 2008

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, Feb. 29: JCCC – Regnier Center

Registration	4:00 – 6:00
Contemporary Art Museum Tour	4:00 – 6:00
Ice Breaker	6:00 – 6:20
Welcome	6:20 – 6:30
Dinner	6:30 – 7:15
Ice Cream Social & Political Rally	8:00 – 9:00
Kappa Klatch Information	9:00 – 10:30

Advisor lunch & meeting	12:30 – 1:30
Business meeting, Speeches	1:30 – 3:30
Return to Doubletree Hotel	
Kappa Klatch Rehearsal	3:30 – 5:00
Awards Dinner	6:00 – 8:45
Kappa Klatch Production	8:45 – 9:45
Dance	9:45 – 12:00

Saturday, March 1: JCCC – Carlsen Center

Break-out sessions	8:30–11:15
Break	11:15 –11:30
Speaker	11:30 –12:15

Sunday, March 2

Breakfast	8:30 – 9:00
Officer speeches & installation	9:00 – 10:30
Thank you & wrap up	10:30 –10:45