

Lambda Kappa Sigma

Lambda Kappa Sigma Professional Pharmacy Fraternity

Alumni Newsletter

Greetings!

Here in northwest Pennsylvania, it has been getting a little cooler. Fall is definitely on the way. While I enjoy cooler weather, I'm not quite ready to say goodbye to summer. I look back and remember the warm sun and palm trees swaying in beautiful Naples, Florida, the site of the 2014 Convention. This was our first Convention in the second century of the fraternity. (You'll probably want to remember that little tidbit of information for a future LKS trivia challenge.)

Our Convention theme was **Communication: The Language of Leadership** and the Planning Committee did a marvelous job in coordinating our speakers and workshops with this in mind.

Several new concepts were rolled out for Convention this year. The first was the LKS Convention Ambassadors Program. As there is no chapter in the Naples area, the fraternity selected the following six students to serve as the hosts at Convention: Debbie Bourquin (Omicron), Kelsey Hutchinson (Alpha Beta), Dyana Louie (Alpha Lambda), Kija Meads (Alpha Iota), Renee Savory (Xi) and Katelyn Toeniskoetter (Alpha Zeta). They did an outstanding job and deserve to be commended for their roles in the success of the meeting.

Convention kicked off with an **Opening Reception and Party at the Pool!** At the Opening Reception, we took time to celebrate the life of Past Grand President, Donna Dancer, who passed on earlier this year. We were privileged to have members of Donna's family, including her mother, Eunice, in attendance with us. Delicious food and fellowship was enjoyed. A mixer divided the membership into 8 groups, which were ultimately revealed to be the **new geographical regions** for the fraternity. The Party at the Pool gave us the opportunity to get to know each other better by playing Sister Bingo. And some sisters took advantage of the beautiful blue waters of the pool at the Waldorf Astoria to cool off!

Our first full day of activities began with a Welcome Breakfast followed by keynote speaker Patti Lind and her presentation: **Communication at Work**. The informative session introduced members to *Interactional Power* and highlighted the importance of *Shared Power*, through which more meaningful dialogue can occur between individuals and teams to better communications and relationships in the work environment. [Learn more about Patti Lind.](#)

The day continued with our **First Business Session**, lunch and a continuing education program: **Implementing the Chronic Care Model for Diabetes**. Many thanks to Patricia Salisbury, ARNP, MSN, CDE for this presentation. Afterward, a President's Summit provided a

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[Alumni Members of LKS,
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Alumni membership in LKS is an important factor as the Fraternity works to promote women in pharmacy.

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to renew your commitment to LKS by sending in your payment along with contributions to the Campaign for Progress.

[Renew your membership online](#) or send in your alumni membership renewal, along with your updated address and contact information, to:

LKS
P.O. Box 570
Muskego, WI 53150-0570

Annual alumni membership renewal is \$140 (\$115 dues + \$25 insurance).

For retired members or alumni enrolled in a graduate degree program, the annual renewal

low-key opportunity for chapter leadership to have a private audience with members of Grand Council to find out the latest information and to have their questions answered. Executive Director, Joan Rogala, also informed us about the new Online Member Portal. More about that later...

Thursday evening we held our **Blue & Gold** Banquet. After a delicious pizza and pasta buffet, we all settled back to play "Family Feud" hosted by our very own Kija Meads.



Each team tried to come up with the #1 answer, and we all waited to see what "the Survey Says..."



Friday kicked off with our **Second Business Session**, followed by **Ewe Can Shop**, the **Core Values Poster Presentations** and lunch. Ewe Can Shop not only featured items from our collegiate chapters but other outside vendors displaying their wares for purchase.

is \$100 (\$75 dues + \$25 insurance).

Please note the insurance fee is a required payment for all student and alumni members.

Your donation to Campaign for Progress provides support for a targeted need for Fraternity growth and development.

With continued enthusiastic participation in our programs by Fraternity members, our traditional programs will thrive and opportunities for new programs can be explored.

Membership in LKS has its benefits, including knowing that you are supporting women in the profession of pharmacy internationally and in your own neighborhood.

Take a moment and renew your membership now!

Please note that the alumni renewal deadline for 2015 is April 1, 2015.



Continuing with our theme, we were pleased to have Ellen Kelbert with us to present: [The Language of Leadership](#). Her talk discussed specific strategies and techniques to enhance professional communication. The afternoon's activities concluded with [Alumni and Collegiate Conferences](#). We then had the remainder of the evening to sample the best restaurants, shops and galleries Naples had to offer!

On Saturday morning, we combined two of our core values—sisterhood and service—in our annual [HOPE waLKS!](#) The walk took us through mangroves, out to the beach and back again and supported our philanthropy, [Project HOPE](#).



The day proceeded with an [Open Forum](#), where questions from the membership about any topic were brought forward and discussed. Next, we honored Fraternity Award winners at our [Awards Luncheon](#). Congratulations to our honorees: **Renae Chesnut** (LKS/Merck & Co. Vanguard Leadership Award), **Marissa Salvo** (Distinguished Young Pharmacist), **Kelly Matson** (Award of Merit) and **Kathy Huff** (Distinguished Service Citation).

Afterwards, Past Grand President, Sharon Brown, shared [The LKS Experience](#), a thought-provoking presentation that left the sisters with

a whole new concept of what the LKS experience can--and should--be.

The business of Convention concluded at the **Third Business Session**. Three bylaw change proposals were brought to a vote. Proposal #1 (changing all references from "International Office" to "Headquarters") **passed**. Proposal #2 (removing most dates from the bylaws as these are a matter of policy and procedure) **passed**. Proposal #3 (removing voting on dues and fees by the convention body) was **defeated**.

With business concluded, everyone retired to start preparing for the **Trust Reception & Live Auction** and **Final Banquet**. The Trust reception was another change introduced this year. It allowed the members to enjoy small plates, beverages and fun activities. Sisters were able to stroll through the venue, to put last-minute bids on Silent Auction items, to take a chance on winning something at the Lollipop Pull and raffles and to get in on some lively and animated bidding wars at the Live Auction. The event was a huge success supporting the Trust.

The Final Banquet brought our Convention to a close. As part of the evening's program, Chrysanthemum Awards were presented to collegiate chapters for their recruitment and retention efforts. We anticipated the announcement of the Chapter of the Year Awards. Congratulations to Alpha Beta Collegiate and Alpha Beta Alumni chapters for being named Chapter of the Year! Our **new Grand Council** was installed, and we closed the program with the singing of our fraternity song.

Thanks to all the members of the fraternity and our sponsors who helped make Convention a huge success. A special thank you goes out to our Convention Ambassadors and the Headquarters Office for their hard work and dedication in these efforts.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to my predecessor, Chris Grass, for her dedication and commitment in serving as Grand Vice President for Alumni. It will be a challenge to try to fill her shoes. She certainly embodies all of the qualities of what it means to be a Lamb For Life!

All my best,

Patti Lozano, RPh, BCOP
Grand Vice President for Alumni

Glam Lambs!



Lambda Kappa Sigma Educational Trust



The LKS Educational Trust Reception & Live Auction held at Convention was a huge success, thanks to your support.

A silent auction, raffle, lollipop pull and live auction helped raise \$12,000 for the Trust.

The **Educational Trust** continues to grow, thanks to your generous donations. Each year, Educational Grants are awarded based on the amount of interest generated by the base funds of the Trust. When the market is down, your continued donations help the Trust to grow and to help to offset down economic conditions. When the market is good, your donations are magnified. Either way, the Educational Trust, and the sisters of Lambda Kappa Sigma, are the winners!

Thanks to everyone for your unconditional support of the LKS Educational Trust. YOU are making a difference in the education of our Sisters.

Congratulations to Omicron Alumni chapter!



Thanks to the efforts of Brittany Stewart, Carrie Molesa and other sisters, we have been able to reactivate Omicron alumni chapter. The chapter is currently comprised of sisters from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

If you are an Omicron sister--or you are not a graduate but live in the area--you can be a part of this new chapter, too, by emailing Brittany at brittanystewart@wayne.edu.

If you are interested in establishing or reactivating an alumni chapter, please contact me at buick802@gmail.com. It's a very easy process, and I can help you get started. All you need is a minimum group of 6 sisters, and you can have an alumni chapter!

What's NEW with EWE?



Patti Kienle, Eta/Alpha Phi Alum, will be the recipient of the ASHP Distinguished Leadership Award at the MidYear Clinical Meeting in December. Congratulations, Patti!

Alice Till, Alumni-at-Large, will begin her one year term as President of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists in November. This will be year two of a three year term, beginning in 2013 as President-Elect and concluding next year as Immediate Past President.

Congratulations to all of our sisters who shared the news via Facebook that they have passed their Boards and are now licensed pharmacists in their respective states. Welcome to the ranks!

Be sure to send me YOUR news. We love featuring news about our sisters in the Alumni Newsletter. Don't have any news about yourself? Send me news about another sister.

You can send your news to me at buick802@gmail.com.

Online Member Portal

The screenshot shows the login interface for the Lambda Kappa Sigma Pharmacy Fraternity. At the top, it displays "ID: 12100" and the user's name "Patti M. Lozano". There are links for "Home" and "Member Help & Feedback". A "Logout" button is located in the top right corner. The main title is "Login to Lambda Kappa Sigma Pharmacy Fraternity". Below it, a welcome message says: "Welcome to the new LKS Member Portal! Our new portal provides online capability to update your membership information, renew your membership, register for events, and much more." It also states: "Your Login ID is your email address." A note for first-time users: "LKS Members logging in for the first time should enter their email address and then click the Forget your password link below the password entry box in order to validate their E-mail address and obtain their Password." Another note: "LKS Members logging in after their first time will use their system Password." If forgotten, users can click the "Forgot your password? Click here" link. A "Login" button is present. Below the login form, there are links for "New Users" and "Create a User Account". To the right, a note for members without email: "If you are a member who does not have an email address, or if you are having difficulty logging in to your account, please contact the site administrator at: LKSloginhelp@win.net. Response time may take up to 72 hours." It also mentions: "For new members, guests, or those interested in becoming a member select Create a User Account." Finally, a note about returning to the website: "To return to the LKS Website click the LKS Symbol at the top of the page."

Headquarters is excited to be rolling out the new Online Member Portal. When you click on the yellow "Members Only" button in the upper right corner on lks.org, you will be brought to the screen above.

Follow the directions to login. You'll then be able to see your profile and update any information.

The portal will be multifunctional in the near future, allowing members to apply for Educational Grants, pay dues, contribute to the Trust, etc. As these applications become available, you will be informed.

Collegiate Chapters News

Grand President Jenny Brandt, Grand Vice-President for Development Tiffany Self, Past Grand Vice-President for Alumni Chris Grass and Western Regional Supervisor Nicole Lombardo were present on September 13, 2014, to initiate 9 new sisters into the newly chartered **Alpha Omega** Chapter at Sullivan University College of Pharmacy in Louisville, KY. Welcome and Best Wishes!



Alpha Omega charter members

Beta Alpha (D'Youville College School of Pharmacy in Buffalo, NY) and **Beta Beta** (Western New England College of Pharmacy in Springfield, MA) are all in the process of becoming chartered with Lambda Kappa Sigma. This is truly exciting!

If you live in any of these areas and can assist in nurturing and helping these chapters with their development process, please contact Tiffany Self at TDSelf@hotmail.com. These chapters will be truly grateful for the knowledge and sisterly love that you can lend to them!

SAVE THE DATE!

**2015 Annual Convention
St. Louis, Missouri
July 29 - August 1, 2015
Renaissance St. Louis Airport**

"New Century...Old School"

Lambda Kappa Sigma is an International Pharmacy Fraternity, was founded in 1913 and is dedicated to developing the intellectual, leadership and professional skills of its members needed to maximize their potential and to strive for their personal best.

LKS promotes professional growth through educational programs which enhance professional development in the field of pharmacy, with an emphasis placed on Women's Health Issues.

The Alumni Newsletter is published at least four times a year. You are warmly invited to submit personal and professional updates, new story ideas, photos, etc. to Grand Vice President for Alumni and Alumni News editor, Patti Lozano, at buick802@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



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