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FROM THE PRESIDENT…

A Word on Scholarships and Grants

Even if one studies to an old age,
One will never finish learning.
(Chinese proverb)

Have your learned something new this week? Have you made time to study a good novel or that great opera? Have you researched a topic you do not understand on the web? Have you taken that course at the local college that sounded interesting? Have you learned that new computer program? Sophocles recommended, "Always desire to learn something useful." That is a word of good advice for our busy lives in these ever-changing times.

The pursuit of knowledge is one of the cornerstones of Delta Omicron International Fraternity. It is grounded in one of our purposes: "to encourage the highest possible scholarship attainment, excellence of individual performance and appreciation of good music." Entering college in 1909, the three Founders appreciated the opportunity they had to attend college in a time when higher education was rare for women; they were eager to learn and even to create new opportunities to learn. That eagerness led to the establishment of our fraternity soon after they met. Sometimes taking a step into the unknown and exploring new horizons opens up a whole new world to us and those who follow us.

Another purpose of our fraternity that accompanies the first is "to give material aid to worthy students." Through the Endowment Fund, Delta Omicron offers scholarships to our members annually. The scholarships provide assistance to members seeking to study in the summer in areas outside their regular college coursework. The scholarships are available to dues paying and life membership collegiate and alumni members. The scholarships are advertised in *The WHEEL* through the April application deadline date and also on our website www.delta-omicron.org (look under Collegiate/Summer Scholarship).

In addition, the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc. offers educational grants to both collegiate and alumni members. Those grants may be used for tuition and other study. Grant descriptions and application procedures may be found through the link on the Delta Omicron website (look under National/D.O. Foundation) or directly through www.dofoundation.org.

What an opportunity for our members to take advantage of these scholarships and grants! Yet the sad fact is that each year some of these scholarships and grants have no applicants and they go unfilled. As a result, the scholarships benefit no one.

I encourage all members to take a little time to investigate these scholarships and grants, to check out the very simple application procedures, and to apply now. Do not wait for the April deadline. Take advantage of this fraternity benefit to further your education. In the words of Francis Bacon, "For also knowledge itself is power."

Jonny H. Ramsey
International President

Board of Directors Meet in Cincinnati to Select 2009 Conference Site

T he National Board of Directors of Delta Omicron met in the Northern Kentucky & Cincinnati area in July 2007 for their annual board meeting. In addition to considering annual fraternity business, the major objective of the Board was to find a hotel site for the Centennial Conference in 2009.

The Board visited several hotels in the Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati area, looking for a site within easy access to the airport and major highways. In addition, the Board members met with the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau staff, toured the campus of the University of Cincinnati and its College-Conservatory of Music, and even experienced a riverboat tour on the Ohio River as a potential conference activity.

The Board is pleased to announce that the 2009 Centennial Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel and Convention Center in Erlanger, Kentucky from July 16 through 19, 2009.

The award-winning hotel is just three miles from the Cincinnati airport and only ten miles from Downtown Cincinnati. The area will afford convenient access to a variety of entertainment options for members who wish to arrive before or stay after conference, attractions such as shopping and dining at Newport on the Levee to baseball at the Great American Ball Park to the Newport Aquarium. A reduced room rate of $95 will be available for Delta Omicron members who attend.

During 2007-08, the Board will be making other decisions about conference activities that will make this historic Centennial Conference a conference to remember. All Delta Omicron members are encouraged to mark their calendars now. Let us all meet in Cincinnati in 2009 and make the Centennial Conference the largest gathering of Delta Omicron members in our history.

Be looking for developing information in future WHEEL issues and on the fraternity website at www.delta-omicron.org.

D.O. Board Members: L to R
Top: *Julie Hensley Wright, Jennifer Klafeta, Robert Lindahl*
Bottom: *Janet Gross, Jonny Ramsey, Mary Chisholm, Nancy Meyette*

Mary Bataille Chisholm Recognized As Outstanding Volunteer for 2007 By PFA

National Second Vice President **Mary Chisholm** received the 2007 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award from the Professional Fraternity Association at its annual meeting held this year at the Arizona Biltmore Resort in Phoenix, Arizona in September. The award is presented to an individual member of a PFA member fraternity, who "deserves recognition for exceptional service or extraordinary commitment to their fraternity" and to the community. Mary was recognized for her extensive volunteer work with her church and community and for her service to Delta Omicron as a National Board Member and president of her alumni chapter Zeta Alpha.

Mary received her award at the Award Banquet held on September 7th. Other award recipients included the following:

- Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity received the Outstanding Professi onal Program Award for its Phillip's Neighborhood Clinic Pharmacy;
- Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity's Dr. David L. Batts received the Outstanding Faculty Sponsor Award;
- Alpha Omicron Chapter of Sigma Alpha National Sorority received the Outstanding Community Service Award for its Farm Safety Day/Agriculture in the Classroom Project; and
- C. Raymond Judice of the Phi Alpha Delta Law 'Fraternity International received the Career Achievement Award.

International President **Jonny Ramsey** attended the PFA Conference. The annual meeting provides training and informational sessions for officers and executive directors of professional fraternities and also provides a chance for those officers to meet with associate members who provide conference planning, jewelry and fraternity merchandise, and publication services. This year's program included sessions on membership recruitment, tax issues for fraternities and foundations, identity theft issues, fraternity archive protection and storage, and online affinity circle services. Dr. Ramsey was re-elected to the PFA Board of Directors as the Treasurer for the 2007-08 year.

Music Education the Keynote at the National Music Council

2007 Annual Meeting and American Eagle Awards Luncheon

The National Music Council held its 2007 annual meeting Thursday, May 24th at The Supper Club in Manhattan. Epsilon Province President, Desirée Baxter, represented Delta Omicron, one of almost 50 national music organizations. The Council is a forum for the free discussion of U.S. music affairs and problems. Founded in 1940, the Council provides for the exchange of information and coordination of efforts between its member organizations and works to strengthen the importance of music in American life and culture. NMC member organizations encompass all areas of professional and commercial musical activity.

The annual meeting included a review of the Council's work with the International Music Council, reports from member organizations, and assessments of its advocacy not only for music education, but for composers and music publishers as well. The NMC has created a tri-fold brochure and single page magazine ads to highlight ways in which the music community can support music in our nation's schools. The ads and brochures are available electronically at www.musiccouncil.org. Members were encouraged to distribute the brochures at member conventions, and to run the ads in journals, magazines, and newsletters.

NAMM, the trade association of the international music products industry, is offering free copies of a new SupportMusic.com Community Action Kit, which offers step-by-step guidance, action tools and handouts about how to support music education in local communities. Free copies of the kit are also available to parents and community organizations. To request a SupportMusic.com Community Action Kit, Delta Omicron members can call NAMM at 800-767-6266 or e-mail a request to info@namm.org.

The new SupportMusic.com Community Action Kit includes:

- *A 24-page guide to grassroots advocacy, in English and Spanish*
- *A CD-ROM with community action tools including presentation materials, handouts, and petition and press release templates*
- *50 copies of the "Why Learn to Play Music?" brochure, which can be customized with a company name and address.*

Clive Davis

At the 26th annual American Eagle Awards Luncheon, special American Eagle honors were bestowed to Clive Davis—Chairman of the BMG Group of Labels, Broadway music composer Sheldon Harnick, and the VH1 Save the Music Foundation, which has grown in the past ten years into a prime force for music education in the nation's middle schools.

Clive Davis' music education credentials include a major commitment to the genre through his landmark gift to the NYU Tisch School of the Arts, creating the world's first degree-awarded college major in contemporary music, known as The Clive Davis Department of Recorded Music. Prior to the luncheon, the Council's annual Leadership in Music Symposium featured a "Conversation with Clive Davis," hosted by NMC Board Member Charles Sanders.

Sheldon Harnick, one of the most prolific of all Broadway composers, started his career in the 1950s with musical revues both on and off Broadway. Later, with partner Jerry Bock, he created the scores for "Fiddler on the Roof," which won a Tony Award, and for "Fiorello," which won both a Pulitzer Prize and a Tony. Harnick is a member of The Dramatists Guild and The Songwriters Guild of America and has always given unstintingly of his time and effort to the cause of music education.

VH1's Save the Music Foundation also has been in the forefront of the drive to keep music alive in public schools. During its first decade, the Foundation has helped restore and sustain music instrumental programs in more than 1400 schools nationwide.

During the luncheon, The Marine Park Middle School Jazz Band of Brooklyn, recipient of VH1's largesse, entertained with a group of big band style jazz offerings.

Marine Park Middle School Jazz Band

Foundation Trustees Visit the Macdowell Colony Delta Omicron Studio

by
Dr. Kay Wideman, President
Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc.

Picture 450 acres of woodlands, flowers dancing in the summer breeze with 32 rustic artist studios nestled among its canopy of trees, and you might just visualize The MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, New Hampshire. The Colony was founded by American composer Edward MacDowell and his wife Marian in 1907. The Delta Omicron Studio, built in 1927, from support from Delta Omicron is one of the oldest and most beloved studios. It is affectionately nicknamed "Omicron Studio" by residents at the Colony.

Throughout 2007, the MacDowell Colony has been celebrating its founding through year-long activities. The Delta Omicron Foundation Trustees visited the studio during the 2007 Medal Day festivities, part of that centennial celebration. In the D.O. Studio, the Trustees presented a lovely framed keyboard plaque with the names of all those who donated funds toward the memorial piano that resides in the studio. Dedicated in 1996, the Petzold-Collyer Piano is in memory of the first two Presidents of the Foundation and former Fraternity Presidents, Roxine Beard Petzold and Adelaide Louise Collyer. The D.O. Studio houses this Mason-Hamlin grand piano but is otherwise sparsely furnished in keeping with the MacDowell philosophy that there should be nothing in the studios that might stifle creativity. Our studio is quaint, with an enormous fireplace, windows emitting wonderful sunlight, and a screened back porch for meditation or reading. Its exterior features a tiled roof, and it rises like a fairy tale cottage out of the surrounding forest. Artists of all genres have enjoyed the D.O. Studio throughout the years. It is the desire of the Foundation Trustees that the studio be used primarily by musicians to take advantage of the Petzold-Collyer Piano.

MacDowell Colony Cottage

The MacDowell Colony management

Rotating Grants 2006-2007

by Tina Davis

Each year, several collegiate and alumni chapters are granted a sum of money for philanthropic projects. The chapters are always creative and very mindful of our purposes when deciding how to spend their gifts. Please read below for the unique uses of the $150 grant money for the 2006-2007 school year.

Sigma at Illinois Wesleyan University – Each year the chapter holds a fundraiser for local music programs. The grant was donated to a high school jazz vocal group (the Normal West Jazz Voices) to assist them in continuing their program.

Upsilon

Rotating Grants 2007-2008

The Delta Omicron Board of Directors presents rotating grants of $150 to collegiate and alumni chapters.

Collegiate Chapters

Gamma Iota – Malloy College, Rockville Centre, NY
Alpha Phi – Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL
Omicron Phi – University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, Whitewater, MI
Zeta – University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
Omicron Omicron – Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY
Delta Tau – College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA
Gamma Xi – Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC
Delta Upsilon – Kent State University, Kent, OH
Delta Chi – University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, NE
Gamma Omicron – Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC

Alumni Chapters

Zeta Zeta – Denver, CO
Zeta Sigma – Cleveland, OH

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History Quiz: Did you know……

- The 1929 D.O. Red Book History sold for $2.00?
- Our conferences used to be called conventions?
- The first Convention was held in 1915?
- "Continually Striving We Attain", D.O.'s Open Motto was adopted at the 1920 Annual Convention and was suggested by Lenore Harpster Lutz, National President.
- The fraternity bought war bonds in support of WWII?

Buy your History Book Today!!
Order Form is available in the WHEEL.

John Rutter
National Patron Honor

In the midst of flashing cameras and cheering, National Patron John Rutter, renowned composer/conductor, was presented a Delta Omicron Certificate of Honor on June 17, 2007 in New York City. Maestro Rutter was completing rehearsals for Mozart's *Requiem* performed at Carnegie Hall on June 18, 2007. Dr. Kay Wideman, President of the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc., presented the certificate to him on behalf of the Delta Omicron Board of Directors. Singing the Requiem in a chorus of over 200 community singers from across the country, Dr. Wideman is a member of the Douglas County (Georgia) Chamber Singers.

Soprano Dawn Upshaw
Named a MacArthur Fellow

D.O. alumna Dawn Upshaw, a 1982 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, was named one of the 24 MacArthur Fellows for 2007 on September 25, 2007 by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Upshaw, along with the other Fellows, received $500,000 "no strings attached" funding over the next five year's for support of their current activities or to take their work in new directions. The MacArthur Fellows are selected for their creativity, originality and potential to make important contributions in the future. This year's Fellows included a forensic anthropologist, spider silk biologist, short story writer, inventor, biomedical scientist, nanotechnologist, public health physician, choreographer and Soprano Dawn Upshaw. Ms. Upshaw is a member of the vocal studies faculty at the Tanglewood Music Center and was named the Charles Franklin Kellogg and Grace E. Ramsey Kellogg Professor of the Arts at Bard College in 2005. Ms. Upshaw was born in Tennessee and raised in Park Forest, Ill., Upshaw lives near New York City.

Hope College Chapter Patron

The members of Alpha Chi chapter of Delta Omicron inducted Dr. Huw Lewis as chapter patron on Friday, November 2, 2007. Lewis, who is a professor of music and college organist, received the honor at a surprise ceremony held in conjunction with an organ and orchestra concert held at Dimnent Memorial Chapel at Hope College. Alpha Chi members nominated Lewis for the award because he represents Delta Omicron's mission of supporting excellence in music and musicianship. "We nominated Dr. Lewis for this honor because we as a chapter felt he takes the ideals of Delta Omicron to heart and represents them to the students at Hope College," said Tyler Racey, a senior from Ludington who is the chapter's secretary. "He desires for his students to attain the highest possible achievement as musicians and embodies them himself as a scholar and performer." Alpha Chi chapter consists of 17 members, and the faculty adviser is Linda Strouf.

Lewis has been a member of the Hope College faculty since 1990, and his tenure has included service as the chair of the department of music. In addition to performing for formal college functions, Dr. Lewis teaches organ and music theory. Before coming to Hope College, Dr. Lewis spent 16 years as director of music at historic St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit, where he also founded and directed the St. John's Bach Society. Dr. Lewis is a performing member of the American Guild of Organists and the Royal College of Organists and was a featured recitalist at the 1987 International Congress of Organists. He has made numerous recordings for the BBC and his performances have been broadcast in America and Great Britain. He has served on many competition juries, most recently for the 2003 Dallas International Organ Competition. Dr. Lewis was born in Wales and studied at the Royal College of Music in London, at Cambridge University, and at the University of Michigan.

The concert on Friday, November 2, was presented as part of the college's annual Parents' Weekend and was the fifth and final performance of the 2007 Skinner Organ Rededication Series at Hope College. The concert featured the world premiere of the "Concerto for Organ and Orchestra" written by Benjamin Boyle through a commission from the college to celebrate the recent refurbishing of the historic organ.

DELTA OMICRON INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FRATERNITY CENTENNIAL DRIVE 2006-07 DONORS

Lyre of Gold $1000+

Suzanne Barchers
Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc.
Past National Officers Club
(PNOC)
Becky Thompson
(in honor - Ann Jones)

Lily of the Valley $500-$999

Claudia Grayson
(in memory—Mary Duffcy)
Helen Gridley

Rose & Gray $250-$499

Phyllis Conrad
Ann Anthony Jones

Keynote $100-$250

Jeanne Agee
(in memory—Kathryn Dean)
Nadja Altstetter
Deborah Antanaitis
Susan Batten-Bell
Delores Black
Karen Bollow
Wes Carnahan
Mary Chisholm
Karyl Cohn
Bette Crouse
Kathryn Davis
Gail Dixon
Connie Downing
Meredith Dugan-Schoenfeld
Betty Faas
Lorraine Farr
Jean Gaines
Catherine Graf
Faye Haag
Karen Harris
Susanne Haynes
Jean Humphrey
Donald Hustad
Holly Ingle
Mrs. Maurice Jones
Jennifer Klafeta
Charlene Klein Ross
Frederica Kushner
Robert Lindahl
Mary Anne Luedtke
(in memory-Martha Moore Crabtree & Alpha Chapter)
C.D. McCormac
Beverly McLarry
(in memory-Mu Chapter)
Jonny H. Ramsey
Sylvia Reid
(in memory—Helen Bishop & Marie Marty)
Monice Roberts
Pierina Schmidt
Wendy Sims
(in honor—Michelle Worthing)
Susan Triplett
Janet Twentey Gross
Joan Wegner
Janet Wherry
Nancy White
(in memory—Helen Bishop)
Kay C. Wideman
Lei Lonnie Wood
Gladys Zate
Zeta Alpha
Zeta Chi

Founders Up to $99

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Jean Ann Ankeney
Mary Sue Barnett
Lani Beuerman
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Deborah Brower
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Molly Carlson
Bette Coulson
Janet Dahlstrom
Patty Davis
Tina Davis
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Virginia Ellis
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Louise Ann Fabian
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Brenda Legendre
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Patricia Mazur
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Teresa Motz
Eileen Nahser
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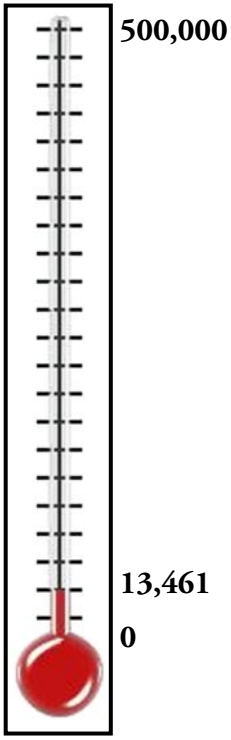
Esther Pfeiffer
Dorothy Piatt
Mary Anne Pilette
Charlotte Price
Louellyn Robinson
Ryan Rodehorst
Vivian Rogala
Jacqueline Schuenaman
Kathleen Seymour
Ruth Shawver
Margaret Smith
Linda Snyder
Carroll Strickland
Kathy Vail
Heather Witter
Debby Word
Sister Marie Joy Yuhasz
Zeta Beta
Zeta Eta
Zeta Sigma
(in honor—Louise B. Atwood)

Centennial Drive Progress

Thank you to all Delta Omicron members who have contributed during this first year of our three-year campaign to make Delta Omicron more financially secure. All members are <u>encouraged</u> to participate as we near our 100th anniversary in 2009.



Centennial Campaign

As we begin our journey toward the 100th anniversary of Delta Omicron, the Board of Directors calls on all members to help secure the financial future of the Fraternity through a three-year campaign to build the Fraternity Funds through membership donations. Each member is asked to donate at least $100 over three years. All donations to the **Centennial Campaign** will be recognized annually in ***The WHEEL*** and in the Centennial Program at the 2009 Centennial Conference.

The goal of the Centennial Campaign is to reach **$500,000** by **Founders Day in 2009.** That total goal is divided among the various funds in the following way:

Educational Journal Fund Goal = $200,000

Endowment Fund Goal = $100,000

Conference 2009 Goal = $100,000

Operating Reserve Fund Goal = $100,000

Members can direct donations to a specific fund as they desire. Donations may be made in memory of another person. Alumni members may donate to honor their collegiate chapter. Collegiate and Alumni chapters and clubs are encouraged to participate in the Campaign as service to a national project.

How can you contribute? **Send a check addressed to Delta Omicron to the Executive Secretary Julie H. Wright at 910 Church Street, P.O. Box 752, Jefferson City, TN 37760.** Designate it to the Centennial Campaign and specify any particular fund that you choose.

Delta Omicron Star Recipients
2006-2007

Matt Callope
Sarah Wiltzius
Alpha Alpha

Rachael Dowell
Alpha Eta

Clair Brewer
Alpha Gamma

Sarah Walters
Alpha Phi

Errin Tucker
Alpha Theta

Amanda Morse
Delta Chi

Sarah Braun
Shannon Shaker
Delta Iota

Kimberly Bennett Buetzow
Delta Kappa

Amber Forsythe
Delta Psi

LaShara Gordon
Gamma Kappa

Katy Schneider
Mu

Stacey Moyer
Omicron Alpha

Rachel Mills
Omicron Delta

Adavion Wayne
Omicron Epsilon

Sarah Simmons
Omicron Gamma

Meredith Lopez
Omicron Omicron

Zachary Larson
Omicron Phi

Lenny Leithauser
Omicron Psi

Lacey Cofield Bolling
Omicron Sigma

Ingrid Blomquist
Sigma

Sara Poe
Zeta

Keysha Thompkins
Eta Lambda

Senior Honor Pins Recipients
2006-2007

Heather Kamikawa
Alpha Alpha

Abigail Bolkema
Alpha Chi

Meredith Kate McCormick
Alpha Epsilon

Adam Barley
Alpha Gamma

Leah Ashley Stephens
Ivelisse De laFe
Alpha Phi

Windy Neal
Alpha Theta

Michelle Christine DeVoe
Delta Iota

Kimberly Bennett Buetzow
Delta Kappa

Megan Mooneyham
Delta Psi

Jenna Giera Makowski
Gamma Chi

Elizabeth A. Bresler
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Omicron Omicron

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Omicron Sigma

Amanda Compton
Sigma

Brianna Jarvis
Upsilon

Gretchen Elizabeth Reiter
Zeta

Delta Omicron Summer Scholarships

Scholarship: Lorena Creamer McClure Memorial Scholarship
Institution: Brevard Music Center, Brevard, North Carolina
Address: Director, Brevard Music Center, P.O. Box 592, Brevard, NC 28712
Stipend: $400 Courses of Study: Instrumental, voice, opera, theory
Requirements: For study in the College Division only. A tape is required by Brevard.
The applicant should indicate that application has been made for the
Delta Omicron Scholarship upon submission of tape.
College credit may be arranged through Converse College.

Scholarship: Mabel Dunn Hopkins Memorial Scholarship
Use: A music education summer workshop of the recipient's choice
Stipend: Up to $400 as needed Course of Study: Music Education
Requirements: For collegiate or alumni study. (Not to be used for regular summer school)

Scholarship: Hazel Wilson Bowsman Memorial Scholarship
Scholarship: Mae Chenoweth Grannis Memorial Scholarship
Use: For summer study at an institute of the recipient's choice
Stipend: Up to $400 as needed for each Course of Study: Any field of music
Requirements: For collegiate or alumni study (not to be used for regular summer school)

Scholarship: Delta Omicron Open Scholarship
Use: For study, such as a workshop of the recipient's choice
Stipend: Up to $400 as needed Course of study: Preferably strings
Requirements: For collegiate or alumni study. (Not to be used for regular summer school)

Scholarship: Jane Wiley Kuckuk Open Scholarship
Use: For study, such as a workshop of the recipient's choice
Stipend: Up to $400 as needed Course of study: Any field of music
Requirements: For collegiate or alumni study. (Not to be used for regular summer school)

Scholarship: Dr. Kay Calfee Wideman Scholarship
Use: For study, such as a workshop of the recipient's choice
Stipend: Up to $400 as needed Course of study: Voice
Requirements: For collegiate or alumni study. (Not to be used for regular summer school)

Scholarship: Ann Anthony Jones Choral/Vocal Scholarship
Donated by Lily Nehman in honor of Ann Jones.
Use: For study, such as a workshop of the recipient's choice
Stipend: Up to $400 as needed Course of Study: Choral or Vocal
Requirements: For collegiate or alumni study (not to be used for regular summer school).

Address inquiries or request for additional information to:
Michelle A. May, 1635 West Boston Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206
E-mail: MAYBIZ@aol.com

Deadline for application is April 2, 2008

Chapter News in Highlight

ALPHA NORTH PROVINCE: (Ada, OH) Members of **Gamma Chi** continue to offer tutoring to music students on campus. The chapter was also proud to report that several members were involved in a local summer production of *Beauty and the Beast.* (Westerville, OH): **Omicron Alpha** helped to provide services to students attending the D.O. sponsored Columbus Symphony Orchestra concert by providing transportation for freshmen. Several members also participated in the Westerville Symphony Orchestra concert. (Kent-Akron, OH) **Zeta Omicron** members bring items or monetary donations to each meeting and put together "goodie bags" containing toiletries, school supplies, and small toys to contribute to the Safer Futures organization which provides a safe house to women and their children from abusive homes. The joint meeting in April with **Zeta Sigma** was at the home of Michelle Worthing. The chapter welcomed Sue Tams, of **Zeta Sigma** and Treasurer of the D.O. Foundation, as a special attendee. In May, the chapter's annual spring brunch was co-hosted by Maryalice Seaholts and Carol Ramey at the Patton House. Fay Anne Sebaly, assisted by grandson Chad Pittman and mother Fay Anderson, presented a lecture recital on George Gershwin. In August, members joined with **Zeta Sigma** for the annual picnic as well as a concert at the Blossom Music Center. In September, at the annual potluck dinner at the home of Adele Fussner, by Abbey Bolton, President Carol Ramey held the business meeting, and Maryalice Seaholts presented a "Getting to Know You" program to welcome new members Sharon Alberson, Marjorie Pagan, and Laurel Seeds. In October, members met at Michelle Worthing's home and Marylou Grigg was the co-hostess. Sara Burky, accompanied by Julie Lehmas, presented a program of songs by Gerald Finzi. Later that month, members baked cookies for the reception hosted by Sara Miller, following **Delta Upsilon's** Founders Day Recital. (Cleveland, OH) Members of **Zeta Sigma** met in March at the home of Gloria Wharton where Joy Weakland presented a program on the music of Alan Hovhaness and members performed a "Potpourri of American Music." In April, The joint meeting with **Zeta Omicron** was at the home of Michelle Worthing and featured a music program presented by Alexa McCleaster and Michelle Thompson, the 2006 recipient of the chapter's scholarship. Both are members of **Delta Upsilon**. In August, members joined with **Zeta Omicron** for the annual picnic as well as a concert at the Blossom Music Center. In October, the chapter met at the home of Fran Hawthorne. Roy and Fran Hawthorne presented a musical program on the baritone and the euphonium for the enjoyment of the chapter. **GAMMA PROVINCE:** (Denver, CO) In August, members of **Zeta Zeta** met at the home of president Karen Harris for the chapter's annual potluck picnic, where Karen Harris tested members on D.O. trivia and members sang songs from the D.O. Songbook. In September, members met with the Steinway Club and the Bremen Club

for the joint fall tea at the home of Carolyn Shaak. A music program featuring the talents of Donna Levene, Mary Ella House, Suzanne Barchers, Karen Harris, her daughter Katie Harris, Megan Buness, Ellie Seligmann, and Diana Heyburn was presented, followed by a reception. In October, members enjoyed a music program presented by member Dr. Grace Asquith and patron Dr. William Kearns as part of The Boulder Valley Arts Ensemble at The Meridian.

DELTA PROVINCE: (Bloomington, IL) Members of **Sigma** co-hosted the Presser Picnic with Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha to "promote local musicianship through time with friends and new musicians" (as written by Director of Publicity, Caitlin Ludwig). The chapter also hosted a Welcome Dinner to introduce new music students to campus by answering questions, offering campus tours, and aiding with class schedules. Members have enjoyed gathering together for "D.O. Fun Nights" hosted at various members' homes and are proud to welcome two new prospective members this fall. Several members have been involved in various musical groups, concerts, and programs around campus. (Normal, IL) **Omicron Omega** has been serving its campus through providing coffee and doughnuts for the university's audition day and volunteering an hour each week in the library to stock bookshelves. Members recently enjoyed time together at an orchard and on a camp-out. The chapter welcomed new prospective members after the pledge ceremony by taking them out to breakfast. (Bloomington-Normal, IL)

In April, members of **Zeta Eta** enjoyed solos and duets sung by Peter and Joan Schuetz, accompanied by Marilyn Musick on several selections, at the Immanuel Bible Foundation. The meeting was co-hosted by Marylin Musick and Sharon Lundy. In May, members met at the home of Sylvia Anderson. Music was provided by Sue Miller and Todd Tucker. In October, members gathered at the home of Pat Oien, with Phyllis Short serving as co-hostess. Pat Oien presented a lecture on Hoagy Carmichael, and music was provided by Sylvia Anderson and Marilyn Musick. Members sang along with a few songs, and Pat Oien provided dessert.

ZETA SOUTH PROVINCE: (Jefferson City, TN) Members of Alpha Gamma enjoyed an open musicale, "Heart to Heart," presented by chapter mother, Leslie Cutshaw. Ms. Cutshaw sang a recital and then spoke and held a question/answer session to help members get to know her. In September, members hosted a "Pizza and Dessert Party" to inform students and potential candidates for membership about D.O. Later that month, members hosted a coffee house for faculty, staff, and students in the music building. In October, members held a "Mission Musicale" in which the chapter divided into two teams to perform out in the community. One group sang at the Boys and Girls Club and demonstrated different musical instruments for the children. The other group took hymn requests and played some jazzy numbers for residents at a local nursing home during their dinner. Members served in the community through participation in a campus-wide community service project called "In As

Much." Members also serve on campus by keeping the music department bulletin boards and marquee updated. Prospective members participated in a scavenger hunt in the music building. The hunt involved clues that directed participants to different rooms, with each room having a member asking a question from their memorization packet. Participants could only proceed to the next room if each question was answered correctly.

ETA NORTH PROVINCE: (Rock Hill, SC) Members of **Gamma Kappa** participated in a chapter musicale of uplifting music called "Sound in Spirit." Several members participated in a campus event called "The Battle of the Sexes" to inform potential prospective members about the chapter, and several members also participated in the music department's program "An Evening of Musical Theatre," with chapter patroness Jennifer Austin serving as the accompanist. Ms. Austin also hosted a Delta Omicron ladies night. Members welcomed Dr. Tomoko Deguchi presenting a lecture on building a music resumé. Members co-hosted a halloween party with Phi Mu Alpha and also held a game night to enjoy time together as a group. According to Director of Publicity Courtney Woodberry, members created a unique project in which each member "chose a faculty secret pal and gave small gifts, decorated office doors, and held a dinner with the faculty to reveal secret pals." Members also had a surprise retirement party for Ida Newman, a staff member of the music department.

ETA SOUTH PROVINCE: (Clinton, SC) **Gamma Omicron** has been active on campus and in the community by welcoming incoming freshmen to the music department at the Presbyterian College Block Party and participating in the face painting at the Thornwell Fall Carnival hosted by the college on campus.

IOTA PROVINCE: (Lithonia, GA) Members of **Eta Lambda** observed its Founders Day in September, featuring a première of a new D.O. and chapter song composed by member, Tarnashala Andrews. Later that month, members gathered for their 3rd annual retreat. Members entertained children at the Fall Festival held at the Kindercare Preschool Center by doing activities such as a cake walk, musical chairs, and arts and crafts. In October, members presented flowers to D.O. member Elizabeth Futral, world renowned soprano, in honor of her performance in Atlanta.

KAPPA PROVINCE: (Hattiesburg, MS) Members of **Omicron Sigma** sold over 175 plates of barbeque from a local restaurant for a fundraising activity. The chapter also held a Rush Party. In September, the chapter led a chapel service on campus with singing, readings, drama, and sign language, in the chapter's 43rd year. Some very kind words were expressed by a faculty member in attendance at the service: to quote Brian Cleveland, Instructor of Religion at William Carey University, "Please convey my sincere appreciation to everyone who took part in today's chapel service…today's chapel was the best I've experienced."

OMICRON PROVINCE: (Indiana, PA) Members of **Delta Sigma** participated in a fundraising event at Hoss's Restaurant with monies going towards the chapter. The chapter also ushers for recitals.

D.O.s in the News

Patron, Adviser, and Member Activities

Performing…

Alpha Gamma members **Claire Brewer, Katie Puckett,** and **Hope Vradenburgh** performed in masterclasses, recitals, and concerts in Vienna, Austria and Memmingen, Germany. Chapter patron **Dr. Ryan Garber** led the group on a study abroad program in these two countries.

Gamma Kappa members **Natassia Lail** and **Jennifer Brown** and faculty adviser **Janice Brader** performed with the Winthrop/Carolinas Wind Orchestra in Spain.

Zeta Sigma member **Ann Droste** performed with the Spirit of '76 Fife and Drum Corps in Chagrin Falls and also served as the flute clinician for the North Central Adult Music Camp at Ashland University in June.

Director of Publicity **Gloria Wharton** wrote that Zeta Sigma member "**Joan Robertson** played fiddle with husband Jack (bagpiper) for a Scottish music library program in Springfield, Ohio. She also played with the Springfield Dulcimer Club at a Victorian Home Tour in Springfield and for Diversity Day at Speedway Headquarters in Evon, Ohio."

Gamma Kappa member **Caroline Firczak** starred in a local production of *The Music Man*.

Omicron Sigma members **Bethany Ingram** and **Sarah Robinson** won first place in the William Carey University Winters School of Music Vocal Competition with their performance of Irving Berlin's *Sisters* from *White Christmas.*

Omicron Sigma members **Suzanne Adcock, Lacey Bolling, Jessica Boyd, Hannah Dupuis, Jacob Havard, Bethany Ingram, Antony Keeler, Marlee Lee, Sarah Robinson, and Jaime Smith** are members of the William Carey University Chorale who performed with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra as part of the *Mississippi's William Grant Still: Celebrating an American Master Composer* concert in October.

Alpha Gamma members **Matthew Cunningham, Trey Daugherty, Maurice Hendricks, Nathan Martin** were in the cast of the musical *She Loves Me* during Carson-Newman College's homecoming weekend, and members **Alexandra Way** and **Jessica Whitson** played in the orchestra for the show. Chapter patron **Perry Ward** was the director.

Eta Lambda presented flowers to Delta Omicron member **Elizabeth Futral**, world renowned soprano, following her performance with the Atlanta Boys Choir at the Cobb Energy Center in Atlanta in October.

Eta Lambda members enjoyed watching the movie premiere of *Losing Ground* in August starring fellow member **Cynthia Crawford**.

Zeta Eta member **Char Fesler** played secretary Flora Dodge during the annual cemetery walk at Evergreen Cemetery as part of celebrating Illinois State University's 150th year.

According to Director of Publicity **Carol Klohn**, "This summer Zeta Omicron member **Carol Klohn** played soprano recorder with her family, The Nolin Family Recorder Quartet. Carol's family recorder quartet consists of Abby (daughter) on alto and soprano, Max (son) on tenor, and David Nolin (husband) on alto and bass. In June, the Nolin Family Recorder Quartet performed at the Wilmot, Ohio Wilderness Center for the annual Moonlight Serenade. This was the fifth year that the Nolin family has played for this event."

Awards and Recognition…

Alpha Chi honored its newest patron, **Dr. Huw Lewis**, faculty member at Hope College since 1990, with a surprise ceremony at the conclusion of the fifth and final performance of the 2007 Skinner Organ Rededication Series at Hope College.

Iota Province President **Laura Thuirer** is the first math teacher to become certified as a National Board Certified Teacher in her school district, along with another high school teacher, and was awarded $5000 to spend in her classroom.

Director of Publicity, **Mary Selk** wrote that Zeta Eta member **Joan Goetzinger** "had several of her swirling art pieces on exhibit in the atrium of Bromenn Hospital during August and September. She…also [had] an exhibit at Studio 222 in downtown Bloomington, Illinois on November 2nd."

Omicron Sigma members **Suzanne Adcock** and **Hannah Dupuis** were contestants in the William Carey University "Beauty Review" in October and were sponsored by their chapter.

To quote Director of Publicity, **Pamela Johnson**, "**Keysha Thompkins**, President of Eta Lambda Alumni Chapter, presented the Star of D.O. Award to collegiate member, **Cathy Rone** of Epsilon Delta at Georgia State University. This award was given in recognition of **Cathy**'s hard work put forth during the long process of getting the Epsilon Delta chapter chartered at Georgia State and also continuing to foster fellowship through music by hosting various events in the name of Delta Omicron and remaining active in campus music activities."

Zeta Omicron awarded **Jessica Stover** a $350 scholarship. **Jessica** is a music major at the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music of Kent State University where she plays saxophone.

Studying…

Alpha Gamma member **Kat Angle** served as an intern at a music camp at Maryland-ACT (Authentic Community Theater) over the summer.

Gamma Chi chapter adviser **Carol J. Gramm** and chapter patroness **Dr. Margaret Zank** attended the BCOME Conference at the Brevard Music Center in July. Also that month, **Dr. Zank**

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attended the Japan Studies Association Conference in Hawaii.

Teaching…

Alpha Gamma chapter patrons **Dr. Marshall Forrester, Dr. Angela Holder** (also faculty sponsor), and **Dr. Mark Hussung** served as instructors for Carson-Newman College's 10th Annual Summer Music Camp in June.

Leading…

Alpha Gamma chapter patron **Dr. Clark Measels** assisted in hymn selection for a new hymnal to be published by Mercer Press.

Alpha Gamma chapter patron and faculty sponsor **Dr. Angela Holder** is a committee member for the 50th National Association of Teachers of Singing Convention.

Alpha Gamma faculty adviser **Ann Jones** serves as the Vice Chair of the Faculty Council of Carson-Newman College representing the Fine Arts Division.

Zeta Omicron member **Maryalice Seaholts** is president of the Kent State University Orchestra Society and coordinated the annual Evening with the Orchestra event in April, with several chapter members in attendance.

In Memoriam…

…Zeta Eta mourns the loss of two members: **Mrs. Elizabeth James** (maiden name Ross), and **Mrs. Ruth Titterton** (maiden name Lee).

Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Omicron was involved with the Executive Office of Delta Omicron in assembling the Fall supplies for all of the chapters of Delta Omicron. They met in the lobby of the Tarr Music Center with Julie Hensley Wright directing the assembly line to fill up the packets for mailing. Alpha Gamma had a great time of fellowship knowing they were doing a service for the Fraternity.

In Memoriam.....

Mildred S Hawthorne initiated into Psi Chapter 5/1/38.

Betty Sue Garner Shepherd initiated by Omicron Gamma chapter 5/1/56. *Deceased 8/2/07.*

Nellie Morris Perry initiated by Delta chapter 1/1/1927. *Deceased 3/22/02.*

Lela Mae Jacobson Thompson initiated into Theta Chapter March 1, 1943

Margaret Ann Wilson Unger of Sigma Chapter initiated June 1, 1952 *Deceased 2/11/06.*

Virginia Heath Marshall initiated May 5, 1965 to Delta Gamma. *Deceased 4/2/99.*

Rachel Barron Pierce initiated by Alpha Epsilon Chapter 4/1/68.

Mary Higgins Nauck initiated by Delta Nu chapter 5/1/54. *Deceased 3/1/07.*

Elizabeth Ross James, Zeta Eta

Ruth Lee Titterton, Zeta Eta

Sarah Brown Hewett, Alpha Chapter. *Deceased 10/11/07.*

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Jon Spong, initiated March 21, 1990 as a **National Patron.** *Deceased 11/11/2006.*

Jon Spong, National Patron, passed away in November 2006. The Iowa native studied composition, organ and voice at Drake University (Des Moines) earning both his bachelor and master of music degrees there. He also received an honorary doctor of humane letters from Grandview College. He worked as an organist and choirmaster at a number of churches throughout the country and, in addition to CCM and Drake, taught at Washington State University, Angelo State University, University of Missouri-Kansas City and Luther College. Spong performed regularly in recital for state, regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists. From 1964 to 1999, Spong was the primary concert accompanist for world-renowned baritone Sherrill Milnes and performed in concert halls and opera houses throughout the world. He recorded on RCA, VAL-Audio, New World and Diadem Records. Spong was also a noted composer, with numerous published organ solos and anthems of sacred music.

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The Delta Omicron Centennial History will be published for the Fraternity's 100th anniversary in 2009 and will be available at the 2009 Triennial Conference. The History Committee composed of Phyllis Conrad, Jennifer Klafeta, Michelle Worthing, Jane Kuckuk, Carol Anne Koehl, and National Historian Ann Jones are currently researching the archives and preparing the contents of the history. It will be the first historical update since *The Golden Anniversary Issue of The WHEEL* published in November of 1959 and the 75th Anniversary History compilation by Dr. Kay Wideman in 1984. The hard-cover book will contain information about all aspects of the Fraternity along with historical pictures and facts about Fraternity, its growth through the years, its national projects, and noted members.

Orders for the *Centennial History* are being taken now. The cost is $50 and includes shipping and handling. To order, complete the form below and send it to the National Treasurer Jennifer A. Klafeta. Payment may be by check, money order, or credit card. Credit card purchase will include an additional 4% charge.

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