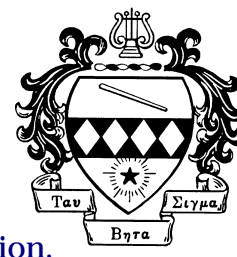


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Are we doing it right?

A Message from our President

Aaron Seifert
WDJAA President

Welcome alumni and all others who will enjoy this issue of the Fanfare from the land of WDJAA! Most of us know that things are better out here, but not the best. This is why we all need to help out, even after graduation. I sincerely believe that if a former or current band member wants to assist a band program, they should be able to. Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma have been excellent avenues for students since 1919.

However, alumni didn't have the same opportunities to continue assisting bands in this way until just recently. This is the main purpose that WDJAA exists. In the last couple of years WDJAA has been building its membership, programs, and support for the Western District.

This year is no different. After electing more officers there have been some great results. Annually, WDJAA sponsors a chapter for Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. This year both chapters are located in Logan, Utah. After surveys were sent out and representatives from WDJAA and their chapters were setup; exchange of ideas started. This communication produced a trip by WDJAA members to Utah on the weekend of November 12th. All day Saturday was well spent in group discussions/meetings, ushering for a marching band concert with a reception afterwards and a basketball game with the pep band. Hopefully we were able to address problems and give some good directions on concerns for both chapters. It was very interesting to meet the current Band Director & Sponsor for USU, as he was the Band Director and Sponsor for NAU while I was attending school.

Other work has been establishing local events, sponsored by WDJAA and mirrored across the district. An idea brought by Alyda McCarthy, current NAA Board of Director Rep for TBS, was to have non-officer members of WDJAA work with local alumni and or chapters as an "liaison." Our goal is to have at least one social/service activity per semester. This "State/Area Liaison" will hopefully work well because we do not have to plan a date for the entire district to attend rather, a metropolitan area or an area of a state could plan an event much easier.

Overall WDJAA is available to assist chapters to establish communication with their alumni. This communication is very valuable in so many ways. The process is very simple (more hints on <http://www.goodnet.com/~ea14888/wdjaa/acts.html> or by contacting any of our members):

- Create an "Alumni Representative" either as an officer or

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"Free one-year WDJAA membership!"

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duties of one officer either jointly or for each chapter.

- Go to the university alumni office and request either alumni from band or even better yet from Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.
- Get a similar list from National Headquarters.
- Send out a small postcard to all addresses and request them to send it back if interested in receiving information about your chapter.
- You have a list! Just send out a simple schedule of chapter events (meetings, band days, trips chapter service & fundraising) each semester to get started & invite the alumni to help out.

Remember: If you're not having fun, you're not doing it right!

What is the best thing I have done with my active chapter since graduation? In the fall of 1997 the Gamma Kappa Chapter of KKPsi at NAU was down to one member, Jon McBride. I was horrified to find that my chapter that I graduated from in 1996 may be no longer. Over the next year I made myself available to do just about anything.

With the hard work of John and other members, the chapter has bounced back to 7 members and 5 new members coming in this semester. There was such an outpouring of help from ASU, the Alpha Chi chapter of TBSigma and other alumni that there was no way for the chapter to fail. Wow!!! That is Brotherhood/Sisterhood! AEA ♪

Membership has its Privileges!

The "Roo" Report

Kathi Waddle
WDJAA VP of Projects

Greetings WDJAAites!!! I trust that the start of the holiday season has been a good one for you. I am anxiously looking forward to the new century and many of the exciting things that are being worked on in WDJAA.

Since my election to the new office of Vice-President of Projects I have been keeping myself busy with many stupendous things. It all started back in May after our officers meeting when each of us went away with a challenge of how we could make membership in WDJAA worth something. For those who know me, you know I can't just hear about something - I must take action. I began to do some research on what college alumni associations offer their members. One thing I noticed was discounts on several things such as hotels and car rentals. With the approval of the other officers, I got WDJAA signed up with Dollar Rental Car. More discounts are forth coming in the near future. If anyone would like to see a discount with a particular chain please let me know.

Another thing that I have done as VP of Projects was to organize an alumni social for those who were in attendance at the 4th of July festivities in San Diego. While there were several alumni in attendance in San Diego, I am sorry to say that nothing formal was done, BUT we did socialize with each other and with the actives (including a brother who drove all the way from Florida).

Shortly after the 4th of July festivities, I had the opportunity to attend my second National convention. Not only did I attend as a life member and member of the NAA, I had the opportunity to provide representation for my chapter since none of the active members could be present. I felt honored and came away learning a lot more about Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma and the NAA. Many Western District alumni were in attendance - West Siiiiide. Right. Right. Check out the famous bar picture on the Western District website.

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WEBSITES

WDJAA

<http://come.to/wdjaa>

Western District

<http://come.to/westernkkytbs>

WD Convention 2000

<http://www.band.calpoly.edu/WDC2000>

National Headquarters

<http://www.kkytbs.org>

After a break from traveling I hit the road - make that the air - November 12-14th when WDJAA invaded Utah in a visit to Utah State. Many good things were accomplished during that weekend including a very successful travel campaign embarked upon by Eric's shirt. The following weekend I visited Cal Poly to get an idea on the area and work on a few things for the reception - or at least get a better idea of what it will be like. While there WDJAA, in conjunction with Kappa Kappa Psi, helped to put on a reception for the marching band and wind orchestra after a concert Saturday night.

To end my article, I would like to share the best thing I have done with my chapter since graduation. That would be traveling to the 1997 National Convention in Arizona. I had just graduated with my Master's and hadn't had the opportunity to do anything with them for 2 years. It was nice to be able to do something again with them and feel like I had never left - what wonderful sisters!!! 🎵

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2000 WD CONVENTION

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA

APRIL 7 - 9, 2000



STATE DAY'S

AZ – Arizona State University, Jan 28th-30th contact
Travis Breedlove, Travis.Breedlove@asu.edu

CA – UCLA, March

UT – Utah State University, March

WA – UNIV. OF WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY

2ND ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY THETA PI – BYU

JANUARY 14-17, 2000



WDJAA at National Convention in St. Louis, MO
From Left: Richard Mackey, Heather Horstman, Kathi Waddle, Kimbi Sigle,
Kathy Godwin, Alyda McCarthy, Keren Cedillos, and Paul Patterson



Hi Brothers and Sisters!

The Columbine Commissioning Fund is doing GREAT! So far we have received donations totaling \$4,600, putting us at 79% of our goal. We still have about \$1200 left to reach the goal, and time is starting to slip away. I know there are still many of you out there, individuals, chapters, alumni etc., who still want to contribute. We are so close, but we need YOUR help! Please talk to your chapters, brothers, and sisters and help finish this with the full support of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

Please make checks payable to KAPPA KAPPA PSI (not Columbine Commissioning Fund) and send them to:
Kappa Kappa Psi, Columbine Commissioning Fund
University of Colorado
Campus Box 302
Boulder, CO 80309

Once again, thank you to everyone for your contributions and kind letters. For more information on the Columbine Commissioning Fund see our website at www.colorado.edu/Greeks/kkpsi/columbine.html or email us at kkpsi@colorado.edu. Also, watch for more information on the premier of this piece at a concert in the spring!

In the Bonds,
Amy Midyett
Secretary
Alpha Iota, KKPsi

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Let's get those creative
energies flowing!

Have you pondered the idea of creating a logo for the Western District Joint Alumni Association? Do you think WDJAA needs a logo to help identify its members, correspondence, and events? Well, now is your chance!

We are looking for your help in creating a logo that will embody WDJAA's purposes, goals and fun-natured members. If you have hidden talent and want to win a great prize, send those submission in right away!

Here are the details:

- Deadline: March 1, 2000
- Format: Electronic or paper form
- Eligibility: Active WDJAA and WD members
- Judges: WDJAA Officers, NAA WD BOD's, and the WD Counselors
- Other: Keep in mind that the winning logo will be resized and used for correspondence, posters, and possibly clothing!
- Submit to: Eric Geedey, WDJAA Secretary, 2721 N. 25th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008, or geedeye@delwebb.com

PRIZE: Free one-year membership in WDJAA!

The winning logo will be unveiled at the 2000 WD Convention!



Alumni Lunch – Boise, Idaho

The Top Ten reason to join WDJAA

10. WDJAA keeps track of alumni addresses, so that you can track down your friends.
9. Continue to provide service not only to your band, but also to the entire district.
8. Help support worthwhile projects such as NIB (National Intercollegiate Band) and help build a house for Habitat for Humanity.
7. Meetings in the pool. (Clothing optional.)
6. Plan a wild bash on the first night of District Convention. (Root beer keg required.)
5. Save big bucks!! (From discounts with Dollar rent-a-car and Days Inn. More planning to come.)
4. Free newsletter to let you know what is going on and where the next party is!
3. Having Nerf® and Silly-String fights!
2. It's a great way to see the district. Visit a school and have a vacation each year!
1. You Love Band!

WDJAA Meeting
Utah State University
November 13, 1999

Called to Order - 11:40 a.m.

Attendees: Aaron Seifert, John Bensen, Kathi Waddle, Kimbi Sigle, Eric Geedey and the brothers & sisters of Iota Iota, Theta Eta and Theta Pi.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Even though Richard could not make it to the meeting, he did let us know that we have money to help Theta Eta and Theta Pi host a reception after the concert.

Today is also Richard's birthday. Eric moved to call Richard later today and sing happy birthday. Kathi seconds. All approved. Motion passes.

Secretary: The Fanfare is in the works. We have come up with a topic for this edition. We have a tentative publication date of December 1st. Eric will be working on an article that would be appropriate for submission to other district alumni publications and the National publications (possibly the USU adoption.)

Eric brought up the idea of a WDJAA logo contest (will be discussed in new business.) Eric is working on building a database for our members so we can keep track of all members (past and present.) Once we have a logo we will be working on membership cards and stationary.

VP of Projects: Kathi distributed the adoption questionnaire to the Iota Iota and Theta Eta chapters for our meeting this weekend and received good response.

Kathi has been working on perks to our membership, ideas and research have uncovered the following: 10% discount cards with Days Inn and discount cards with Dollar Rent-a-Car, which will be distributed with the Fanfare.

The pen pal participants were passed on to Belen Torres-Gil for coordination with the active members. Belen will post on the list serve.

Kathi has a sample flyer from the SWD Alumni Assoc. that they used at convention. She brought up the idea of having WDJAA ribbons for our members to wear at convention. Kathi is still looking into activities for convention including a lunch function. Shall we have a root beer keg and vanilla ice cream for the reception? Kathi and Kimbi will work on an instrument donation service project to tie in with convention. This may become an annual event.

Personalized WDJAA mailing labels? Social event - Catalina? Ski trip?

Local events - we need non-officers to volunteer to help coordinate a local social event. An announcement will be placed in the Fanfare.

VP of Membership: John is redoing the membership packets, which is half done and will be completed by the Fanfare publication. He is still working on the Top 10 List.

We need to form committees so we can involve our members more.

The Washington Alumni Association formation has fizzled.

It was suggested that we add a place for a flat donation on the WDJAA Membership Form.

Discussion on reaching out for our other alumni, the 30+ ers. John can direct chapters to work with their school resources, i.e. the Band Director, Music Department Office and/or Alumni Director, to locate more alumni. Kimbi brought up the 3-R's (Recruit, Retain & Retire.)

We need to publicize more our support of the NIB participants at Western District Convention.

President: Aaron is working on any alumni involvement that is needed by the WD officers at the Leadership Conference or State Days. Also trying to involve more members in the Adoption Program.

Aaron is still maintaining the websites for the Western District and WDJAA.

Aaron is also working on general promotion ideas for WDJAA and keeping the other officers in line.

Old Business

Membership Cards - We will finalize with the new logo and will possibly include discounts available to members on the back. Cards will roll out with the 2000-01 membership.

Pen pals - The deadline to sign up is November 15th.

Minutes continued...

New Business

Logo Contest - Announcement will be placed on the WD List serve, website and in the Fanfare. Contest is open to any WDJAA member or active member in the Western District. The WD Governors, NAA WD BOD and the WDJAA officers will judge the logos. The deadline for submission is March 1, 2000. The winning logo will be unveiled at the 2000 WD Convention in San Luis Obispo. The winner will receive one year of WDJAA membership free.

The needs of the reception and lunch need to be passed on to WD officers for inclusion in the February 15th meeting.

Communication - Make sure we use all that is available to us: mail, e-mail, and phone. Be sure to keep each other up-to-date on goals and deadlines.

Many thanks to the chapters at USU for their outstanding hospitality! Great concert!!

Meeting kinda ended around noon on Saturday. Meeting officially adjourned at 3:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 14, 1999 close to Lee's Ferry, Arizona, while traveling in Aaron's car back to Flagstaff, AZ.

WDJAA MEMBERS

September 1999



John Bensen, Woodinville, WA
Eric Geedey, Phoenix, AZ
Kathy Godwin, Lafayette, IN
Heather Horstman, Phoenix, AZ
Ellen Johnson, Los Angeles, CA
Danielle Kane, San Diego, CA
Jonathan Kehret, Cerritos, CA
Richard Mackey, Phoenix, AZ
Alyda McCarthy, Mesa, AZ
Paul Patterson, Torrence, CA
Michael Rich, Mesa, AZ
Joanne Scandura, Phoenix, AZ
Aaron Seifert, Sedona, AZ
Kimbi Sigle (Fye), Fresno, CA
Kathi Waddle, Porterville, CA
Leeann Jones Wieser, Glendale, AZ