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What is WDJAA?

WDJAA, or the Western District Joint Alumni Association of Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity and Tau Beta Sigma Sorority, pronounced "would 'ja," is the official alumni organization of past Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma members. Its purposes, according to its constitution, are:

1. To provide an avenue for members of the Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity and Tau Beta Sigma Sorority in good standing to continue their fraternal affiliation past graduation.
2. To provide a medium of communication between the National Organization and Alumni who are members of the Western District Joint Alumni Association.
3. To promote and assist the actives of the National Organization in accordance with their ideals and traditions.
4. To keep the Alumni who are members of the Western District Joint Alumni Association informed of the work of the National Organization.
5. To provide professional, organizational, and financial assistance to the national Organizations of Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity and Tau Beta Sigma Sorority, college and university band programs, and music education issues through activities deemed appropriate by the Association.

WDJAA's officer board currently consists of three members: President, Kathy Godwin; Vice-President, Aaron Seifert; and Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Mackey.

WDJAA members are first required to be a member of the National Alumni Association (NAA) and to pay dues accordingly. NAA dues are currently \$25 (\$8 insurance, \$7 overhead, \$5 district allocation, \$5 National Programs). WDJAA dues are currently \$15, which help cover our \$50 association dues, postage, etc. Dues provide membership through the fiscal year from July 1st through June 30th of each year.

What a great way to continue to help the bands of the district by helping the actives! Come join our ranks and have a great time helping out!

President's Report

Kathy Godwin, President, WDJAA

Hey! I'll start by saying welcome to WDJAA's newsletter which Tracy is kind enough to take care of. I hope most of you were able to attend the National Convention held in Arizona. I would recommend that you talk to Lennie and Valerie, our NAA board members, if you'd like more info about what happened there.

Since district convention, the WDJAA board held a meeting. During the meeting, we discussed our goals and the roles we'll play. A lot of brainstorming went on regarding fun activities as well as service projects. I know that in order to increase our membership we need to be able to tell people what we're doing. So, we're trying to plan a ski trip or a cruise as well as looking for ways we can contribute to local and district sorority, fraternity, and music service: commissioning music, helping fund a service project, providing manpower for a fundraiser or service project.

As a part of looking for ways to serve, I have started to develop stronger lines of communication with the district councils. I was able to attend the Western District Officer meeting held before the National Convention. I discussed WDJAA's plans for doing some major goal setting and membership drives over this next year along with offering to help in anyway WDJAA can with the district's activities. The councils are very supportive. If they can help us by getting the word out and giving us opportunities to grow, we can help to serve them. I have also established some initial communication with alumni committees at the local level.

On to future business! The next district convention is April 17th-19th hosted by the UCLA chapters. That means our meeting will be held then. I'm working on ensuring a room for our meeting as well as checking on the time schedule so future WDJAA members can attend our meeting. If you have any ideas for service projects or some type of fun activity, please let one of us know so we can start planning now or at least have more concrete plans which can be discussed at the convention. Also, encourage other alums that you know to attend.

They don't have to be a member of WDJAA to attend the convention (we'd like it if more people joined, but it isn't required). I believe this will be a great year of building for WDJAA so there is a firm foundation for the future! A part of this will be revising some portions of the constitution, which we will all discuss at the convention.

There is some other news, I've moved. Here's my new info:

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I'd love to have visitors, but don't ask Tracy for directions (I actually live in the city Tracy was trying to find that time he ended up in Louisiana). [*Editor's note: HEY! Let it die!*] In case you're wondering, the constitution states that a member of WDJAA is someone who lives in the Western District OR someone who graduated from a school in the Western District. Just wanted to clarify.

I'm very excited about WDJAA's future! I hope y'all are, too!!

VP's Report

Aaron Seifert

Vice-President, WDJAA

Hello all! I am enjoying being Vice-President for WDJAA so far. Many ideas/events have been suggested for WDJAA to do and I thank you all. This being my second year as a WDJAA member (Gamma Kappa KKPsi and the Northern Arizona University), I am still needing that rush of excitement when a powerful marching band show finishes with a feeling that I did the best I could. Well, I want to apply this to WDJAA, maybe even spread some excitement about this organization as well.

The Vice-President is in charge of coordinating all programs and activities of the association and maintaining/pursuing an increased level of membership. Well, I have some ideas to get things rolling...

1. Get more activities planned whether for the KKPsi/TBSigma organizations or as fun for WDJAA members so some will WANT to join.
2. Get the word out about WDJAA--who we are and what we do.
3. Increase membership through 1 and 2 above.
4. Have fun and don't stress about things.

So far more things have happened sooner than I thought (this is good). Many great ideas have been given to me about what to do. Now we need to divide and conquer to get it done (asking for committees). Sure bets for activities are a Western District Convention Reception after the Rituals and inviting all alumni to any activities we know about including the 4th of July at SDSU.

Two questions to ask actives: "What do you think we do?" and "What can we do for you?" An idea of a web page came up to provide information about WDJAA and a way for people to contact us for information about KKPsi and TBSigma happenings. This one is up and running already! Check out <http://come.to/wdjaa> Visit, enjoy, comment, and suggest ideas! Lastly, a revised WDJAA packet on memberships and other information will soon be sent off to each school in the Western District.

In closing... If you are not having fun, you are not doing it right!

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Richard Mackey, Secretary/Treasurer, WDJAA

Wow, here it is October and boy have I been working hard. It seems like years ago since Nationals and Districts must have been in a different lifetime. Actually, work is going great but has had me swamped. First, I would like to thank Tracy for putting this newsletter together and

Aaron for reminding (OK, *hounding*) me to get this in.

Things here are BUSY but I am happy to report that bookkeeping-wise WDJAA is doing great. Our current membership is 19 and the current balance is \$255.95.

I think everyone knows who I am but for those that might not... I was a member and Treasurer of KKPsi at The University of Arizona. Currently, I work for Intel in Chandler, Arizona

as an Electrical Design Engineer (but NO I can't fix your PC, Tracy). I have been Treasurer of WDJAA since its inception in 1995.

For those of you who missed Nationals, boy did you miss a great party in our backyard. WDJAA had a great turn out and got some great feedback from the NAA Board of Directors.

One things I would like to request is suggestions from our membership on what we should do with our

balance. There are several proposals including donate it to the District, donate it to the NAA Special Projects fund, buy some Bricks at Stillwater, donate it to Project SOS, or pay the delegate fees for the chapters at the next District Convention. If you have any other suggestions, please send them to me.

I think that is about it for now but I really like getting mail (e-mail and s-mail) so don't hesitate to drop me a note. TTFN (sorry Kathy), Richard Mackey WDJAA Sec/Treas.

Board of Director's Reports

Lennie M. Hughes, NAA Board of Directors, Programs Chair

National Convention ended two months ago, and I'm still trying to unwind. I heard someone say that going to convention as an alum is a great experience because of all the free time you have. Well, between registration, NIB reception, the silent auction, benefit dinner, NAA committee meetings, NAA general meeting, and joint meeting raffles, I didn't have too much time to spare. But, I did manage to make it to the pool for a 'few' hours, and still have the tan lines to prove it.

So, I guess the big question for those who could not make it (and those that were busy having fun) is, what happened, and what can I look forward to in the next biennium? The Board of Directors received a lot of great comments from the general membership regarding what they would like to see in the future. Thanks to all who attended for their ideas, and comments on how to make this a great two years!!

Like WDJAA, increasing membership is one area of focus. The NAA is working to incorporate history and membership information in the Guide to Membership Education, as well as National Publications. There is much work to be done, and the membership committee is working diligently to compile all the necessary information. A general NAA directory was also suggested, for members to utilize as a networking tool. Our computer experts are sorting out the details for a general database. Also be on the lookout for an NAA publication (as of yet un-named, if you have any ideas please let me know!!), and the NAA webpage!! Welcome to the technological age!

The talk of convention was Life Membership. What should it mean, and how much should we pay for it? The National Chapters agreed that the previous \$125 fee was not adequately covering costs, and supporting the National Chapters as intended. A new fee of \$250 was implemented, while the installment plan was extinguished. But don't fret!! With the increase comes some extra fringe benefits such as a free membership pin, 1 year membership in the NAA, and discounts on NIB tapes and CDS. Look for the upcoming Alumni mailing for all the details!!

Although many are discouraged by the increase in Life Member dues, we must keep in mind what a Life Member is supposed to be. It is meant to hold prestige, honor. A Life Member has made a permanent affiliation with the National Organizations through substantial financial contribution. But it doesn't have to stop there. I encourage alums who are not yet Life Members to become one. And I encourage all Life Members from the previous plan (this includes me) to continue to support the National Organizations through monetary donations. Don't forget that when you send in your NAA dues, you can add \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 or more to a variety of programs, including the trust funds. We are a part of these organizations for a reason, and have continued our affiliation because we believe them. Five dollars may not sound like much, but together, we can make a difference.

If you have any ideas, or comments for the NAA Board of Directors, please feel free to contact me!! I look forward to hearing from you, and hope to see you all in the Spring!!

Valerie Daubard, NAA Board of Directors

Not available.

[Editor's Note: I am told that Valerie had her car stolen and lost, among other things, her day planner containing valuable information and credit cards... Our hearts go out to you, Valerie! Good luck! On the bright side, Val wishes to announce her engagement to Daryl Deaton (her date at the National Convention's banquet and BBQ). The date has been set for February 14, 1998. Congratulations to them both!]

Member Sketches

Pamela Garland, Alpha Chi (NAU), Tau Beta Sigma

Hello there. My name is Pamela Garland. I was born in Mesa, AZ on February 15, 1973. This has started out very interesting huh? Not! Anyway, I am not related to Judy Garland, just so you know. Her real name was actually Francis Gumm (just a little bit of trivia for you).

In 1977 I became Little Missy Tempe 1977. That was pretty cool. I got to be in the newspaper, in parades, and many other things. Nothing much happened until quite a while later in my life. I did however, receive a concussion playing softball. I graduated from Corona del Sol High School in Tempe, AZ in 1991. I attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ and joined Tau Beta Sigma my sophomore year. During my three years in Tau Beta Sigma, I was Assistant Vice-President, Vice-President, and President of my chapter. In 1995, I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in special education.

In August 1996 I got a job on the Gila River Indian Reservation outside of Coolidge, AZ working as a pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teacher at Blackwater Community School. This is my second year teaching. I have started taking classes through NAU again for my Master's in Early Childhood Education. There isn't much more to say about me unless you want to know that I have one older sister and one younger brother, one dog, and I just bought a house in Gilbert, AZ. Well, it was nice talking to you, even though you didn't do the talking, I did.

Aaron Seifert, Vice-President, WDJAA, Gamma Kappa (NAU), Kappa Kappa Psi

It was back in 1991 when I escaped the heat of Phoenix and scrambled off to the cool pines of Flagstaff. My five years spent there was full of Kappa Kappa Psi and Marching Band. Sometimes these two activities helped me avoid Engineering homework. Coming from Denver in 1987, Flagstaff was almost like home and recreate I did! All this social/outdoor activities gave me "too much of a personality to be an Engineer" as one classmate jokingly said once to me.

Well, two and a half years in to it, I up and switched to what I am doing now: Geographic Information Systems. This cross between Engineering/Computer Science and my true love, Geography, was a perfect fit! Involvement in KKPsi was no longer an excuse for not doing homework, but I had time to enjoy conventions, state days, service, and band a lot more.

My only regret that my entire five years wasn't in the geographic major. I made lifelong friendships that will last for one common bond--band. Now I am back in the heat of Phoenix, always looking for a better job opportunity elsewhere. After only one year of being casually involved as an alumni, I really miss it. Now it is time to enjoy life after college!

If you, as a member, would like to help WDJAA with mailing costs by getting the newsletter/correspondence via email in a text format please contact Aaron Seifert mtnman@kkpsi.org or Richard Mackey rmackey@sedona.intel.com

Important Dates

Activities and Dates of things of interest to Alumni:

Western District Convention Business and some fun with meetings and time to meet old friends or perhaps meet new friends! Hosted by UCLA in Torrance, CA at the Torrance Marriott April 17-19, 1998

Contacts: TBS President - Victoria Taylor; KKY President - Jeff Panos Band Office - (310) 825-3835

District wide 4th of July in San Diego Fun and no business with fireworks time on the beach! Hosted by SDSU in San Diego, CA July 2-6, 1998 (Approximately)

Contact: Jim Roland - home (619) 679-8104

California State Day Hosted by SDSU in San Diego, CA Late February or early March

Contact: Rob Reiner Band Office - (619) 698-7473

Washington State Day Hosted by University of Washington in Seattle, WA 1st or 2nd Week of March, 1998

Contact: Brian Schumke Band Office - (206) 543-7383

Arizona State Day Hosted by University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ

Contact: Band Office - (520) 621-1683

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If you are in need of this list please email Richard Mackey, Secretary/Treasurer.



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