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What a(n) (n)ICE Fellowship

On Tuesday March 4th, 2014 five brothers (Splash, Boombox, Dory, Emoji, and Songbird) two pledges (Cassie and Bradley) and five other friends went to the local Fairbanks Ice Park. It was definitely a blast of a fellowship, giving brothers and pledges a chance to connect, go down ice slides, go ice skating and take pictures together. One of the best parts was getting everyone into a big ice bowl, and the only way to get out was using teamwork. Completely worth the time and money, it was nice to escape midterms and connect with brothers. After the Ice Park, we headed over to Alaska Coffee Roasting Company to grab some hot cocoa and chat some more. It was an absolute blast Can't wait for next year!

— Brother Splash



APONO.ORG

...it has arrived!

<http://apono.org>, the chapter's new website, is ready for release. Head on over and see what all is there. Explore and maybe familiarize yourself with it so that you can direct folks to it as well if need be! There are a few things I want to point out or mention as well:

- Password for the members section will be shared in the APONO group on Facebook.
- The Calendar is going to be up to date now, definitely check it from time to time to see what's going on

On the Horizon for this week

- Mar 9th: Rho Pledge Class, Section Skype call (7pm)
- Mar 10th: none
- Mar 11th: Webinar Section Chair
- Mar 12th: LIVE Leadership Workshop
- Mar 13th & 14th: none
- Mar 15th: Chapter Meeting, Olympic Committee Meeting, LIVE Leadership Workshop
EDCOM Meeting this week as well.

ALSO: Sectionals are coming up soon! Finish organizing for your trip if you're going, as March 21st - 23rd is around the corner! Read the note on the last page of the newsletter for another bit of details on housing.

Special Notice

DID YOU KNOW?

APONO has a Twitter
@aponooks

and Instagram
Instagram.com/aponooks

Follow both and be sure to tag
aponooks so everyone else
can join the fun!



Student Olympics

Student Olympics are under way for planning. Anyone wishing to participate in the organization and preparation needs to get in contact with Lauren Bradley to discuss getting you on the Olympic Committee. Those involved will help with organizing events, finding times, determining places, fundraising ideas, and advertising for the events.

Fellowship Side-Note

Something discussed at Chapter today was the current circumstance of fellowships for Nu Omega.

Have some fun! Fellowships and friendships don't necessarily have to be well planned events, or even through our Fellowship chair. We (as Ex-ecs) are here to serve the Chapter and to help, not run everything alone. If you have a small outing you're going on, invite some brothers to tag along, and get to know someone you may not know very well! It's all about strengthening friendship bonds and creating new ones as well.

Service Update

Mar 7th Rotary dance chaperoning at Birch Hill went well! Thank you to those who joined to help with that.

Mark your calendars: April 12th is Bowl For Kids' Sake with Big Brothers Big Sisters. We have our team together (thanks to those of you that volunteered!) but we still need volunteers to help run the event. Set up will be 9am and the event ends at 4pm.

We're also looking for more help with the food pantry pick-ups. These are Thurs some time between 11am and 3pm. Brother Songbird (Chelsea) has volunteered, but it can be a multiple person thing to make it easier.

Service committee will also be looking for more help if anyone is interested. Great way to be more involved in the organization of service related things, as well as staying up to date.

If you are interested in helping with any of the above, contact Brother Svyet (Lida) for more info!

Pledge Class Updates

Double D checked in with a thumbs up on the pledging process this week at Chapter.

Our wonderful pledges have learned our Chapter structure, and gotten to learn a few of the basics in regards to our core values and what to expect out of pledging with Alpha Phi Omega.

All brothers are strongly encouraged to both come to pledge classes and also spend time with the current pledges. We have a Bigs/Littles system for more personalized interaction and growth, but our pledges need to know they're joining something far bigger than their pledge involvement as well! Stop by pledge class on Sunday nights at 7:30pm or make time to hang!



From the Comm Desk

This segment is especially important right now. I (Brother Lax) will be working to develop a contact tree for events, that way word can easily be spread about Fellowships, Friendships, and Service opportunities. If you have received the email, go ahead and reply to the JotForm (short survey form I've created) included in the email (or go to this URL: <http://www.jotform.us/form/40659393110149>) so that I can tell who wants to be included in the information network and in what ways. This will allow me to set the basis for better Chapter communication on a general activities level. PLEASE take the time to answer those measly five questions.

Once I've established the communication basis, I'll be looking to focus on some other things (such as the mythical "Brother Book") and will potentially put together a small Communications committee in due time to help.

Last-but-not-least

If you would like to donate or help raise donations for the Bowl For Kids' Sake event, look for links to the donation pages for our team on the APO NO page

If you're going to Sectionals - Get Brother Solo your info on when you're arriving so our Seattle brothers can work on organizing housing for everyone if possible. I can put you in contact with him if need be.

Remember: Section Skype call - 7pm on Sunday. Check the APO NO page for the details on how to get into the call.

If you haven't seen it, check out the Brotherhood Challenge event on Facebook, and take a look through the testimonies that have been posted. It's a good reminder that APO is something bigger than our groups, and our issues within the Chapter or in our personal lives shouldn't discourage us from being the positive Friendly Serving Leaders we can be.