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## Greetings from Headquarters!

### Conference 2009

Careful preparations for our twenty-third annual conference are winding down. We can thank **President-Elect Judy Smrha** (Delta Pi Chapter) as well as her talented Conference Committee for a well-planned and exciting conference. From the Chapter Management Workshop that kicks off the conference to the exciting presentations, the special outing, and through the Awards Reception that closes the conference, every detail of our Miami experience promises to be both educational *and* fun. On top of that, the hotel reduced the rates for all accommodations. Hopefully you did take advantage of all of the above so that we can see you on the beach! You can access the latest conference information on our website by cutting and pasting this link: <http://www.phibetadelta.org/images/stories/Docs/Conference-2009-Message.pdf>

### Ahmed's Corner

Dear  $\Phi\beta\Delta$  Members:

Greetings to you all and I hope that this issue of *Headquarter Happenings* finds you well. As the 2009 Annual Conference is approaching very soon, I would like to invite some of you who are planning to attend the conference to attend the Chapter Management Workshop. It will be a great opportunity to learn about ways to improve your chapter's activities and other related matters. As chapter coordinators or just general members, it will also be an opportunity for you to raise your own concerns or questions. I am sure you will find this workshop to be very helpful for the future.

I am looking forward to all who are attending the conference, and for those of you will not be there, remember that I will always be available to assist you in your chapter's related activities including overall development, ordering and membership issues and so on.

Have a successful semester, and good luck to all of you!

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## Headquarters

Because of the conference, headquarters will be closed from **Wednesday, April 1 through Friday, April 4**. This means that all chapter orders for that week and for the following week must get to us ASAP. (Just between you and me, we should have had those orders already, and we should be expecting orders for April 8<sup>th</sup> and beyond at this point.) We'll do our best to get your orders in time for your ceremony.

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## Graduation and Honor Cords

Speaking of orders, without a doubt, our #1 selling item in our Gift Shop is the honor cord. Students purchase these in big numbers. Unlike with chapter supplies, our deadline for all gift items is four weeks before the item is expected. Too often, however, students wait until a few days before graduation in order to make this important purchase. Therefore, **I am asking you, as chapter coordinator, to consider** a) polling your students to see who wants an honor cord; b) coordinate the purchase for all students—collecting their money and distributing the cords afterwards. There is a greater likelihood that this ceremonial keepsake will arrive on time if there is a coordinated effort on your part. Some chapters even purchase the cords for their graduates. Think about it.

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## 5, 10, 15, 20 and soon 25!

When will your chapter celebrate its next five year milestone? Whether it is the first five years or the 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, we'd like to know at headquarters. If we know in advance, we can send you a congratulatory letter. Upon holding a founding ceremony, all chapters now get such a letter from us. Soon some of our chapters will be twenty five years old, and the Society will celebrate our 25 years of existence. More on this in future communiqués.

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## Website

- Did you notice that the downloadable image of the official logo of the Society has disappeared from the website? That's because it is copyright protected and we do not want it to get into the wrong hands. If you would like the image sent to you electronically for PBD business, just drop me a line.
- Is anyone in your chapter making news in the local or international press? If so, drop me a line so that we can tell the entire world about it:  
<http://www.phibetadelta.org/index.php/Newsflashes/>

Until next time,  
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