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## Happy New Year!

### Awards Update

**Mrs. Abi Pereira**, Director of Awards has graciously extended the deadline for getting all **Individual Awards** applications to her. The new deadline is **January 15, 2010**. A few have provided all information that was requested. Some chapters provided portions of documents, while others are still *planning* to submit. Please go to this area to make sure that you have all of the documentation needed: <http://www.phibetadelta.org/index.php/Awards/Awards.html> Note that all documents must now be submitted electronically. The easiest way to do this is to upload all materials to Adobe .pdf.

Some ask if the awardees are provided transportation and lodging for the conference. Unfortunately, the Society is not equipped to go that far, but the award itself is both substantial and significant. As you will note from the Awards Information page, there is both a monetary prize as well as a plaque that each awardee receives. A less tangible benefit is the prestige of having won an award. Often this is "currency" that an awardee can take to her or his boss or vice president and request lodging and transportation assistance. Finally, this accomplishment reads well on any resume or curriculum vita.

On the **Chapter Awards** front, some of you may recall my sharing the partial secrets of the process with you at our Annual Conference in Miami. Don't tell your regional vice president, but I'll repeat a few secrets here: They (the regional vps) base a great deal of their decision on what activities your chapter accomplished for the year in question, but also over the long term. To determine this, they scour the chapter reports that you submit to them; they read your chapter write-up in the *Medallion Newsletter*; and they note your active presence at our Annual Conference. There are other ways that the regional vice presidents choose their winning chapters. Maybe I'll share those secrets at the Annual Conference in Philadelphia!

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### Conference 2010

**Professor Edward Khiwa**, President Elect and Conference Chair and his entire Conference Committee have managed quite a few accomplishments for our Philadelphia conference: Not only has President-Elect Khiwa negotiated down the price of lodging for participants to an unprecedented low figure, his committee is putting together a dynamic conference with many exciting Features. Now, I'm not one to gossip, so you didn't hear it from me—**but**, the Northeast is nicely represented in this conference.



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## Medallion Newsletter

By now, you should all have copies of the latest issue of *The Medallion*. This is an essential publication for getting information about the Society and the latest scoop on other chapters. In addition, the newsletter is enormously useful in sharing news about the Society with non Phi Beta Deltans. Contact Director of Publications, **Mike Smithee** with your chapter news and one or two high-quality photos: <http://www.phibetadelta.org/index.php/Publications-/The-Medallion2.html>

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## Headquarters

Thanks to all of you for your patience during our move over the summer. It was rough going for a while, but we could not have found a better location for the Society's headquarters. We are now located on Connecticut Avenue, still in the heart of Dupont Circle. PBD is a tenant of the Washington Office of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN): <http://www.iucn.org/usa>. They are wonderful landlords with whom we share non-profit status. Whenever you're in Washington, do visit us. We'd love to show you around.

Until next time,

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