

SCIMITAR IX

The Newsletter for Region IX's Delta Chi Alumni

Region IX Calendar of Events

1-5 Aug 2018

61st International Convention,
Denver CO

3 Sep 2018

Launch of Virginia Tech Colony
Blacksburg VA

19 Sep 2018

Region IX BB Teleconference

16-18 Feb 2019

Region IX Regional Leadership
Conference USP Campus

27-29 Sep 2019

3rd Region IX Alumni
Leadership Retreat
Front Royal VA

Regent Campus Visits Fall 2019

Sep 2018

Pitt, Johnstown, East
Stroudsburg, Lehigh, USP Visits

Oct 2018

Ferrum, Duquesne Visit

Fall 2018

Delaware, Chapel Hill, Virginia
Tech Colony Initiations

Go West Young Man! Denver 2018

The Delta Chi 61st International Convention is only two weeks away. To date over 550 brothers have signed up to be there. If you are planning to go, you have already made plans. If not, we don't expect to see you there.

The venue is the swank Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel on the edge of town. Recently renovated, the hotel boasts of having ergonomic workstations, plug-in panels, high-speed Wi-Fi and Bluetooth-equipped TVs. The Hotel's 41,000 square feet of event space has also been remodeled to provide quality meeting space for our gathering.

The Hotel boasts a unique Navigator for local events and must-see attractions, including the Denver Coliseum, the Bluebird Theater, the Dicks Sporting Goods Park and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. For those who just want to hang out at the Hotel, there is an indoor/outdoor pool and whirlpool, a fully equipped fitness center, a trendy lounge and striking mountain views.

The Opening Kick-off Show will take place on Wednesday evening starting at 18:30 in the Ball Room. "AA" Aaron Otto will be handing out a parcel of awards including the presentation of the Award of Excellence, the Marge Lee "C" Award and the "E" Key Award. There will be entertainment during the show . . . but



Meet the New Vice Regent Jason Gonzalez

Region IX has had a couple of changes in its leadership over the summer. Dave Maxey and Jason Frampton have stepped down due the work pressures and other commitments. Jason Gonzalez has stepped up to work as Vice Regent for Region IX South. He will be supporting chapters at UNC Chapel Hill and UNC Wilmington as well as Radford and Ferrum in Virginia and the new colony set to open at Virginia Tech this fall.



Brother Gonzalez is in his second year of law school at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem NC. He was a 2016 graduate of Florida State University where he majored in Economics and Sociology and served as chapter “A.”

just what we will hold that secret for now.

Following the Kick-Off Show, Region IX will hold its “pre-Caucus Caucus” at Station 26 Brewing Company just a short walk from the Renaissance. The Brewery is in an old Denver Fire Station now filled with brewing equipment instead of fire fighting gear. Our event will start shortly after 21:00 and continue until the “coq crows!”

The Brewery boasts a variety of fun beers — Colorado Cream Ale [Light, crisp and refreshing], Good Times Lager [Bright, easy drinking golden], Tangerine Cream [Creamsicle flavors?], Dry Hopped Saison [Inspired by Belgian Beers] and many more. You get the idea — they are into beers. Check out their website at www.station26brewing.co and join our Regent at Station 26 on Wednesday night.

Region IX’s Caucus takes place on Thursday morning at 07:45. Hopefully you all will make it up in time for the discussions. The election for International officers looks pretty cut and dry with the “AA,” “CC” and “DD” likely unopposed — but you can never tell — “dark horse” candidates may emerge.



An important focus of the Caucus will be to look at pending changes in Delta Chi Law. Some of those changes may be controversial and lead to some interesting discussions on the floor of the Convention.

Friday and Saturday will revolve around training, small group events and a Five K run on Saturday morning. IHQ is offering for the first time a Volunteer Alumni Certification Program aimed at improving alumni facilitation skills. The sessions in this pilot program will take place on Saturday from 10:00-12:00 and from 14:15-16:30. The Convention closes with a Gala Banquet on Saturday night. Here is to seeing you in Denver!



Early Notice: Region IX Regional Leadership Conference in Philly in February 2019!

The 2019 Regional Leadership Conference will take place on the USP campus in Philadelphia on 16-18 Feb 2019. For the second year in a row, Region IX will offer a full leadership development package for alumni leaders — as well as reduced prices for alumni who attend.

Earlier this year in February at George Mason we held three alumni leadership training sessions: “Building a High Performance ABT” led by Alex Brown, Greg Kaufman and Ted Schmidt, “BB Best Practices” led by Greg Otten, Doug Chananie and Mike Geary and “Preventing Hazing” led by Retiring AA Miles Washburn.

We will be looking for Philadelphia Area alumni to assist in the Alumni program at the next Regional Leadership Conference. As we get closer to the

program in February we will be choosing topics. If you have a suggestion for a program topic or want to participate as a facilitator in an alumni session, please let us know.

Because we are now offering five undergraduate training program at the Regional Leadership Conference, next year Region IX will be charging each chapter a \$500 assessment for attending the Conference. That fee will cover five [5] undergraduates PLUS one [1] alumni leader from each chapter. Early Bird chapters that pay before 31 Dec 2018 will get a \$50 discount.

The USP chapter is making arrangement for delegates to the RLC to stay at the Airport Marriott. The chapter will be providing a bus service to and from the Conference site and Marriott.

Region IX and Next Steps for Greater Alumni Involvement

Region IX Regent Gene Dorris and Vice Regent Darren Talbot hosted the Second Region IX Alumni Leadership Retreat on 8-9-10 Jun 2018 at the Marriott in Towson MD. The primary motivation for choosing the venue was to begin to involve local alumni in plans to open a colony at Towson University in the fall of 2019. Over two days of discussions the participants agreed to several key initiatives in the coming 12 months:

1 Begin to hold quarterly “BB” and “ABT Chairman” teleconferences to increase the interaction between alumni volunteers in the Region.

2 Promote the funding of four more Chapter Scholarship Accounts [CSA] in the coming twelve months: Currently four of our 20 chapters and colonies have CSA. To fund a new account, a chapter needs to raise \$10,000 over a three year period. The Delta Chi Education Foundation invests these monies and the interest provides for a small number of scholarships every year for a chapter. Expect to hear

more about this initiative after school comes back into session this fall.

3 Increase Alumni participation at both the Regional Leadership Conference [Feb 2019] and the Regional Alumni Leadership Retreat [Sep 2019] by 20 percent over the previous year’s totals.

4 Develop on-line training packages for chapter “D”s and “C”s, utilizing the skills sets of our alumni. These are the two big holes we currently have in our training package.

5 Expand the number of Regent and Vice Regent chapter visits in 2018-2019 with the Regent visiting no less than 10 chapters [or colonies] and each Vice Regent visiting no less than 4 chapters [or colonies].

If you are an accountant or have other financial or management skills and you would like to get involved with developing training materials, please contact the Regent or one of the Vice Regents.

Just for Fun: The Origins of the Bond Song

Did you know that the words of the Bond Song were written in 1895 by a sweetheart of Delta Chi, Maude Caldwell? At the time Maude was a student at the University of Michigan and dating Brother Stuart Holman Perry. She set the song to the music of an old English drinking song, “My Comrades, When I’m No More Drinking” — a macabre ditty dealing with the death of a serious boozier — and presented it to the brothers in October 1895 about the same time that she and Perry eloped to West Virginia and got married.

Caldwell was the author of numerous works of fiction and poetry. Her novel *Tide House* was published in America in 1929 and in England in 1930. Her writings also appeared sporadically in such publications as the *Atlantic Monthly* and *Century Magazine*, and other periodicals.

Her husband Stuart Perry [1874-1957] completed a law degree at Michigan but decided to enter the newspaper field in 1901. After working at various newspapers in Michigan for a half-dozen years, he purchased an interest in the *Adrian Daily Telegram* in 1907, taking on the positions of editor and publisher. A few years later he purchased an interest in the *Monroe Evening News*, becoming its vice president. Perry’s work on these Michigan newspapers was successful and highly regarded, and he was elected vice president of the Associated Press in 1921.

Perry indulged in a hobby of collecting meteorites. His groundbreaking research on meteoritic metallography helped give birth to a new field within planetary sciences, and his generosity in donating specimens to the National Collection of Meteorites helped the Smithsonian develop a position of world leadership in meteoritics.

We owe our thanks to Ray Galbraith for digging up most of our information on the origins of the Bond Song. For those of you who want to try out the alternate words to the Bond Song the next time you are drinking, here they are:

And comrades, when I'm no more drinking,
But sick with gout and palsy lie,
Exhausted on my deathbed sinking —
Believe me, then my end is nigh.
But die I this day or tomorrow,
My testament's already made,
My burial from your hands I'll borrow,
But without splendor or pe-rade.
And when me to my grave you're taking,
Then follow after man by man (man by man).
And no sad bells be ringing,
But tinkling glasses be your plan.
And on my tombstone be inscribed:
"This man was born — lived — drank — and died.
And now he lies here, who imbibed
In all life's joy and purple tide.
Poor man! Poor man!"



Stuart Perry [1874-1957]