Conventions

Conventions 2011 has thus far, been a great convention year, but there are still lots more in the fall.

- Till we meet again, enjoy!

Northwest Regional

The Northwest Regional Convention was held in Vancouver, British Columbia on June 24-26, and turned out to be “A Jewel of a Weekend.” With a rousing forum entitled “Sparkling Diamonds” (see below), the weekend was one for the record books. The jewel theme was everywhere, lending bright, shiny and beautiful accents to all the decorations, and most of the attendees. Saturday night’s dinner was named the Ruby Jubilee Gala, which followed the ceremony for those members receiving special honors at the convention. At the gala, members were piped into the dining room by an expert piper, and guided by two Mounties, regal in their official uniform. A jewel of a time!

Forum

“Sparkling Diamonds” by Lynn Turner of British Columbia Laureate Beta Eta, Delta, was written specifically for the Northwest Regional Convention, and presents sorority at its most inspiring and captivating. Lynn’s goal when writing the forum was to “have members leave that ballroom full of pride at all that we have accomplished and resolved to continue to build the organization, not rest on our laurels.” The forum is scripted in such a way that the emphasis is on what Beta Sigma Phi members have done, and the manner in which the forum is carried out has astonishing impact. The forum is easily adaptable to any area, and is presented by four readers. You may email Laura Wingfield at laura@betasigmaphi.org to obtain a copy.

Ohio

The Ohio convention was held in the exciting city of Toledo, and guests were invited to “Enjoy The Highlights of Toledo.” Starting out with a super hospitality night in the Club Car dining room, on Saturday morning forums were held on both flower arranging and living the good life for women over 50! The Saturday morning brunch showcased Toledo’s famous zoo, with a speaker educating everyone on zoo animals. Saturday night was “An Evening at the Peristyle” where all enjoyed the musical stylings of a talented group and then welcomed “Beta’s Got Talent.” Who knew so many sisters were born to entertain?
Arkansas

Welcome to “My Big Fat Greek Convention!”
That clever theme drummed up all sort of excitement for the Arkansas convention, held in Fayetteville, on June 24-26. And no one was disappointed! Guests were pampered from start to finish as they enjoyed a weekend of luxury. Saturday was a toga luncheon with a Parade of Chapters. Saturday night there was a feast that the Greeks would have approved of, followed by an unforgettable karaoke game of Greek Idol. The talk Sunday was of next year’s fete, to be held in Hot Springs. Can’t wait!

Alabama

The Alabama convention, held this year in sunny Mobile, hosted a “Southern Traditions” weekend that began with a perfect theme - “Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate, followed by a Parade of Chapters that followed the theme, which explains the Hershey’s Kisses (right). Saturday everyone was greeted at an exquisite “Tea in the Rose Garden” event where the Old South was heralded. And Saturday night there was a “2011 Masquerade Ball” where many a mystery member appeared, only to unmask and reveal their true selves. Sunday came too soon, and everyone went “Sailing Away on Mobile Bay,” with new friends and great memories.

Texas

The “Starlight Adventure - Past, Present and Future” was showcased at the Texas convention, which was held in the capital city of Austin. The glorious weekend began with “Dancing With The Stars From Yesteryear,” followed by a sit-down dinner and more fun. And what blast from the past would be complete without an Elvis impersonator, who got all the ladies on their feet. The “Future” began Saturday with lots of looking ahead, culminating in a fantastic “Back to the Future – A Musical Journey,” which starred sorority sisters and Legacies in one show-stopping number after another! Members bid each other goodbye after Sunday’s event where everyone wished our beloved sorority Happy Birthday.