

Conventions 2009

Wisconsin, always a favorite for conventions did not disappoint as they said “Aloha” in **Madison**. Although it was fall in the picturesque state, that still did not deter everyone in attendance from experiencing a most excellent Hawaiian Holiday, and to “Share Our Passport to Adventure,” starting with the Yellow Rose Nursing Home, where the “residents” were very lively and competed in a mad limbo contest. A proclamation was made by the governor that declared the Saturday of the convention to be Beta Sigma Phi Day, an honor for all Wisconsin chapters. The weekend was topped off with hula dancers, and lots of laughs and hugs between old and new friends.



It was apparent from the moment one entered the convention hall in **Niagara Falls, New York** that “Niagara Rocks.” Held just blocks from the majestic falls, a brief spell of rainy weather was unable to dampen the spirits of the members. No trip to this area would be complete without a visit to the falls, so that was on the agenda Saturday afternoon, along with a wine tour and a festival. With wonderful food and plenty of friends around, which is what Beta sigma Phi is all about, the New York conventions always bring happiness to all that attend. There was no shortage of fun this convention, with spirits just as mighty as the great falls.

Southern hospitality abounded when “Fairytale Can Come True” at the **Alabama** convention, hosted by **Montgomery**. All around were Little Red Riding Hoods, Big Bad Wolves, the Seven Dwarfs, Sleeping Beautys and on and on. The convention was wonderful from beginning to end, with so much to do there just was not enough time to get it all done in one weekend. It was a special time, particularly on Saturday evening, when many wore tiaras and crowns to celebrate their royalness! It was difficult to depart from such a magical weekend, but everyone had to say goodbye.





The 70th **Florida** State Convention was held this year in **Daytona Beach**. Not to miss out on a super theme idea, it was all about a “Beach Party in 2009.” Named Beta Sigma Phi Week by Volusia County, the weekend was off to a roaring start, beginning with a Wacky Tourist contest. Presentation of Women of the Year was made Saturday night, and was truly a convention highlight for all in attendance. Guests talked about their day, whether it was going on an excursion or doing some fab shopping. Later a convention casino opened with plenty of members ready to have some fun and throw the dice. A super weekend, and quite a beach party!

Missouri asked everyone attending to experience “A Royal Time in 2009,” in **North Kansas City**, and stayed true to their theme throughout. From the opening breakfast with stunning decorations, a hilarious commentator who entertained all and the introduction of the state service project recipients, the weekend was off to a good start. Saturday evening the entertainment was a band that could fulfill any one’s song choices, and almost everyone hit the dance floor. There was also a rousing casino set up for those who felt lucky. Accomplishing such a queenly quest was quite an order, but the 2009 Missouri convention chairmen did a truly royal job.



Illinois held their state convention this year in **Burr Ridge**, with a festive theme of “Holiday Inn,” taking us through many of the year’s most favorite holidays. Starting with a Friday night, July 4th special, the members got very enthused about what lie ahead for the rest of the weekend.

Saturday lunch was Halloween, complete with a pumpkin judging contest and Saturday night was...what else... New Year’s Eve. Everyone thought it quite fun to celebrate New Year’s Eve without worrying about making those pesky resolutions! Sunday morning there was an Easter Parade to complete the adorable theme, followed by convention bids, raffle contest winner announcements and then alas...adieu!