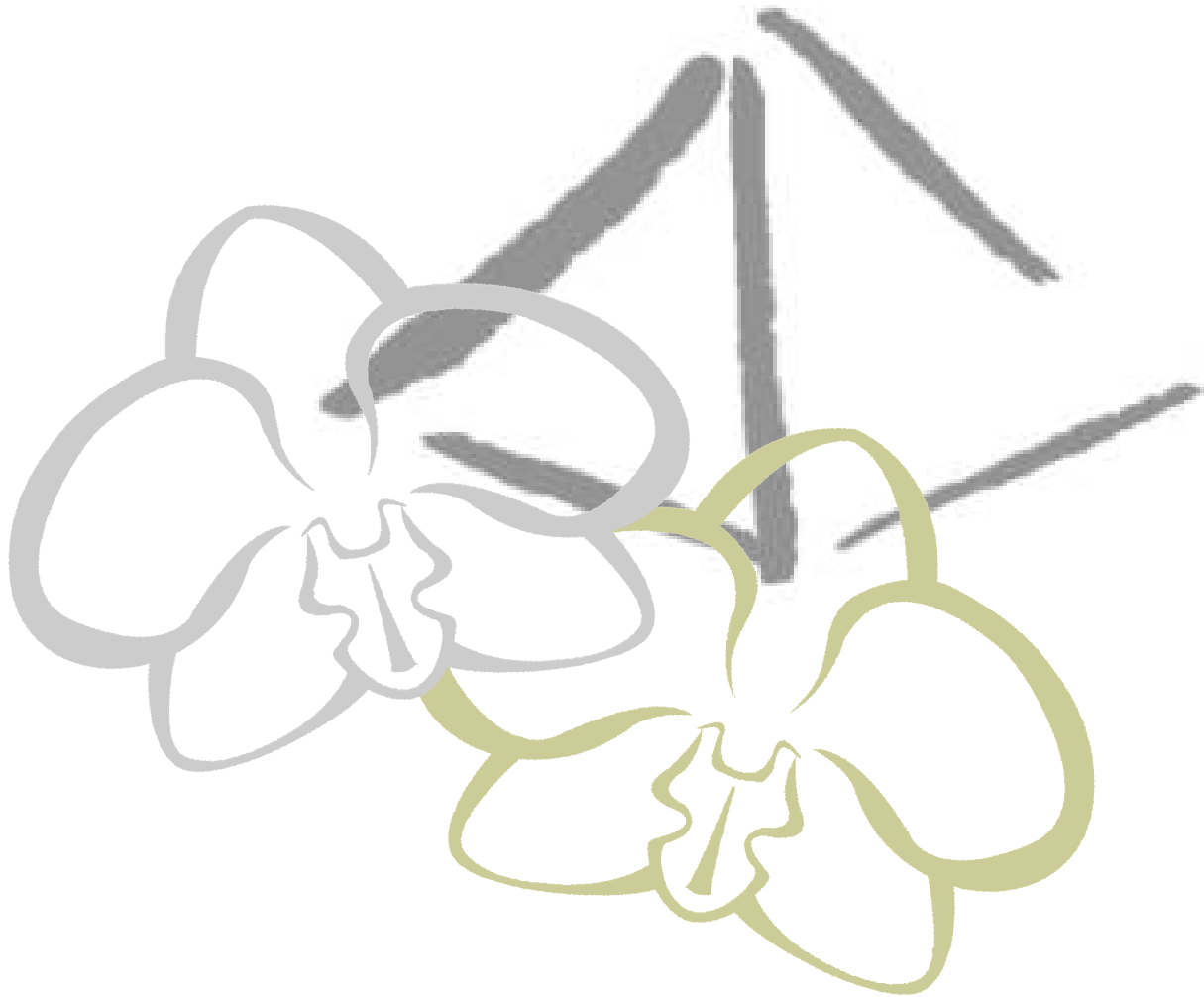


# PHI SIGMA RHO NATIONAL CONVENTION 2009

CELEBRATING SILVER – GOING FOR GOLD!!  
TOGETHER WE LEARNED, TOGETHER WE'LL GROW,  
25 YEARS OF PHI SIGMA RHO...



PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
JULY 16-19, 2009

# ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE:



Dear Phi Rhos,

It is time to Celebrate 25 years of Phi Sigma Rho! The 2009 National Convention will be held July 16-19th at the Radisson Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. Our theme for the weekend will be "Celebrating Silver...Going for Gold, Together We Learned, Together We'll Grow, 25 Years of Phi Sigma Rho." We are excited about this opportunity to meet for Phi Rho business and learning as well as a party like none other!

This year's National Convention will continue with the tradition of LEAP certification workshops on Friday. Workshops will be held on topics of Leadership Styles, 5 Year Planning, Ritual, as well as a Panel Discussion to help build the future leaders of Phi Sigma Rho.

This Convention will have more alumnae opportunities than any Phi Sigma Rho event, including a Financial Planning workshop, an Alumnae lunch with a guest speaker, and an opportunity for an alumnae reunion.

On Saturday we will elect the 12th National Council of Phi Sigma Rho; then this will be followed by a special Awards Luncheon. At the luncheon, all of the annual awards will be presented and we will hold an alpha class members panel. After lunch, we will have a unique opportunity for active and alumnae networking - an event that will serve as a the kickoff to a new active and alumnae networking program that we hope to continue year round. We will then have Sigmand's Roundtable, where there will be opportunities for both actives and alumnae to participate in facilitated discussions.

To close out the weekend, we will hold our Pyramid Builders Awards Formal Banquet & Awards Ceremony. Join us in recognizing those women who played unforgettable role in the first 25 years of Phi Sigma Rho!

Throughout the weekend we will also have a Penguin Drive to benefit Children's Hospital. Social events each night will feature karaoke, a trip to Station Square, and a Murder Mystery Party!

Because we are still working to provide you the best opportunities we can, schedule changes may occur. Please check the Convention 2009 website for any updates or changes.

We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with the current information and invite you to register and join us for National Convention 2009! We hope to see you all in Pittsburgh to help us Celebrate 25 Years of Phi Sigma Rho!

In Sisterhood,  
Phi Sigma Rho 11th National Council &  
The Convention 2009 Committee  
[Convention2009@PhiSigmaRho.org](mailto:Convention2009@PhiSigmaRho.org)



# TABLE OF CONTENTS



<b>REGISTRATION</b> .....	<b>4</b>
Registration – The Rules.....	4
Registration – The Financials.....	4
<b>HOTEL</b> .....	<b>5</b>
General Info.....	5
In-Room Amenities .....	5
Guest Services.....	5
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b> .....	<b>6</b>
Driving Directions .....	6
Parking.....	7
Pittsburgh Maps & Info .....	7
<b>SCHEDULE</b> .....	<b>9</b>
<b>SESSION DESCRIPTIONS</b> .....	<b>10</b>
PSR Convention 2009 Sessions.....	10
Alumnae Networking Activities .....	10
Social Activities .....	11
Special Events .....	11
LEAP Series 2009 – for Actives.....	12
LEAP Series 2009 – for Alumnae .....	13
Service Activities.....	13
Special Items .....	13
<b>SPEAKER BIOS</b> .....	<b>14</b>
Don Engel .....	14
Minna Krejci.....	14
Teresa Phillips .....	14
Leanne Smith.....	15
Kristen (Rector) Waters.....	15
<b>PENGUIN DRIVE</b> .....	<b>16</b>
<b>PREPARING FOR CONVENTION</b> .....	<b>17</b>
<b>QUESTIONS</b> .....	<b>18</b>

# REGISTRATION

## Registration – The Rules

Each delegate and Phi Rho visitor must complete a registration form if staying in the hotel or attending any portion of the convention. Forms may be downloaded and/or photocopied from the Phi Sigma Rho website at <http://www.phisigmarho.org/Convention2009/> .

The registration fee includes all meetings and workshops, breakfast and lunch on Friday, breakfast, Awards Luncheon, and Pyramid Builders Banquet on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. The registration fee does not include lodging or transportation.

Alumnae- There is an option to attend all day Saturday events, or the Pyramid Builders Awards Banquet only for a reduced registration fee. Please indicate these options on the registration form

Deadlines- Active and Alumnae Early Bird registration ends May 1, 2009. After this time, an additional \$20 will be charged to all registrants. Registration will completely close on June 1, 2009.

Confirmations- A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of your completed registration form and payment.

## Registration – The Financials

Paying Convention Expenses- As indicated on the registration form, there are two methods of payment. The first is to send in your registration form with a check of the registration amount. If you are paying for multiple people, please send along their registration forms and indicate on the check the names of the people being paid for. The check can be from the chapter's banking account or a personal check. The second method of payment is PayPal. You can go to the online registration website and pay online with any debit or credit card. All payments must be paid with the registration form by June 15, 2009. Early Bird Payments must be received by May 10, 2009.

Cancellation and Change Policy- Everyone is subject to cancellation and change policies:

- ★ Attendees must inform the 2009 Convention committee in writing of any changes or cancellations of their original registration.
- ★ There are no refunds. We encourage anyone who has to cancel to find a replacement.
- ★ All cancellations are handled on a case by case basis.

# HOTEL

## General Info

The 2009 Convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel - Pittsburgh, Greentree located at:



101 Radisson Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

on July 16-19, 2009. A limited number of rooms are available at a group rate of \$109/night. Please call the hotel at 412-922-8400 to make your reservation and mention the Phi Sigma Rho Sorority group to receive this rate. Reservations must be made by June 24, 2009 to receive the discounted rate.

The Radisson also offers a hotel shuttle available from 6:00am until 12:00am. The shuttle leaves the hotel every hour on the hour. The hotel picks up at the airport upon request. Please call the hotel for pick up. There is no courtesy phone at the airport. The shuttle picks up outside door 8.

URL: <http://www.radisson.com/hotels/papittsb>

## In-Room Amenities

- ✦ Cable TV
- ✦ Coffee and tea maker
- ✦ Data port
- ✦ Hair dryer
- ✦ High-speed Internet access- complimentary
- ✦ Pets allowed
- ✦ Short Stature Accessibility Kit - available upon request
- ✦ Suites available
- ✦ Voicemail
- ✦ Work desk with lamp

All rooms are non-smoking.

## Guest Services

- ✦ Airport shuttle - complimentary
- ✦ Business Center
- ✦ Complimentary parking that can accommodate buses and recreational vehicles
- ✦ Fitness Center
- ✦ Fax, copier and computer services
- ✦ Hair salon
- ✦ High-speed Internet access
- ✦ Indoor pool
- ✦ Same-day valet service



# TRANSPORTATION

## Driving Directions

### From Pittsburgh International Airport

Head north on Airport Blvd. towards PA-60 S.  
Take ramp to PA-60S and keep left at fork to stay on PA-60S.  
Travel approximately 7 miles and continue on PA-22 E / PA-30 E.  
Travel approximately 4 miles and continue on I-279 N.  
Take exit 4A to PA-121 towards Mt. Lebanon / Green Tree.  
Go left at the fork – follow signs for Crafton.  
Make a left at Greentree Rd (PA-121).  
Make another left at Greentree Ave (PA-121).  
Travel approximately 0.5 miles and make a right at Radisson Dr.

### From Philadelphia, PA

Take I-76 W towards Harrisburg.  
Take exit 57 to I-376 W towards Pittsburgh / Monroeville (US-22).  
Travel 15 miles and merge onto I-279 S.  
Take exit 4A towards Greentree / Crafton (PA-121).  
Make a slight left at Greentree Ave (PA-121).  
Travel approximately 0.5 miles and make a right at Radisson Dr.

### From New York City, NY

Take I-95 S to I-78 W.  
Travel 137 miles and then merge onto I-81 S.  
Travel 36 miles and take exit 52 for US-11 towards Middlesex / PENNA Turnpike / I-76.  
Turn right at US-11.  
Take I-76 towards Harrisburg / Pittsburgh.  
Travel 170 miles and take exit 57 to I-376 W towards Pittsburgh / Monroeville (US-22).  
Travel 15 miles and merge onto I-279 S.  
Take exit 4A towards Greentree / Crafton (PA-121).  
Make a slight left at Greentree Ave (PA-121).  
Travel approximately 0.5 miles and make a right at Radisson Dr.

### From Washington D.C.

Take the Capital Beltway W / I-495 W towards Frederick.  
Take exit 35 towards Frederick ( I-270 N).  
Travel 32 miles and take exit 32 for I-70 W.  
Travel 77 miles and turn right and US-30.  
Take I-70 W towards Pittsburgh – keep aware for signs.  
Take exit 57 to I-376 W towards Pittsburgh / Monroeville (US-22).  
Travel 15 miles and merge onto I-279 S.  
Take exit 4A towards Greentree / Crafton (PA-121).  
Make a slight left at Greentree Ave (PA-121).  
Travel approximately 0.5 miles and make a right at Radisson Dr.

From Columbus, OH

Take I-70 E.

Travel 170 miles and take a slight right at I-470 E.

Travel 11 miles and then merge back onto I-70 E.

Travel 26 miles and take exit 18 towards Pittsburgh (I-79 N).

Continue on I-79 N for 17 miles and then take exit 55 towards Heidelberg / Kirwan Heights.

Merge onto Washington Pike Connector and make a quick left onto Washington Pike (PA-50).

Travel 4 miles and then make a right at Greentree Ave.

Travel < 0.5 miles then make a hard left onto Anderson Dr.

Make a right at Radisson Dr.

## Parking

Free parking in front of the hotel.

## Pittsburgh Maps & Info



The Radisson Hotel provides free airport shuttles.  
Please call the hotel 412-922-8400 for more information.



The Radisson Hotel provides a shuttle service to Downtown Pittsburgh for \$10 roundtrip.

From downtown, bus and T services can take you to all major destinations including Station Square, the Southside, and Oakland.

See [www.portauthority.org](http://www.portauthority.org) for an interactive trip planner.

# SCHEDULE

## Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- 3:00 – 7:30 Registration
- 6:30 – 7:30 Meet & Greet
- 7:30 – 8:30 State of the Sorority Address and Q&A with National Council
- 8:30 – 12:00 Karaoke Bash Social

## Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- 8:00 – 5:00 Registration
- 8:00 – 6:00 Phi Rho Lounge Open
- 8:00 – 8:45 Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:30 LEAP Overview Session \*
- 9:30 – 11:00 LEAP Leadership Styles \*
- 9:30 – 11:15 Financial Planning at Every State of Life ^
- 11:15 – 12:15 LEAP 5 Year Planning \*
- 11:30 – 1:30 Alumnae Luncheon with Guest Speaker D. Engel ^
- 12:30 – 1:30 Active Lunch
- 1:45 – 2:45 LEAP Panel Discussion: Team & Sister Management \*
- 1:45 – 5:30 Alumnae Reunion Time ^
- 3:00 – 4:30 PSR LEAP Ritual Workshop \*
- 4:45 – 5:30 LEAP Closing Session \*
- 6:00 – 12:00 Pittsburgh Social & Free Time – Evening in Station Square!

## Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- 8:00 – 8:45 Breakfast
- 8:00 – 8:45 National Leadership Breakfast – BY INVITATION ONLY
- 8:00 – 6:00 Phi Rho Lounge Open
- 9:00 – 10:00 PSR National Convention 2009 Opening Session & Ritual
- 10:00 – 11:15 PSR National Convention 2009 Legislative Session
- 11:15 – 2:00 Convention 2009 Awards Luncheon with Special Alpha Class Members Panel
- 2:15 – 3:15 Alumnae & Active Networking Session
- 2:15 – 3:15 Chapter Presidents Meeting with VP of Collegiate Affairs (PRESIDENTS ONLY)
- 3:30 – 5:00 Sigmand's Roundtable (Active and Alumnae Sessions)
- 6:00 – 7:00 Formal Reception (Cash Bar)
- 7:00 – 10:00 PSR Pyramid Builder Awards Formal Banquet and Award Ceremony
- 10:00 – 12:00 Alumnae Social Reception (Cash Bar)
- 10:00 – 12:00 Social: An Evening of Mystery and Murder!

## Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- 8:00 – 10:00 Chapter Breakout Breakfast

## TBD: Foundation Hospitality Suite for Donors

\* Indicates LEAP Workshop and is open to anyone, but required if attending on the LEAP Incentive

^ Indicates Alumnae Only session

# SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

## PSR Convention 2009 Sessions

### Meet & Greet

National Council hosts this welcome reception for all Convention 2009 attendees. Join us for snacks and a chance to chat and get the weekend of celebrations started.

### State of the Sorority Address and Q&A with National Council

12<sup>th</sup> National Council President Sara (Engel) DaSilva opens the weekend's events with the State of the Sorority Address in our 25<sup>th</sup> year of PSR. Find out more about how we are doing and our strategic path moving forward. Then take advantage of the time to ask questions of our National Council members.

### PSR National Convention 2009 Ritual & Opening Session

The session will begin with the National Meeting Ritual and continue with updates from National Council on the accomplishments of 2009. Each officer will provide an officer report and details on the accomplishments of their two-year term.

The Foundation Board of Directors will present an overview of the current state of the Foundation, highlight some successes and challenges, and provide a review of future planned projects and goals. There will be time for questions and answers during this session. The audience is encouraged to provide questions in advance of this session on the 3"x5" cards available at the registration table.

### PSR National Convention 2009 Legislative Session (MANDATORY FOR DELEGATES)

General body meeting, mandatory for delegates from all chapters and alumnae associations. The 12th National Council will be voted on and elected during this session, as well as any other proposals on the table for general body vote. The session will end with a discussion on a look forward at the next 25 years.

## Alumnae Networking Activities

### Alumnae Reunion Time ^

Want to Plan an Alumnae Reunion During the Convention? Use the Phi Sigma Rho Alumnae Reunion planning website to set up your own reunion website, get in touch with sisters, plan reunion events during the convention weekend, and much more. Convention is a great way to meet up with old friends and have fun! The PSR reunion planning website will be unveiled in early February. We hope to see you there!

### Alumnae Social Reception (Cash Bar)

A night of awards and fun will be followed by a private reception for our alumnae following the banquet. The cash bar will remain open for the night! Alumnae are welcome to participate in both the social reception and the Murder Mystery Night events!

^ Indicates Alumnae Only session

## Social Activities

### Karaoke Bash Social

Start off the Convention with a bang by joining with your sisters for some "Summer Nights" or "Living on a Prayer" at our Thursday night karaoke bash! Sing alone if you dare or with a group if you don't, or be part of the cheering section - everyone's sure to have a good time!

### Pittsburgh Social & Free Time – Evening in Station Square! (Dinner on your own)

See the sites in the city of Pittsburgh at historical Station Square! Join us as we check out Mt. Washington (and take a group picture!), ride the inclines, and enjoy a night out on the town. Please see the list of many places to go in Station Square!

### An Evening of Mystery and Murder!

The classic *Who-Done-It*, with a secret twist. Locked in a room with dozens of other Phi Rhos, will you be the one to catch a murderer? Or will you just be the victim?

## Special Events

### National Leadership Breakfast – BY INVITATION ONLY

An opportunity to network and discuss PSR amongst past National Council Members, Foundation directors, Alpha-Alphas, and other special guests. Attendance is by invitation only.

### Alumnae & Active Networking Session

Confused about your career choices? Here's your chance to talk to a diverse group of alumnae with a wide range of career experiences and get an idea for where you may fit in! Already know what you want to do? Find an alumnae who works in that field and discuss opportunities! Alumnae volunteers with backgrounds ranging from Chemical Engineering or Electrical Engineering to Business or Law will be available at booths to answer any questions you may have about certain careers.

### Sigmand's Roundtable (Active and Alumnae Sessions)

#### Active:

A facilitated group discussion on any and all topics Phi Sigma Rho. This workshop brings sisters together to talk about the topics that are on your mind. There will be a suggestion box for topics and the theme will be our next 25 years!

#### Alumnae:

Every want to get together with some friends and talk about how hard it is to move to a new area where you don't know anyone, or better yet how hard it is to date or find a babysitter in a town where you don't know anyone? Or maybe you just took a new management position and want advice from other women who have made similar moves. Come to Sigmand's Roundtable for Alums where you can talk about these and other topics focused on the issues faced by alums.

### Convention 2009 Awards Luncheon with Special Alpha Class Members Panel

Time to celebrate the accomplishments of our chapters and alumnae at the 2009 awards luncheon where chapter awards, alumnae awards, the Foundation scholarship, and other special awards will be announced. After lunch, enjoy an opportunity to network with Alpha Class members from each chapter and hear about founding our sorority from the Alpha Chapter, Alpha Class members in attendance.

### Formal Reception (Cash Bar)

Join us for a reception prior to the banquet! Appetizers will be provided and the cash bar will be open!

### PSR Pyramid Builder Awards Formal Banquet and Award Ceremony

A formal Banquet will held on Saturday evening to celebrate our Pyramid Builder Award recipients and recognize some of the contributions that have led to Phi Sigma Rho's 25 years of success! Award recipients and other prominent national volunteers will be interspersed throughout the Banquet tables so that all attendees will be able to meet new Sisters. In addition, active/alumnae Receptions will follow after the Banquet to continue the celebration into the evening!

### Chapter Breakout Breakfast

End the weekend with breakfast before you head home and get together with the actives and alumnae from your chapter to discuss what you've learned and what you want to take back to your chapter and alumnae associations! This is also a good last chance to chat with National Council and the Foundation!

### Phi Rho Lounge

Take time to check out the PSR Museum, shop the PSR Sale Items & Fundraisers, provide feedback through Suggestion Boxes and discussions with NC & Foundation Members, and more!

### Foundation Hospitality Suite for Donors

As our way to say thank you, the Foundation Board of Directors would like to invite our donors to stop by for some light snacks and drinks. We'll be providing a fun and relaxing social environment! If you haven't donated before, now is a good time to start!

## LEAP Series 2009 – for Actives



### LEAP Overview Session \*

Find out more details about the LEAP workshops and how to get a LEAP certification this weekend!

### LEAP Leadership Styles \*

This workshop involves a leadership style test followed by an activity to display the characteristics of each type of leadership. We will discuss how to work with the strengths and weaknesses of each style as well as how to work with the different types of leaders.

### LEAP 5 Year Planning \*

This workshop will include a discussion of the importance of developing and implementing a reasonable 5-year plan, as well as a live demonstration of some ideas and strategies for effectively following through and tracking the chapter's progress.

### LEAP Panel Discussion: Team & Sister Management \*

A group discussion on sister management and dealing with conflict in your chapter. A panel made up of actives from various chapters will help lead and guide the discussion and offer advice. Submit your questions at registration!

### PSR LEAP Ritual Workshop \*

For the agenda of this workshop, the Ritual Committee will discuss the National Ritual of Phi Sigma Rho. We will be discussing how sisters can strive to live the Ritual, Ritual education, as well as the objectives and mission of the committee. There will also be an interactive session on running our National Ritual and the proposed changes to Inductions and Initiation.

### LEAP Closing Session \*

In the closing workshop you can learn more about LEAP during this overview and how you can become involved. The certification guidelines for Key and Pyramid certification will be explained. The floor will also be open for feedback on how we can continue to improve your programming.

\* Indicates LEAP Workshop and is open to anyone, but required if attending on the LEAP Incentive

## LEAP Series 2009 – for Alumnae



### Financial Planning at Every State of Life ^

Effective financial planning can vary during different stages of a person's life. Whether it be planning to go back to school, planning to buy a house, or planning to have a baby; this workshop will teach you what you need to know at every stage of life and how to make the most out of your financial situation.

### Alumnae Luncheon with Guest Speaker D. Engel ^

Enjoy a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones during the Alumnae Luncheon. Guest speaker D. Engel will talk about community and organizational stewardship.

^ Indicates Alumnae Only session

## Service Activities

### National Convention Penguin Drive

Phi Sigma Rho will hold its first Penguin Drive during the 2009 National Convention. Convention attendees will bring new penguins and other new penguin toys to be donated to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

### Letter Writing to Girls, Inc.

We all have a story to tell--share yours with girls who want to know! Give back in a fun and personal way by letting the next generation know what things were like when you were a girl. Whether you write about being a girl interested in science and engineering or something else altogether, your letter is sure to inspire a Girls, Inc. girl!

## Special Items

### Sigmand Contest

Prepare yourself for the revelation of Phi Sigma Rho's own SIGMAND PENGUIN mascot. The mascot will be chosen from a pool of entries, submitted by your own sisters!



# SPEAKER BIOS

## Don Engel

Don is an experienced development professional with successful accomplishments in annual funds, major and planned giving, donor relations and fundraising program administration.

Working with volunteers and board members, he has helped raise funds for quality organizations in healthcare, human services and higher education. Prior to his career in fundraising Don served as director of admissions at a private university and managed a significant sales territory for a national medical diagnostics firm.

His undergraduate and graduate degrees are in psychology and education. He is also a graduate of the National Planned Giving Institute of The College of William and Mary, and has achieved continuous professional certification (CFRE) since 1982. He has taught courses in fundraising and served the United Way as a trainer of volunteer board members in the BOARDWALK series.

An active member of the profession, Don is a longtime member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and the National Committee on Planned Giving. He is a board member of the Association of Lutheran Development Executives, Northstar Chapter. He and his wife Karen live in White Bear Lake, Minnesota and have two adult children.

Don is currently the Director of Development at Shriners Hospital for Children – Twin Cities.

## Minna Krejci

Minna Krejci joined Phi Sigma Rho in the Fall of 2002, in the Delta class of the Ohio Northern–Iota Chapter. After one semester, she transferred to Case Western Reserve University, where a Phi Rho colony was just getting started. She was a founding member of the Case–Omicron chapter, as an honorary member of the Alpha class. In the Case–Omicron chapter, she served as Interim President / Vice President, Social Chair, Membership Educator, Risk Manager, Ritual Chair, and Standards Board member. In 2006, she was honored with the Phi Sigma Rho National Senior Award, and graduated from Case with a BS in Materials Science and Engineering. After graduating, she served as a Regional Field Director for Midwest Region 2 for one year and is now involved with the startup of the E-Mentoring Program.

Minna is currently in her third year of pursuing a PhD in Materials Science and Engineering from Northwestern University, studying biominerals using x-ray microscopy at the Advanced Photon Source. She now lives in Lincoln Park in Chicago, Illinois.

## Teresa Phillips

Teresa is a 2008 graduate of the University of Connecticut (Theta chapter) with a degree in Resource Economics and Business Administration. Teresa studied industrial engineering for 4 years while in school and plans to integrate her business and engineering skills in her career. She is currently involved as a member of both Phi Sigma Rho's National Ritual and LEAP committees. Teresa currently lives in Hartford, CT with a fellow Phi Rho where she is working in a management program that she loves.

## Leanne Smith

Leanne Smith has been a member of Phi Sigma Rho since 2005 when she joined the Purdue-Alpha Chapter as an Alpha Alpha. While at Purdue she held the positions of Associate Member Educator, Director of External Relations, and President. She graduated in 2008 with a degree in Industrial Engineering.

Leanne is now working for Accenture in Chicago, Illinois and is in the process of founding the Alpha Chapter Housing Corporation.

## Kristen (Rector) Waters

Kristen grew up in Nazareth, PA. She attended Penn State University where she graduated with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. While at PSU she joined Phi Sigma Rho in her sophomore year. After graduation, Kristen accepted a job with Ingersoll Rand in their Accelerated Development Program and did several rotations in various operations roles. In 2007 she settled in Carmel, IN and is working as a Production Team Leader at Ingersoll Rand's Von Duprin facility in Indianapolis, IN. Recently she has started her MBA at Indiana University. Kristen is currently the National Leadership Director for Phi Sigma Rho.

# PENGUIN DRIVE

Phi Sigma Rho will hold its first Penguin Drive during the 2009 National Convention as a community outreach project. Convention attendees will bring new penguins and other new penguin toys to be donated to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (CHP). For safety reasons, please note the things to avoid (listed below) to ensure your donation can be used.

According to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, "Play experiences can help children to cope and adjust to illness and hospitalization. Play is one way the Child Life and Volunteer Services Department at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh meets the developmental, psychosocial, emotional and educational needs of our patients. You can help by donating new toys, games and other play-time supplies."

Gifts should be new and should not be wrapped. A few suggestions based on the CHP Child Wish List:

- ✦ Baby rattles
- ✦ Puzzles
- ✦ Mobiles (non-cloth)
- ✦ Books
- ✦ Bibs
- ✦ Infant clothes (no pink or blue, please send yellow and green)
- ✦ Soft plush toys
- ✦ Coloring books/crayons/markers
- ✦ Webkinz
- ✦ Stickers
- ✦ New stuffed animals
- ✦ Journals/diaries
- ✦ Pajama pants
- ✦ Slippers
- ✦ Playing cards
- ✦ Anything else you think would be fun!



Due to the risk of infection for children in the hospital setting and also for safety reasons, please avoid the following:

- ✦ Used toys and used stuffed animals
- ✦ Toys stuffed with shredded foam, small pellets or beans. Look for items filled with fabric or solid foam
- ✦ Toys with detachable parts (like button eyes) that could be removed and swallowed or inhaled
- ✦ Electrical, spark-producing or friction-producing toys
- ✦ Fragile toys that can break into small pieces with sharp edges
- ✦ Toys made of glass or brittle plastic
- ✦ Toys with sharp edges or protrusions
- ✦ Toys or craft kits with toxic paints or glues
- ✦ Toys with parts that can pinch fingers or pull hair
- ✦ Humorous medical toys and games. These may cause fear and misconceptions
- ✦ Toy guns and other violent toys

Feel free to visit the CHP website for more information: <http://www.chp.edu/CHP/Toy+Donations>  
If you have any questions, please contact Mindy Chilman at [Community@PhiSigmaRho.org](mailto:Community@PhiSigmaRho.org)

# PREPARING FOR CONVENTION

## Delegates

Each chapter is required to send one delegate. This person should be in charge of taking notes, making contacts, and passing on all information given at the convention. In case of voting, the delegate is the person responsible for doing so.

## Attire

All dress during the 2009 convention is to be business casual / professional. Sisters should dress to their pin at the formal banquet on Saturday evening.

## Packing Tips

- ★ Air-conditioned hotel meeting rooms can be very cold. Bring a sweater or jacket if you are easily chilled.
- ★ Pack comfortable, appropriate shoes.
- ★ Active badges should be worn for all scheduled Phi Sigma Rho functions.
- ★ Short shorts, jeans, boxers, and abbreviated attire such as micro-mini skirts and tube/mini tops are not appropriate for convention.
- ★ Please feel free to bring any officer binders with you.



# QUESTIONS

1. Where can I get the most up-to-date information about Convention?
  - ✦ Visit the website! <http://phisigmarho.org/convention2009> .
2. How does ground transportation work?
  - ✦ See the Transportation Information section for ground transportation details.
3. What is the smoking policy?
  - ✦ Radisson Hotel at Green Tree is a non-smoking hotel.
4. Where can I park if I bring my car? Will I need a permit?
  - ✦ You can park for free at the hotel!
5. Why should alumnae come to Convention?
  - ✦ Alumnae can benefit from networking, both professionally and socially. There will be planned social events and scheduled free time to catch up with friends and to meet alumnae in other parts of the country. In addition, there are several leadership and developmental sessions planned for both actives and alumnae and an alumnae feedback forum where you can share your ideas and thoughts about the future of the Sorority!



**Phi Sigma Rho - Registration Form**  
**National Convention 2009: Celebrating Silver, Going for Gold!**

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle Initial** \_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Maiden Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Summer Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter/Colony** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pin Number** \_\_\_\_\_

*I will be attending the National Convention as a(n) (please check one):*

**Collegian:**  I am the official delegate for my chapter *\*Each chapter is required to send at least 1*  
 Active       Candidate      Current Office (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Alumnae:**  I am the official delegate for my alumnae association  
 Alumnae       Foundation Volunteer       National Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

*I will need: (please check all that apply):*

**Dietary:**  
 Vegetarian Option       Other Special Dietary Needs (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirt:**  
 I would like to purchase a T-Shirt Size (S-M-L-XL): \_\_\_\_\_ *\*Add an additional cost of \$12.00*

*I plan on attending the following events: (please check all that apply):*

**Thursday Events:**  
 Meet & Greet       State of the Sorority       Karaoke

**Friday Events:**  
**LEAP Sessions:**       Leadership Styles       5 Year Planning       Panel Discussion       Ritual  
**Alumnae Only:**       Financial Planning       Alumnae Lunch       Alumnae Reunion Time  
**Meals & Socials:**       Breakfast       Active Lunch       Station Square

**Saturday Events:**  
 Breakfast       Leadership Breakfast *\*Invite Only*       Legislative Session  
 Awards Luncheon       Alumnae/Active Networking       Sigmand's Roundtable  
 Pyramid Builders Awards Banquet       Murder Mystery Social

**Sunday Events:**  
 Chapter Breakout Breakfast

Registration Information

**Registration includes the following meals:** Breakfast: Fri-Sun, Lunch: Fri-Sat, Dinner: Sat

**Registration DOES NOT include: Lodging or Travel**

**Pay by Paypal or by sending a check payable to "Phi Sigma Rho" to the address shown below.**

**Early Bird Registration Fees – Deadline May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009:**  
 Active Registration Fee (\$115) \_\_\_\_\_ Alumna Registration Fee (\$145) \_\_\_\_\_

**General Registration Fees – Deadline June 1<sup>st</sup> 2009:**  
 Active Registration Fee (\$135) \_\_\_\_\_ Alumna Registration Fee (\$165) \_\_\_\_\_

**Alumnae Only Registration Fees – Deadline June 1<sup>st</sup> 2009**  
 Saturday Only Registration Fee (\$75) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Banquet Registration Fee (\$50) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost

Total Registration Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail registration form and check to:**

Phi Sigma Rho – Convention 2009 \* c/o Amy Mazzanti \* P.O. Box 525 \*Doylestown, PA 18901

Or email the registration form to: [executivedirector@phisigmarho.org](mailto:executivedirector@phisigmarho.org)

**Email the National Convention Committee with questions** [Convention2009@phisigmahrho.org](mailto:Convention2009@phisigmahrho.org)

Convention 2009 is funded in part by the Phi Sigma Rho Foundation.