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Greetings Lambs and welcome back to a new semester! I trust that you all had a wonderful, and hopefully relaxing, few weeks off from the hustle and bustle of school. Now you're back and getting in the swing of things.

These past few months along with the next few months are a busy time for many of our collegiate chapters. Congratulations to the Chapters that have concluded their Member Orientation and Induction of new members! The Grand Council, along with me, would like to welcome our newest Lambs to our herd! To those Chapters that are gearing up for Member Orientation, please allow enough time to order and receive new Member Manuals from the International Office, and good luck!!

For anyone who attended the ASHP Midyear Conference in December, I hope you had the opportunity to pop in and say hello to your fellow Lambs at the annual LKS Dessert Reception. If you missed it, don't worry, we'll be hosting another come April in San Antonio at APHA! Your entire Grand Council will be there and we would love to see any and all Lambs that make it! You can register at www.APHAnet.org or contact your schools local APHA chapter to receive discounts.

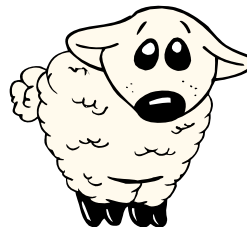
I would personally like to thank all the Chapters that have hosted their Regional Supervisors on their visits. I have heard nothing but great feedback on the hospitality that you have shown these hard working ladies. Keep up the great work. For those Chapters who have not yet finalized a date, please email your Supervisors back with times that would be best. To those Chapters who have scheduled visitations coming back, take advantage of your communication with your Region's chapters that have already had visits. Communication is key, with any endeavor you may take on, so let us start helping each other!

Hope to see you all in April! Ye-haaaaawww!!

Fraternally yours,

Lamb for Life

Elicia Rae Fauvel, Pharm.D.



The mission of the Fraternity is to promote the profession of pharmacy among women and advance women within the profession by developing its members as individuals and leaders through the support of fellow members while encouraging a high standard of professional ethics and scholarship.

2008-2010 Women's Health Issue: Cervical Cancer

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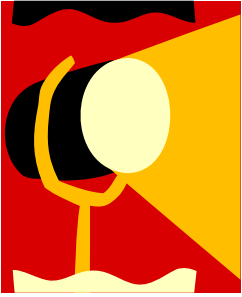
Cervical cancer is a well-understood form of cancer and is also probably the most preventable¹. The truth in this statement is evidenced by the 74% decrease in the cervical cancer death rate between 1955 and 1992². The death rate continues to drop by approximately four percent each year. This decline is amazing given that cervical cancer used to be one of the most common causes of death for American women and is now ranked twelfth in cancer death for women in the United States. Worldwide, cervical cancer is the second or third most common cancer among women and cancer-related mortality¹. However, disparities do exist in the United States. These disparities are due to a lack of preventative screening. Under-screened populations include older women, uninsured and impoverished women, migrant and minority women, and those living in rural areas, particularly the Mississippi Delta, the Black Belt region, the United States-Mexico border and Appalachia¹.

Cervical cancer is typically diagnosed in women aged 35 to 50 and is rarely diagnosed in women younger than 20 years of age. Of those women diagnosed with cervical cancer, approximately 20% are over the age of 65². Cervical cancer occurs two times more often in Hispanic women than non-Hispanic white women and African-American women develop cervical cancer 1.5 times more often than non-Hispanic white women. Among Asian American/Pacific Islander women the rate of developing cervical cancer is slightly higher than non-Hispanic white women. However, Native American/Alaskan Native women have even lower rate of developing cancer than non-Hispanic white women³.

Risk factors for the development of cervical cancer include human papillomavirus (HPV), smoking, weakened immune system, Chlamydia infection, diet, birth control, multiple pregnancies, lower socioeconomic status and family history². High risk sexual behaviors by a male partner can also lead to an increased risk of cervical cancer for a woman. Of these risk factors, HPV is considered the most significant. Amazingly, more than one-third of American women will be infected with HPV by the age of 24⁴.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection⁵. It is estimated that 20 million Americans are currently infected with HPV and another 6.2 million will be infected each year. HPV infections occur mainly in women less than the age of 30, but the exact reason is not known why. HPV is thought to be more common in uncircumcised men and that these men may be able to pass the virus along to other people². HPV infections are usually cleared by the immune system and do not ultimately result in cervical cancer. However, certain types of HPV are associated with a greater likelihood of developing cervical cancer. The high-risk types of HPV include HPV 16, 18, 31, 33 and 45. However, approximately two-thirds of cervical cancer can be contributed to HPV 16 and 18².

Lambda Kappa Sigma has chosen Cervical Cancer as our Women's Health Issue for the current biennium. Over the biennium, we will be providing additional information about screening, staging, treatment and prevention strategies through a series of articles in our publications.



Once again, it's time for...Spotlight on Alumni!!
Getting to know your Regional Supervisors!



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Kathy Huff came to LKS as an alumni initiate in the mid 1980's. A 1977 Butler University graduate with a BS, Kathy was invited to affiliate with the Phi Alum chapter to help prepare for the 1986 Biennial convention in Indianapolis. Attending the 1985 Regional meeting in Des Moines was a great intro to international LKS hooking up with her Lamb for Life friends Gloria Bernstein and Donna Dancer. Kathy worked at Indiana University Hospital upon graduation and helped establish the inpatient pharmacy at Riley Children's hospital. Her husband, Tim, returned to school in 1979 and Kathy spent time in Terre Haute, IN at Union Hospital where Jenny Huff was born. Returning to Indianapolis in 1981 allowed Kathy to return to Riley Hospital where she worked the third shift for the next 20 years. Kathy and Tim now live in Mesa, AZ where Kathy is a Walgreens staff pharmacist. She likes to read and travel, enjoys time with her grandson Jason and is looking forward to her chapter visit adventures.

Lambda Kappa Sigma and the Grand Council

would like to wish a Very Happy Birthday to...

Alpha Sigma: February 21
Alpha Omicron: March 13
Tau: March 18
Omicron: April 4

Lambda: April 14
Delta: April 18
Nu: April 24
Alpha Phi: April 25

Alpha Lambda: April 28
Chi Chapter: April 30



Sandy Mullin, Grand Secretary on January 11th and during APHA in Texas, Elicia Fauvel, Grand Vice President for Collegiate on April 5th!

Happy Birthday



The Gift That Keeps on Giving

The New Year is here with thoughts of finding the “perfect gift” for friends and relatives – and keeping the gift meaningful without breaking the bank. Here is something to consider that has value now as well as for the future.

Honor that special someone with a tribute gift to the LKS Educational Trust!

It’s fast. It’s really simple to do. There are no long lines at the cash register or wasted gasoline seeking a parking place at the mall. It doesn’t require expensive gift-wrapping or shipping. The gift can be in any amount that you choose. It is suitable for any person, old or young, male or female. It shows that you care about your fraternity and the ways that we, in turn, help our members. It’s even tax deductible!

You’ll feel good knowing that the educational endeavors of LKS members will be supported by your generosity. Your honoree will also know that they are a part of the great work of Lambda Kappa Sigma.

A special “Celebration / Memorial Gift Form” is available from the International Office – but they can process your gifts quickly if you provide the following information:

Recipient Name _____

(Acknowledgement will be sent to this name)

Address _____ City / State / Zip _____

Chapter or LKS affiliation if any _____

Donor Name _____ Relationship to Honoree _____

Donor Address _____ City / State / Zip _____

Gift amount: \$ _____ Occasion _____

Please make your check payable and mail to:

Lambda Kappa Sigma Educational Trust PO Box 570 Muskego, WI 53150-0570

Such tribute gifts are suitable for every occasion all year long. Keep them in mind for birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, and “just because you are special”.



Some Reminders



The next Chapter Article for the Blue and Gold Triangle is due to the International Office by **February 15th**! What better way to celebrate your love for you chapter on Valentine's Day then to write about all the amazing activities your chapter has participated in?!? You can view past articles online at www.lks.org under the Communications link!

The purpose of the Blue and Gold Triangle is to promote the initiatives, projects, philanthropies, sisters and history of Lambda Kappa Sigma. It serves as the official archived document for recording significant historical information. The scope is all members. It is distributed to members and chapter advisors.



Hygieia Day is March 15th!



Hygieia Day is observed annually on March 15th. Its purpose is to publicly call attention to the dedication to the dedication of the members to the profession of pharmacy and to the advancement of knowledge in the health sciences. Each chapter presents a professional program to which the general public is invited.

APhA2009: Where the Stars of Pharmacy Shine!

April 3–6, 2009, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX

Register with APhA to attend this informative meeting and spend some time with your fellow Lambs! Register BEFORE March 3rd for discounted fees or check with your schools APhA chapter for more information. <http://www.aphameeting.org/>

Don't forget to stop by the LKS Booth during the APhA Exposition to pick up your special gift, and attend the Member Dessert Reception on Saturday night during APhA! Watch the LKS website for more details: www.lks.org. I'll see you there!

APhA was the first-established national professional society of pharmacists, having been founded in 1852 as the American Pharmaceutical Association. It remains the largest association of pharmacists in the United States, boasting more than 60,000 practicing pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, student pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and others interested in advancing the profession. Through a House of Delegates that meets each year at the APhA Annual Meeting & Exposition, APhA provides a forum for discussion, consensus building, and policy setting for the profession of pharmacy. In fact, nearly all of pharmacy's specialty organizations trace their roots to APhA, having originally been a section or part of this broad foundation of pharmacy.

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Thank you to Charity Dorothea Andrews for her wonderful article submission!!

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