



Divine Nine News

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From the Desk of the President

Greetings! The NPHC of Greater Cleveland is excited about the first issue of our Divine Nine Newsletter. We are pleased to have another vehicle to keep you informed about updates and activities with our fraternities, sororities and the NPHC of Greater Cleveland. Our goal is to continue to be visible in our community.



The year 2012 has been a busy year for the Council and we look forward to our continuous joint efforts of serving our Community. On January 13, 2012, we had a Professional Greek Friday held at Tavo Martini Loft and Restaurant. It was an opportunity for ALL Greeks to network and enjoy themselves. We also held our 1st Annual Greek Academic Challenge on February 25, 2012 at John Adams High School. There were seven youth groups from our fraternities and sororities who participated. The event was very successful.

The last few months have been busy for the NPHC of Greater Cleveland. During the month of May, we planted gardens with the Buckeye Community Development Organization, we had our Annual Bowling Party at Maple Heights Lanes and we had our Silver and Gold Celebration along with our 3rd Annual Greek Recognition Ceremony at the Maple Heights Library.

Every August we host the Annual Greek Picnic and this year it was held at Luke Easter Park. There were over 200 Greeks in attendance with vendors and to support our Social Action efforts, there was a voter registration drive held.

Our meetings are held every 4th Monday of the month at the Alpha Estates, starting promptly at 6:30p.m. The meetings are open to all members of the NPHC of Greater Cleveland.

Yours in Greekdom,

Steven H. Robertson, President
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From the National NPHC Office

Councils-

We are 60 days until the 2012 Presidential elections and we are excited to participate in the political process. As your councils are planning public policy activities within your communities, please keep in mind some very important DO's and DON'T's when operating as NPHC or your member organizations. We want to emphasize our nonpartisan position with the upcoming election. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact headquarters for further clarification. Listed below is a guide for you to determine how to conduct yourselves when representing NPHC.

A Nonprofit/Not-for-profit organization may NOT conduct partisan activities to support or oppose any candidate for public office, including

- Endorsing a candidate.
- Making a campaign contribution to or expenditure for, a candidate.
- Rating candidates on who is most favorable to your issue(s).
- Letting candidates use the organization's facilities or resources, unless those resources are made equally available to all candidates at their fair market value.

Activities Not-for-profit Organizations CAN Conduct on a Nonpartisan Basis

Nonprofits can conduct a wide range of nonpartisan

engagement activities to encourage voter participation and educate voters.

Conduct or Promote Voter Registration

Make registration forms available at the information desk, actively table during peak hours, or incorporate registration into ongoing services.

Host or Co-Sponsor a Candidate Forum

Help your community familiarize themselves with the candidates and where they stand on the issues.

Distribute Nonpartisan Sample Ballots, Candidate Questionnaires, or Voter Guides

Provide nonpartisan information about whom and what is on the ballot to help your constituents and communities understand what's at stake.

Continue Issue Advocacy During an Election

Election season is a great time to put a spotlight on your organization's mission and goals.

Write an op-ed or guest column for your local paper.

Educate Voters on the Voting Process

Demystify the voting process by helping voters determine where, when, and how to vote. Look up polling locations and describe to new voters what will happen at the polls.

Encourage Staff to Serve as Poll Workers or Translators

Nonprofit staff can facilitate the democratic process and help your community participate fully on Election Day.

Educate the Candidates on Your Issues

Send candidates your research and policy ideas. Be sure to share the materials with every candidate in a particular race.

Organize Get-Out-the-Vote Activities

Offer rides to the polls, distribute cards with election information, and turn Election Day into a celebration!

Support or Oppose a Ballot Measure*

Take a stand on a ballot measure, particularly if it impacts your work or clients. Engaging the public around ballot measures can help further your mission and public policy goals.

Encourage and Remind People to Vote

Incorporate voting reminders into services and programs. Make the election visible in your communications and at your agency.

Resources

Nonprofit VOTE -

www.nonprofitvote.org

•Nonprofits, Voting and Elections: A guide to nonpartisan voter engagement for 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations

NPHCGC Updates

Voter Registration Drive

There was a NPHCGC voter registration drive held at the Greek Picnic on August 11, 2012 by Soror Shelley Hill of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Lambda Phi Omega Chapter.

We look forward to future drives and forums hosted by the NPHCGC.

Great Job!

Adopt-A-School

The NPHCGC will be replacing the book bag drive with the adopt-a-school program. We will be requesting school supplies to give to East Park Elementary. The Principal at the school is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

More information to come at the September 2012 Meeting.

First Annual Gala

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 22, 2013 for the first annual NPHCGC Black and White Gala. Share with your perspective chapters and we look forward to your support and participation.

More detailed information to come in the near future.

Joint Community Service

Each Greek organization has national community service targets that need to be met. The NPHCGC would like to help you meet that target. We are offering to accept dates and times of your major service project event and will solicit the entire Council to come out and support. The goal is to be able to help each organization as a joint council to complete your project.

Bring your dates, times and project description to the

Council so we can plan to help your organization out.

Scholarship

Has your organization submitted applications for your undergraduates to receive financial assistance? If not please get that information in ASAP. Information was submitted to each affiliate this summer. For more information contact Soror Latasha Brown, ΔΣΘ, at latashadbrown@aol.com

Fundraisers

The NPHCGC is a 501 (c) 3 organization and will continuously accept ideas of fundraising opportunities from you to support our programs and scholarships.

We plan to continue with the After Work networking events as we did earlier in 2012.

NPHCGC 2012-2013 Calendar

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- 3 Labor Day
- 14 IΦΘ – Step Show After Party
- 15 AΦA - Classic Boatride
- 18 Executive Brd Mtg
- 24 Council Mtg
- 27 NPHCGC Voter Awareness
- 30 Scholarship Application Due

MARCH 2013						
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- 14 ΣΓΡ Central Regional Conf.
- 19 Executive Brd. Mtg.
- 21 IΦΘ Regional Conf.
- 25 Council Mtg.
- 29 Good Friday

OCTOBER 2012						
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- 8 Columbus Day
- 16 Executive Brd. Mtg.
- 20 ΩΨΦ 4th District Council Mtg
- 27 KAΨ Masquerade Ball
- 31 Halloween

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- 7 Easter
- 11 ΩΨΦ 4th District Mtg Week
- 16 Executive Brd. Mtg.
- 18 AΦA Regional Conf.
- 22 Council Mtg.
- 25 KAΨ East Central Prov.
- 25 ZΦB Regional Conf. Week
- 25 AKA Regional Conf. Week

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- 2 NPHCGC Service Project
- 3 AKA ΛΦΩ – Autumn Affair
- 11 Veterans Day
- 16 ΩΨΦ ZKK – Achievement Dinner
- 17 ΔΣΘ – Scholarship Fundraiser
- 17 ΩΨΦ ΖΩ – Achievement Dinner
- 22 Thanksgiving Day

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- 4 NPHCGC Bowling Party
- 12 Mother's Day
- 14 Executive Brd. Mtg.
- 20 Council Mtg./Recognition
- 27 Memorial Day

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- 11 Executive Brd. Mtg.
- 17 Council Mtg./Holiday Celebration
- 25 Christmas Day

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- 16 Father's Day
- 18 Executive Brd. Mtg.
- 22 NPHCGC Black/White Gala
- 24 Council Mtg.

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- 1 New Year's Day
- 21 M.L. King Day
- 22 Executive Brd. Mtg.
- 28 Council Mtg.

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- 4 Independence Day
- 18 AKA Leadership Conf.
- 30 ΩΨΦ Leadership Conf.

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- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 Presidents' Day
- 19 Executive Brd Mtg.
- 23 ΩΨΦ 4th District Council Mtg
- 25 Council Mtg.

AUGUST 2013						
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- 9-11 NPHCGC Greek Weekend

NPHCCGC 2012 Activities



Academic Challenge 2012



Bowling Party 2012



Bowling Party 2012



Buckeye Garden Service Project 2012



NPHCGC 2012 Activities

Greek Weekend 2012

