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CONVENTION REGISTRATION

On September 1 a convention registration form will be sent to each chapter. Additional registration forms will appear in the September PGM Newsletter. The form, accompanied by a fee of \$40 for each registrant, must be returned to headquarters no later than **October 10**.

ATLANTA CONVENTION AGENDA

Thursday, October 23

9 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
9:30 a.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Luncheon for Old and New Trustees
1-3 p.m.	Board of Trustees Committee Meetings
3-5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting (guests welcome)
5-7 p.m.	Registration
5-7 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own
7-8 p.m.	Plenary Session
8-8:20 p.m.	Ice Breaker: "Name that Tune"
8:20-8:45 p.m.	National Nominating Convention (with stuffed animals)
8:45-10:00 p.m.	Student Mixer / Caucus #1 Nomination process for student trustees
8:45-9:45 p.m.	Social Time for Trustees, Sponsors, and Other Faculty Attendees

Friday, October 24

8-9 a.m.	Registration
8-9 a.m.	Breakfast Orientation for Trustees and Governors
9-10:30 a.m.	Concurrent Panel Sessions (presentation of students' papers)
10:30 a.m.-12:00	Concurrent Workshops
12 noon-2 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
2-3:30 p.m.	Concurrent Panel Sessions (presentation of students' papers)
3:30-4:45 p.m.	Election of PGM's Shadow President
4:45-5:45 p.m.	Student Caucus #2
5:45-6:15 p.m.	Student Balloting for New Student Trustees
6-6:45 p.m.	Registration
6:45-9 p.m.	Convention Banquet - Keynote Speaker – Honorable Michael L. Thurmond

Saturday, October 25

8:30-10 a.m.	Workshops
10-11 a.m.	Performance by NGCSU's Patriot Choir
11 a.m.-12 noon	Plenary Business Session
12 noon-1:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting (new board)
12 noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
2 p.m.	Tour departs the hotel

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE IMPORTANT

Chapter sponsors will soon be receiving their Annual Report form. We will put the form on our website, for those of you who would like to send it over the internet. It is very important for sponsors to fill it out and return it to headquarters.

If you would like to see your chapter's activities mentioned in the Newsletter, you must send in your Annual Report and tell us what your chapter has been doing this year. Even better, send us **pictures** to put in the Newsletter to accompany the activities you sponsored. (Send these pictures attached to an email to headquarters – they work great that way.) You need to brag about your students and what they are doing. We don't know what happens on your campus unless you inform us, so please take a few minutes to fill out the report. We have extended the deadline to September 1 to have the report back at headquarters.

“PI GAMMA MU – A POLITICAL PARTY”

2008 Triennial Convention

October 23-25 in Atlanta, Georgia

As you can see by the agenda which is listed on page one, we have packed many exciting adventures into our convention in Atlanta. This important meeting is getting closer. We hope you are making plans to join us.

During this time together, there will be presentations of students' research papers, and election to the Board of Trustees of two new Student Representatives. We will have a banquet and guest speaker, the Honorable Michael L. Thurmond, Commissioner of Labor for the State of Georgia. Also planned is a presentation by the North Georgia College and State University's Patriot Choir.

A popular activity from the last two conventions was collecting stuffed animals which were given to a domestic violence shelter. As a service project for this convention, and in keeping with our political theme, we are requesting that attendants bring a stuffed animal with something noting what state they represent

(a sash with the name of the state, holding a state flag, etc.). These will be given to the same local domestic violence shelter that we donated to during the 2002 convention held in Atlanta.

The tour that is planned for this convention, and costs only \$20 (helps defer the cost of bus rental), will be noteworthy. We will be touring the CNN Center and the Martin Luther King, Jr. historical site, as well as lunch at Mary Mac's Tea Room (cash only accepted).

The convention registration fee is \$40. For more detailed information about the triennial international convention, contact convention chairman Dr. Barry D. Friedman at 706-864-1916 or President Gordon Mercer at 828-227-3863. You might want to check out the website for more details: www.NGCSU.edu/bdf/PiGamMu/intco.htm (a work in progress - as details become available the site will be updated).

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Triennial Convention -2008, Oct. 23-25

We hope everyone remembers that our PGM Faculty Advisers voted to have the Pi Gamma Mu Triennial convention in Atlanta this year. We look forward to seeing everyone! Please remember headquarters allocates some money for active chapters to attend. As you review the convention program, please note that it is the excellent work of Dr. Barry D. Friedman, convention planning chair, and his committee who have done an exceptional job of putting together one of the best convention programs that we have had in many decades.

While I think the best part of every convention is the student papers, it is also a time to make friends from other campuses as well as to renew old friendships. Western Carolina University, located in the mountains of North Carolina, is minutes away

from Cherokee and closely aligned with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. One of the ancient and most profound ceremonies of the Cherokee is the Green Corn Dance. In this ceremony people become reconciled, ideals are strengthened, social roles are renewed and new meaning is found in the dance and celebration. I like to think of our conventions as having a similar spirit as our academic ties and commitments are renewed. As we pledge toward a great year ahead, renewing our ideals and strengthen our friendships, I call on all of you to participate in the celebration of all that is Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society.

Gordon Mercer
PGM Board President

MEMBERSHIP IS AN EMPLOYMENT PLUS

Membership in Pi Gamma Mu may affect the Civil Service rating at which a person enters Federal Service. Preferential treatment for honor society members was granted by the U.S. Civil Service in 1973 and is continuing.

Someone with a bachelor's degree and no experience is eligible to begin work at GS-5. However, if they have a bachelor's degree and are members of an Association of College Honor Societies honor society, persons are eligible for a GS-7. This is at the discretion of the individual department or agency and is not automatic. The increase in salary from GS-5 to GS-7 may be as much as \$3,300.

An instance of the specific requirements is those for tax and legal occupations. There the basic requirement for GS-7 positions can be a bachelor's degree and "membership in a national honorary scholastic society (other than freshman honor societies) recognized by the Association of College Honor Societies." Pi Gamma Mu has been a member of ACHS since 1953.

Honor society membership may also be a factor in obtaining a GS-9 rating. In addition, other employers look for honor society status on your resume. Membership in Pi Gamma Mu is a valuable asset.

STUDENT PAPER GUIDELINES

Students, plan now to participate in the upcoming PGM Triennial Convention by presenting a paper! Paper sessions provide students with a forum for presenting their completed research papers. This is also an appropriate forum for students involved in group projects to present their work. The topic headings are open to those which relate to the social sciences recognized by the honor society.

Proposals for this convention must be submitted in the form of a completed research paper or, at a minimum, a complete draft of a paper. One should submit their proposal by E-mail to JeKarle1@wsc.edu (and send a "CC" to convention committee chairman Barry D. Friedman at bfriedman@NGCSU.edu); attach the research paper as a *Microsoft Word document*. Other formats are unacceptable. Proposals *must* be received by the chairmen of the Committee of Readers and of the convention committee *no later than September 19, 2008*. The chairman is: Dr. Jean Karlen, immediate past president of Pi Gamma Mu, Wayne State College (Wayne, Neb.), (402) 375-7042, JeKarle1@wsc.edu. (Other members of the Committee of Readers: Dr. Kelly L. Cate, North Georgia College & State University, and Dr. Douglas L. Reed, Ouachita Baptist University.)

1. Students will be notified as to their acceptance as convention participants no later than October 1. Students who need to know earlier about their participant status should submit

- their papers earlier. Notification of paper acceptance will usually occur within 2-3 weeks following receipt of materials.
2. Qualified papers must have been completed while students were enrolled as undergraduates or graduates in a college or university with an active PGM chapter.
3. The maximum length of an eligible paper should be no more than twenty-five double-spaced pages of text, not counting abstract, references, tables and figures. The paper must be prepared in a format considered professionally appropriate to the discipline to which it relates.
4. The title page should include the title of the paper/project, institutional affiliation, and student's name, address and phone number. The name, institutional address, and phone number of the PGM faculty advisor for the local PGM chapter should also be included in the materials sent to student session coordinator.
5. Each student presenter will receive one paid room night at the convention hotel.
6. All student presenters who are accepted as convention participants are expected to attend the convention and present their own work.
7. Papers may be co-authored by students but not by students and faculty. Co-authors will have to share/split the support provided by PGM.

HERITAGE AND LEGACIES

Time was when groups and organizations elected historians to keep track of and record their activities and achievements. HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HISTORY AND TRADITIONS OF YOUR PI GAMMA MU CHAPTER? Some chapters have traditions that span the whole 85 years of the organization's existence while others have only been recently chartered. But whether yours is an older chapter or a recent one, preserving and recording for posterity that history and those traditions is important.

In this vein, the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees last fall created Chapter Heritage Awards and encourages its chapters to make application. There is no deadline: applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. Chapter Heritage Awards were approved to promote two general goals: (1) encourage chapters to explore and record their histories or (2) prepare a nomination for some faculty adviser (past or present) to the PGM Hall of Fame. These awards are in the amount of \$300 and support the research costs necessary to bring these projects to fruition.

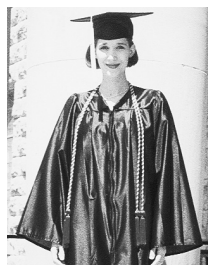
Chapters often have resources to explore their histories unbeknownst to them. Advisers may have chapter files inherited from past advisers that have been largely unexamined. Such files may contain information on past officers, members, projects, publicity, etc. that could be important in writing a chapter history. Also many college and town newspapers are preserved in university libraries and are a valuable resource for doing such research. Individuals may also possess oral knowledge of their chapter's activities: current and past advisers can be interviewed along with past officers. A chapter history is a nice item to place on your chapter website and PGM headquarters is also anxious to collect these documents. Chapters may also want to give thought to renewing the older tradition of electing a chapter historian. To be eligible for a grant supporting the writing of a chapter history, chapters must have been in existence for at least ten years, but chapters can begin and are encouraged to preserve their history as it unfolds.

Such research will undoubtedly identify certain individuals who have been particularly instrumental in the establishment, success, and growth of the chapter. Many are hard-working chapter advisers, little recognized for their years of service and dedi-

cation to the organization. Consider nominating them for induction into the PGM Hall of Fame. Several individuals have already been so honored and inductees receive permanent recognition at PGM headquarters and on the organization's website. At this fall's Atlanta Triennial convention, additional individuals will be inducted. **WHY NOT SOMEONE FROM YOUR CHAPTER!!** Contact PGM Headquarters for additional information or download the application form from our website.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame can also be made without applying for a Chapter Heritage Award. Individuals are recognized at two levels reflecting a minimum of 10 or 15 years of service to the organization and must have been active and dedicated sponsors. A nominating letter outlining the individual's contributions to the chapter, the university, and in the general fields of the social sciences must be sent to headquarters. Additional supporting materials may be submitted, but are not required. To be considered for this fall's induction, nominations must be received no later than September 1.

GRADUATION HONOR CORDS



With graduation coming up soon, don't forget to order your honor cords. These attractive royal blue and white double cords with blue tassels are made especially for Pi Gamma Mu and look very nice with your graduation gown.

Prices are \$15 for a single set of cords, or \$13 each if ordered in a group or ten or more. You can place an order any time by sending the number of cords needed, the money, and the address where they should be mailed, to: Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington, Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156 or call 620-221-3128 with a credit card.

In Convention assembled ...

PI GAMMA MU CONVENTIONS: PAST AND PRESENT

As the Triennial Convention of Pi Gamma Mu approaches, we review the highlights of past conventions and offer a glimpse of this year's convention in Atlanta, Georgia to underline continuity and change in our distinguished honor society. We hope to see a lot of our collegiate chapters send in their faculty and student delegates to the three-day convention from October 23-25, 2008.

A Pi Gamma Mu convention serves to gather the representatives (or delegates) of our various chapters to discuss issues of common concern, assess our Society's current status, participate in scholarly activities, meet our incoming board of trustees and headquarters staff, elect the student trustees for the next three years, recognize outstanding chapter leaders, and still have lots of fun! Since 2008 is an election year in the United States, "A Political Party" is the theme chosen for the Atlanta convention. An interesting part of this year's program is a simulated national presidential convention which would choose a student member as "shadow president." The shadow president is expected to address national concerns in the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter*.

Like Pi Gamma Mu conventions of the past, this year's convention requires some preparations on the part of each chapter. Chapter delegates could already be chosen, funding could be requested from student travel and conference grants offered by colleges and universities or from their chapter funds, and special chapter projects and fund-raising initiatives could be carried out. The entrepreneurial spirit of our delegations was what made for successful conventions in the past.



Pi Gamma Mu's first Constitution, which was ratified in early 1924, provided for the holding of a convention annually, with the first one scheduled four years later. It was the roaring twenties. The December 27-28, 1928 convention proved to be an elaborate affair held at Chicago's Stevens Hotel (now the Conrad Hilton Hotel), then considered "the world's largest hotel." Although attended by delegates from only 21 chapters, the convention established many of the procedures and rituals that continue to this day. Convention delegates also voted to incorporate Pi Gamma Mu the following year. Subsequent conventions proved to be equally high-profile events like that of 1928.

The December 29-31, 1930 convention was held at Cleveland, Ohio's famed Winton Hotel at the height of the Great Depression. The delegates approved the seven ideals of Pi Gamma Mu and created the position of general counsel to handle its legal affairs. They also voted to hold conventions every two years beginning in 1931.

Meeting at the Hotel Monteleone of New Orleans for four days in December 1931, the chapter delegates replaced the first Constitution with a set of By-Laws derived from the charter of incorporation. They reorganized the national offices, and elected a board of trustees led by the national president Charles Ellwood of Duke University, then considered "the most distinguished American sociologist." The New Orleans convention voted to petition the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to grant institutional member-

ship and representation to Pi Gamma Mu, which the AAAS approved two weeks later.

In spite of the effects of the Depression, Pi Gamma Mu continued to experience growth in chapters, membership and journal subscription in the 1930s. The late December 1933 convention at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia's finest, was attended "with much fanfare." The annual black tie banquet was begun at this convention. The first foreign chapters (University of Toronto and University of the Philippines) were recognized. And ways to "democratize" the leadership of the Society (e.g., by increasing the number of regions) to encourage greater participation among the chapters and their delegates were discussed. Preparations for Pi Gamma Mu's 10th anniversary were well underway.

Pi Gamma Mu already had 120 active chapters by the time the next biennial convention was held at the Waldorf Astoria of New York City in 1935 (see ad). It proved to be the longest convention ever held (over four days) and featured the most number of plenary speakers led by Mayor Fiorello La Guardia who delivered the keynote address. The executive secretary's biennial report noted that finances were stable and growth in membership "was phenomenal."

The December 1937 convention took place at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hotel, then Atlantic City's most prestigious address. Dr. Ellwood, president since 1931, delivered his farewell speech and a new set of national officers was elected by secret ballot. Dr. S. Howard Patterson of the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and Harvard University's internationally-renowned sociologist Pitirim Sorokin became national president and vice-president, respectively. At this convention, membership eligibility criteria were tightened. The most outstanding chapter program (the forerunner of today's Rolls of Distinction and Merit) was chosen by the trustees for the first time at this convention.

Two more conventions were held before the outbreak of World War II. The 1939 convention returned to the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia. A Society hymn was approved, the accreditation requirements for new chapters were raised, and participation in the golden anniversary of the Pan-American Union in 1940 was planned. The December 1941 convention was held at New York City's Pennsylvania Hotel less than three weeks *after* the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Discussions about the war efforts and how to streamline Pi Gamma Mu operations filled the convention halls. At that convention, the delegates voted to grant the board of trustees the power to suspend future conventions due to the exigencies of war.

The first postwar convention took place in late December 1945 at the Hotel 2400 of Washington D.C. The convention passed measures to restore several prewar chapters that had become inactive, including one chapter (University of the Philippines) whose entire campus virtually perished during its liberation from enemy occupation. Honorary keys were also approved for presentation to war heroes, Generals George C. Marshall, Douglas MacArthur and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Hotel 2400 had by then emerged as a favorite convention venue because of its strategic location. Four successive biennial conventions (1947, 1949, 1951 and 1953) were held there. The 1951 convention transacted regular business but was made memorable by the keynote address of renowned anthropologist Margaret Mead. It was at the 1949 convention that a student was elected to the board of trustees for the first time (as a vice-president). A constitutional amendment passed during the 1955 convention held in Allerton Park, Illinois (a convention facility) that required the election of one "student advisor" to the board of trustees.



The Thirteenth Biennial Convention in 1957 was the first held at a college campus (University of Denver) and in the summer (not anymore at Christmastime!). Like the 1959 convention, the 1961 convention was preoccupied with the financial woes of *Social Science*, the interdisciplinary journal of Pi Gamma Mu, and its editorial leadership. However, the 1961 convention also brought an end (at least for the next 25 years) to national conventions in an era of student activism and social unrest. The delegates, after much floor deliberations, voted to revise the Society's By-Laws and transfer the powers and functions of the convention to the board of trustees.

The current convention set-up came about as a result of the passage of a new Constitution – Pi Gamma Mu's fourth. The 1985 Constitution decreed representative governance and restored the national conventions, but this time on a triennial basis. The first of these took place in Tampa, Florida from November 5-7, 1987. It featured delegate balloting for the international board of trustees and the approval of a well-crafted set of investment policies that in time increased substantially the value of Pi Gamma Mu's portfolio.

The next triennial convention held in Birmingham, Alabama brought in the highest number of delegates since the convention's revival. It also established the format for succeeding fall conventions in 1993 (Omaha, Nebraska), 1996 (San Antonio, Texas), 1999 (Wichita, Kansas), 2002 (Atlanta, Georgia), 2005 (Nashville, Tennessee), and this year's in Atlanta. Balloting for new trustees is

no longer held and the executive secretary's report no longer delivered during a convention. The board of trustees meetings, the traditional chapter roll call, and the keynote address at the plenary session remain. In addition, there are panels for student paper presentations, issue-based workshops, balloting for student representatives, and a variety of social activities that typically include a tour on the last convention day. The more recent conventions have also carried a selected theme.

Pi Gamma Mu's conventions have evidently gone through changes in format, agenda, locale, and timing over the years. These conventions have transacted routine business and also debated the pressing issues of the day. Nonetheless, one thing is certain. A Pi Gamma Mu convention has always been a memorable event worth attending and it will be in Atlanta. We hope to see you all at the five-star Hilton Atlanta Hotel (in photo) this October!



Roger L. Mendoza, Ph.D., secretary,
Pennsylvania Delta chapter (University of Pennsylvania)

CHAPTER NEWS



New members of the Kuwait Alpha chapter

where he was interim chapter sponsor at Texas Wesleyan University one year before moving to Kuwait. He thought PGM was a good match for the university there and contacted headquarters. Drs. Ohan and Mourad Dakhli are the sponsors for this new chapter. Their first initiation ceremony included eleven students and seven faculty members. We welcome this new chapter and their members to PGM.

The Rhode Island Alpha chapter located at **Brown University** is in the process of electing its new members from the ranks of eligible undergraduate and graduate students. The chapter is housed at the Alfred A. Taubman Center for Public Policy, which offers interdisciplinary social science degree programs focusing on various areas of public policy and administration. Rhode Island Alpha is led by a faculty council consisting of Dr. Charisse Gulosino, Dr. Robert Janigian, and Dr. Heather MacIndoe, who are all Pi Gamma Mu members. Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island was founded in 1764, and is an Ivy League university like the University of Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Delta Chapter at the **University of Pennsylvania** held a luncheon meeting (known as the Houston Hall Coffee Hour) for two student paper presentations on February 27, 2008, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Rachel Conrad's presentation on the *Challenges to the Expansion of AIDS Treatment in Sub-Saharan Africa* was based on her senior honors thesis and fieldwork in Botswana. She found that simplified treatment protocols, in contrast to more elaborate, western-based protocols, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of HAART (Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapy) programs in developing regions like Sub-

The Kuwait Alpha chapter of Pi Gamma Mu is the first academic honor society to be organized at the **American University of Kuwait**. Dr. Christopher Ohan is originally from Texas

Saharan Africa, where AIDs is most prevalent and their healthcare infrastructure is highly challenged. Thomas Hou's paper, *Our Towne House: The Old State House, Social Memory, and the Limits of Agency*, dealt with the impact of individual and collective memories on historic preservation initiatives, particularly of the Old State House in Boston. He noted that collective memories, over time and populace, are a more powerful vehicle for historic preservation and change. Rachel Conrad and Thomas Hou, who were inducted into Pi Gamma Mu in 2007, were presented with certificates of appreciation by Dr. Henry Teune, chapter president, and Dr. Roger Mendoza, chapter secretary. The Houston Hall Coffee Hour was initiated in 1932 by former chapter president, Dr. Wilbur C. Plummer. It seeks to promote interdisciplinary scholarship and cooperation in the social sciences by offering a forum for student members to present their finished and partially completed research papers, and obtain feedback from chapter faculty representing the various social science disciplines.



The chapter's Kuznets Fellowship Hour had for its speaker on March 28, 2008 Pi Gamma Mu member, Dr. Theodore G. Schurr (left), a biological anthropologist and Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Schurr delivered an excellent Powerpoint presentation on *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Studying Human Nature in Biological Anthropology*. The regular luncheon meeting is named in honor of Simon Kuznets (Nobel Prize in Economics, 1971), a Pi Gamma Mu member who also served on the chapter's Executive Committee in the 1940s.

Two weeks later, on April 9, 2008, the Pennsylvania Delta chapter held its annual Edward B. Shils Memorial Lecture (photo on page six) named in honor of the chapter's longest-serving president (1959-2000). Dr. Michael X. Delli Carpini, Dean and Professor, Annenberg School of Communication, delivered the lecture, *Crossing Boundaries: Political Science, Communication, and Interdisciplinarity*. Citing his interdisciplinary work in the field of mass communication, Dean Delli Carpini stressed that a social science discipline offers tools of academic specialization but should also contribute to, and benefit from, the theories, meth-

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ods, and insights of other disciplines in addressing problems and challenges in human society.

During the Orientation for New Pi Gamma Mu Members held by the chapter on the same day, the Charter officially establishing Pi Gamma Mu at the University of Pennsylvania on June 1, 1927 was returned by the family of former chapter president Dr. Edward Shils. His widow, Mrs. Shirley Shils, and daughter Nancy, both Penn alumni, presented the Charter in its original frame to the chapter officers (photos below). A formal candlelight Initiation Ceremony is scheduled for April 27, 2008 at Houston Hall.



Mrs. Shirley Shils and daughter Nancy Shils (right and far right) present the 1927 charter, missing for seven years, to chapter officers (L-R) Dr. Roger Mendoza, Dr. Jacqueline Mancall, Dr. Henry Teune, and Dean Michael Delli Carpini.

May 2008. The chapter will also be co-hosting a President's Lecture with Dr. Daniel Pinello, Professor of Government, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (NY). The lecture will be held on March 20, 2008 and the turn out is expected to be tremendous. Dr. Pinello's lecture is entitled "Legislative Versus Judicial Strategies for Social Change: The Case of Same-Sex Marriage."

The officers for Vermont Alpha Chapter, 2007-2008 are: President: Dr. Richard Gregory Johnson, III, Vice President: Dr. George S. Leibowitz, Secretary: Dr. Eflada P. Tolentino, Treasurer: Dr. Ted Tighe, Graduate and Faculty Recruitment Officer: Dr. Yolanda Flores, Undergraduate Recruitment Officer: Dr. Donna Ramirez-Harrington."

In observance of the 75th anniversary of its founding, the Philippine Alpha chapter at the **University of The Philippines** has been sponsoring its year-long, Diamond Jubilee Lecture Series covering various social science issues. The most recent of these lectures were delivered by two professors of mass commu-

nications. On January 18, 2008, Dr. Cesar M. Mercado, former Philippine Alpha chapter vice-president, delivered a lecture on the "The Development of Social Technologies." On February 7, 2008, Professor Danny Arao, also a PGM member, lectured on "Notes on El Renacimiento and the Great White Fleet." Earlier Diamond Jubilee lectures by prominent Pi Gamma Mu members included those



PGM Governor of the Philippines Dr. Ofelia Angangco with Dr. Jose David Lapuz (PGM 1964)

of Professor Jose David Lapuz, political scientist and UNESCO commissioner, on international relations held at the Faculty Center on July 19, 2007 (see photo); Dr. Gelia T. Castillo, National Scientist and leading rural sociologist, on "Finding People in Non-People Events: The Task of the Social Scientist," held on September 25, 2007; and Dr. Amaryllis T. Torres, dean of the College of Social Work and Community Development, on "Community Development: Building and Re-Building Lives" held on November 19, 2007. The Philippine Alpha chapter was chartered in May 1932 by W. Leon Godshall and prominent social scientists led by Dean Conrado Benitez, founding president, and Senator Ludovico Hidrosollo, first governor of the Philippine province of Pi Gamma Mu.



Dr. Friedman, second from left, with other honor societies' representatives presenting the check for \$2,000.

The 11 participating honor societies at **North Georgia College and State University**, at their recent banquet, donated \$2,000 to the United Way for Lumpkin County and the Healthy Lumpkin Community Partnership in order to activate the new 2-1-1 telephone service in the county. The \$2,000 donation will completely subsidize the process of linking the county's telephone exchanges to the 2-1-1 line. A person who calls 2-1-1 will

talk to an agent who will help the person make contact with a community agency that can help her with chronic-health problems, urgent needs pertaining to food and shelter, or a similar situation. Their donation has made it inevitable that the new 2-1-1 line will go into service on July 7. It's very exciting that the Pi Gamma Mu chapter was able to make a donation to this worthy cause, and to know they have made a significant contribution to their surrounding community.