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To All Alumni Members of Phi Chi Theta:

Greetings and welcome to what I hope will be another exciting and successful year for Phi Chi Theta. We had so many wonderful successes last year that I hope to repeat this year.

Last year we hosted three successful regional meetings with both record numbers of attendees and participation. We installed three new collegiate chapters. We presented 38 performance awards, three Chapter Growth Awards and the Executive Director's Award. We are looking forward to presenting even more awards this year at the 2010 National Chapter Meeting in Orlando, FL.

Our focus this year will be finalizing plans for the 2010 National Chapter Meeting and completing all chapter visitations. We will continue the level of communications coming from the National Office to include two issues of the IRIS and National Executive Council Newsletters. We will continue to reach out to our alumni. As many of you are aware, we recently reached out to several alumni to participate as speakers at the 2010 National Chapter Meeting. We will continue to work on several expansion opportunities. Finally, we will work to release additional reference tools for chapter use.

When I started my term as president, I wanted to reconnect with our alumni. I have made several efforts to reach out to you and keep you informed about Phi Chi Theta. I hope you have found this information useful. I am also hoping that you may want to reconnect with us and get involved on a more formal basis. We have alumni chapters in several major cities and are about to install the Detroit Alumni Chapter. Each one would benefit by additional members. Please consider adding your name to the roster of any of these fine chapters. You can see a complete list of our alumni chapters at www.phichitheta.org. You can also become an active alumni-at-large. Remember any national dues paid by an alumni member can be claimed as reimbursement to support alumni chapter activities or to pay for national meeting registration fees through the Alumni Activity Reimbursement Program. So if you pay dues and host an alumni event with your chapter or attend a national meeting, you can get your dues back. See the attached form for more information. There are also a number of roles you can serve at both the regional and national levels. Please contact me at president@phichitheta.org if you would like to discuss these opportunities.

Finally, you may not be aware but several years ago we reinstated a life membership option. This is a great way to stretch your dues dollars. I became a life member back in 1993. I have saved more than a few dollars in the last 16 years. It was one of my best investments and it continues to pay dividends.

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Gary Hodge
National President
Life Member

