



*A Message From the President:*

Dear Pennsylvania PBL:

On behalf of the State Executive Council, I would like to thank California University of Pennsylvania PBL for hosting the sixth annual State Fall Organization Orientation. Another thank you goes to all those who attended for your active participation and great ideas!

The State Officers attended the FBLA State Leadership Workshop in State College, your Vice President Holly Schoch was able to bring greetings from PA-PBL and myself, Holly and Michelle Hovanetz had the opportunity to present a workshop to PA-FBLA members about all Phi Beta Lambda has to offer.

Congratulations to all the PA-PBL members who attended the National Fall Leadership Conference in Baltimore, Maryland! Pennsylvania PBL took home an award for the most PBL attendees at the conference. Indiana University of Pennsylvania won an award for having the largest PBL chapter membership at the conference.

Finally, as the holidays approach, don't forget to remember those less fortunate people that could benefit greatly from your chapter organizing a service activity. It's a great time to make a difference by giving back to your community!

Thank you for all the wonderful work you're doing, and keep it up!

Sincerely,  
*Lisa Beers*  
State President  
Pennsylvania PBL

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**National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC) 2009**

On the weekend of November 6-7th, the state officer team along with some state members attended the NFLC in Baltimore, MD. We had a great time and enjoyed some fantastic speakers and workshops, while taking advantage of all the fun Inner Harbor has to offer. We hope to see even more members in attendance next year!



## State Fall Organization Orientation (SFOO) 2009

By: Meghan McCarthy, IUP PBL

While most university students are catching up on much needed shut eye, others are holding planning sessions to generate ideas for successful organizational leadership and professionalism.

Students from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda attended the Pennsylvania PBL State Fall Leadership Conference held on Saturday, Oct. 17, at California University of Pennsylvania, California, Pa. The group travelled to join other Pennsylvania PBL chapters in a discussion about Pennsylvania PBL. Main topics of discussion were membership, corporate sponsorship, volunteerism, professional development, and goals for the upcoming year.

After a breakfast (compliments of Cal. U.) and a short dance party provided by IUP, the meeting proceeded with roundtable introductions and a favorite ice-breaker, "Two Truths and A Lie."

It was all business from there as Lisa Beers, PA PBL President, began the orientation by providing some general infor-

mation about important PBL dates, scholarships, opportunities to write for the e-newsletter, and corporate sponsorships. Beers also led students on a verbal tour of the PA PBL website and suggested students check out the job bank menu. PA PBL Treasurer, Charles DeCarlo, took the opportunity during this time to explain CMAP and encourage all the chapters to consider actively competing in the PBL Chapter Challenge competition.

After a complimentary boxed lunch, the meeting resumed with discussions of the National PBL service projects: March of Dimes, Habitat for Humanity, and the Ronald McDonald House. Questions were fielded by Executive Council members, concerning Habitat for Humanity and Ronald McDonald House. All chapters present—IUP, Cal. U., Duquesne, and Bloomsburg—hoped that volunteering could develop into a social event to encourage networking between local chapters.

To facilitate such networking, Beers opened the forum for

questions. Cal. U. and Duquesne took advantage of the opportunity asking the IUP and Bloomsburg chapters about successful strategies to increase membership and improve internal operations. IUP PBL Officers said to improve quality, certain standards should be made regarding structure. IUP also suggested using incentives to increase membership and creating a gmail account to improve intraorganizational communications.

Overall, PBL chapters were pleased with the meetings results and are looking forward to accomplishing this year's goals.

"The State Fall Organization Orientation held at Cal. U. was a great learning experience," said Shane Slagle, IUP PBL Chapter Treasurer. "The people from Cal. U. were excellent hosts and those of us from IUP were happy to share our methods of structure and organization."

The meeting concluded with a walking tour of the Cal. U. campus and a visit to the university store.

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***View photos from SFOO  
on the next page!***

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## SFOO 2009

at California University of Pennsylvania



Be sure to join us next year!

## Indiana University of Pennsylvania

By: Selina Kim, IUP PBL

Indiana University of Pennsylvania's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda makes a great effort to help out the community through volunteer work. Recently, many activities were organized to give members an opportunity to gain community service hours. Phi Beta Lambda participates in collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, non-perishable food, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer for the Alice Paul House, and also bottle caps for a child diagnosed with cancer. We have also made a trip to the Humane Society and volunteered hours with walking dogs, playing with cats, and cleaning cages. The year has only started and yet PBL is making a prodigious effort in staying involved with the community. It is most definite that Phi Beta Lambda will continue its committed hard work through the whole year.



Members participating in a diabetes walk at the Pittsburg Zoo



Humane Society volunteers

## Philadelphia Cares Day

By: Aneesh Rikhi, Drexel University PBL



On Saturday October 17, members of the Drexel University Phi Beta Lambda chapter had participated in Philadelphia Cares Day. This was a wonderful opportunity for members to help make a difference to the city of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Cares Day occurs once a year. Hundreds of volunteers travel to different schools, and recreation



centers to paint classrooms, clear trash, or plant mums. The purpose of this event is to help school children to live and learn in a better environment.

The Drexel University had volunteered at the Academy at Palumbo School in South Philadelphia. Members had cleaned up classrooms by clearing the trash, vacuuming, and



dusting. We were helped by several students from the academy, who also volunteered to clean up. After 5 hours of work, we were able to clean up 4 classrooms. Thanks to our members of the Drexel Chapter and the students of Academy at Palumbo, we were able to make the school a better place for the students.

## Calendar of Events

<b>January 10, 2010</b>	SEC Meeting Location TBA
<b>February 20, 2010</b>	SEC Meeting Location TBA
<b>March 27, 2010</b>	SEC Meeting at Harrisburg Holiday Inn East
<b>April 9-11, 2010</b>	State Leadership Conference at Harrisburg Holiday Inn East
<b>June 9-12, 2010</b>	National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN

Please contact a member of the SEC if your chapter is interested in hosting either the January or February SEC meetings. They are open for any member to attend, and provide a fun and interesting way to get involved with PBL on the state level.

# STATE PROJECTS

Get Involved!

## March of Dimes

Each year, Phi Beta Lambda teams up with the March of Dimes in order to earn money for the treatment of premature babies and the development of new medicine and technologies in order to save lives. Thousands of babies are saved each year through the March of Dimes, and it is

our pleasure to help contribute to such a wonderful cause. We encourage each chapter to hold walks and fundraisers for the March of Dimes. Anyone with ideas to help raise money for this cause, or general interest, should contact [mhovanetz@papbl.org](mailto:mhovanetz@papbl.org). Be sure to visit

[www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com) for more information.



“Every good act is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.”

- Moliere



## Habitat For Humanity

This year, Pennsylvania Phi Beta Lambda will again be working with Habitat for Humanity. We have some new help out dates scheduled for February and March! Contact Lisa Beers if interested. Keep a look out for more volunteer dates on both the website, and in future E-News issues. Visit [www.habitat.com](http://www.habitat.com) for more info.

## Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House is our new state project, which will be taking place of Alex's Lemonade Stand this year. Ronald McDonald House Charities provide low cost or no cost housing to the families of hospitalized children. The very first Ronald McDonald House was opened right here in

Pennsylvania in 1974. There are now 271 houses across the world. Start saving your can tabs! We will be having a competition at the SLC this year to see which school can collect the most.

**KEEP  
SAVING!**



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## Submit Your Success Story!

We encourage any and all members to submit an article and/or picture to be featured in the E-News. Let all the other chapters learn about how your chapter gets involved!

Submit to: [mhovanetz@papbl.org](mailto:mhovanetz@papbl.org)

### **Submission Deadlines:**

January 1, 2009

March 1, 2010