



Phi Beta Lambda Newsletter

Spring 2010

Greetings from you Georgia PBL President



Rose Grant, Georgia PBL President

Greetings Georgia Phi Beta Lambda! The year has gone and my time as your State President has come to an end. I must say it was an honor to serve as your Georgia PBL State President. I have learned and grown from this experience. I've met wonderful people and I pray that God continues to bless each and every one of you. Being a part of an amazing organization is a life-changing experience for me, just knowing that we're the oldest organization and still standing strong. To the Georgia State Executive Committee—you guys are awesome! Keep doing what you're doing for GA PBL. To the new officers who will be elected at our state conference, I know you will do a fantastic job this year.

This is not a good bye, it's just see you next time because you never know what may be around the corner of life. I wish you all good luck in your state competitions and you know Georgia PBL will be "Kicking it up in Nashville, TN" in July!

Rose M. Grant
GA PBL President



GEORGIA PBL—KICKING IT UP IN NASHVILLE!

2010 National Leadership Conference

**Gaylord Opryland Resort
and Convention Center
Nashville, Tennessee**

July 9-12, 2010



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- I believe education is the right of every person.
- I believe the future depends on mutual understanding and cooperation among business, industry, labor, religious, family, and educational institutions, as well as people around the world. I agree to do my utmost to bring about understanding and cooperation among all of these groups.
- I believe every person should prepare for a useful occupation and carry on that occupation in a manner that brings the greatest good to the greatest number.
- I believe every person should actively work toward improving social, political, community, and family life.
- I believe every person has the right to earn a living at a useful occupation.
- I believe every person should take responsibility for carrying out assigned tasks in a manner that brings credit to self, associates, school, and community.
- I believe I have the responsibility to work efficiently and to think clearly.
- I promise to use my abilities to make the world a better place for everyone.

Make Babies YOUR Business!

When you walk in March for Babies, you give hope to the more than half a million babies born too soon each year. The money you raise supports programs in your community that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. And it funds research to find answers to the problems that threaten our babies. We've been walking since 1970 and have raised an incredible \$1.8 billion to benefit all babies. The March of Dimes spends 76¢ of every dollar you raise in March for Babies to support research and programs that help babies begin healthy lives. Help us get the word out about March for Babies and promote your own walk or team online and offline.

Thank you Phi Beta Lambda, and let's continue to do our part in helping with the March of Dimes.

Each year Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda sponsors the March of Dimes Foundation in support of its mission to save the lives of premature babies.

Please host a March of Dimes event at your local college. For more information about the March of Dimes please visit www.marchofdimes.com



Farewell from Your Georgia PBL Vice President

Becoming a member, local officer, and state officer for Phi Beta Lambda has been the best thing that has happened to me. It has enhanced my training and learning ability a great deal. Two years ago I would never have stood up in front of over 300 people and spoke. It scared me to death. But with the training, encouragement, and the help from others, I was able to stand on the stage in front of others and speak. I also learned that if you stay within your comfort zone, you will not move ahead. You need to get out there and take a chance. It is alright to be afraid to try something new. You overcome it by doing it. Just jump right in! I did and look at how I grew. Never be afraid to try something new. You never know what doors will open just because you moved forward and took that chance.

I would not trade these moments for anything. As I approach the end of my term, I want to thank everyone for giving me this chance to be your Vice President and the wonderful opportunity to meet many of you. As the new officers come in, let us give them a little encouragement and support. This is a new experience and we don't know everything. We are learning as we go. Giving a little advice, encouragement, ideas, and your support helps in more ways than you can imagine.

Thank you PBL family for being my building block in my life!



Rhonda Hale
Georgia PBL Vice President

Phi Beta Lambda State Reporter Says Farewell



Antonia Smith-Lindjeck
Georgia PBL Reporter

It has been an extreme pleasure to serve as your state reporter. I am truly thankful and appreciative for this opportunity. I have learned many things along the way, meet many caring and loving people, and I have truly been fulfilled. Being a state officer has made me humble, personable, and professional. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization of character, ethics, and quality. Being apart of PBL has allowed me to make my mark within my school, community, and in my profession. I am proud to be apart of such a positive organization. I thank you, and wish you all well in your future endeavors!



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Roll Call

Atlanta Technical College Phi Beta Lambda Inducts Officers, Members

The Phi Beta Lambda Installation of officer and new members ceremony was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Guest speaker for the event was Mr. Michael Burnside, director of Atlanta Technical College Career Placement Center. Presiding over the installation was Ms. Derashay Worthen. A poem was written and read by Bernita Diawara, Historian of PBL Chapter 9720 at Atlanta Tech.

The members of Chapter 9720 thanked Mr. Bobby Sutton, lead advisor, for doing all that he could to make this day a great success for our chapter. Also special thanks goes out to Mrs. Jeanette Miller and Ms. Shunda Ware for checking to make sure everything was in order. The club also thanked the Atlanta Tech Culinary Arts Department for refreshments and “for putting the topping on our cake!”



From left to right: Bernita Diawara, historian; Kenneth Mathis, parliamentarian; Felicia Ruffin, Secretary; Naeriyah Jo'An Daniel-Dyer, president; Ashley Stokes, treasurer; Lakeisha Price, vice president. Not pictured is Mary Eady, reporter.

MGTC Phi Beta Lambda Club Donates to the March of Dimes

The Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) student organization at Middle Georgia Technical College in Warner Robins recently made a \$100 donation to the March of Dimes. Jennifer Simmons, community director for the South Georgia Division, accepted the gift from the students.

Students in the club raise money each quarter through pasta sales and a portion of the proceeds go toward supporting the March of Dimes. The Xi Alpha Nu chapter of PBL at MGTC already donated \$325 to the organization over the current school year. This donation raises the total to \$425.

“We are proud to support the March of Dimes and their mission,” said Janet Kelly, MGTC Phi Beta Lambda club advisor. “By hosting pasta sales each quarter, all of our members are able to take part and help raise money to donate to the March of Dimes. We also look for other opportunities to support the organization throughout the year, such as the Houston County March for Babies.”



MGTC PBL Students Win Big at District

Students in the Phi Beta Lambda student organization at Middle Georgia Technical College recently participated in the South District competition at Columbus Technical College. The group of 14 students participating came home with 17 awards and will now head to the State Competition in Atlanta in April.

Students participating in the District competition included Keith Bennett of Warner Robins, first place in Impromptu Speaking and first place in Project Management; Dale Tressler, of Warner Robins, first place in Parliamentary Procedure and first place in Business Decision Making; Kristian Manley, of Warner Robins, first place in Economic



Analysis and Decision Making; Antonia Smith-Lindjeck of Montezuma, first place in Future Business Teacher and second place in Future Business Executive; Marty Anderson of Warner Robins, third place in Management Analysis and Decision Making; Kristie Kunkel of Warner Robins, first place in Management Analysis and Decision Making; Forrest Duston of Warner Robins, first place in Statistical Analysis; Jonathan Harris of Warner Robins, second place in Statistical Analysis; Richard "Vic" Vickery of Byron, first place in International Business; Tremayne Heckel of Perry, second place in Sports Management and third place in Business Presentation; and Rhonda Lester of Perry, first place in Financial Services.

Duston also teamed with Sam Waterman of Barnesville for fourth place in Battle of the Chapters event. By placing in the top five for Battle of the Chapters at District, the team is now eligible to compete in the event at State.

Other students attending the event were Heather Stinson and Kenchedia Williams. PBL Advisors Janet Kelly and Kelly Icard accompanied the students to the event.

SGTC Phi Beta Lambda Collects Rice for Haiti



South Georgia Technical College's, Americus; Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) recently collected rice to assist in the relief efforts in Haiti. This event was in collaboration with the Early College Program at Georgia Southwestern State University. SGTC's PBL collected over 500 lbs. of rice.

SGTC's student Carolyn Collier is credited with the idea of starting the rice collection. Collier has volunteered in the PBL events and activities in the last few years. She has volunteered her time and ideas.

"When students and members give their ideas and suggestions we work toward using them in the planning of events and activities. We want to collect as many

of them as we can and we give them recognition, when we use them, for their ideas and suggestions either by writing articles, newsletters, or placing a recognition piece in the display board on the second floor of the Odom building at SGTC," said PBL President Rhonda Hale.



Have a Great Year!

From the Quill of Your State Secretary



John Passmore, Jr.,
Georgia PBL Secretary

Greetings and Salutations! As I began writing this valediction, I thought of one thing, "It was all worth it." After spending countless hours of preparation for conferences, PBL Week, March of Dimes, and all of the other activities of PBL, I now know that it has all been worth it. I have become a better person because of Phi Beta Lambda. I have become more of a leader. I have become more a people person. Many of you think personal relation skills come naturally; however, I beg to differ. After working with members on a local and state level, I have gained experience in that area that is next to none.

To the state executive committee, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve the members of Phi Beta Lambda. It has been a pleasure meeting each of you and working with you. Once again, thank you for the opportunity.

To my local advisers, Theresa West and Katina Bell, thank you for your continued guidance throughout my time at Albany Technical College. The lessons I have learned from each of you will never be forgotten and are lessons I will treasure for the rest of my life. Thank you for all you do to make Phi Beta Lambda the best organization for any student in Georgia!

To my fellow members, I would like to say thank you all for the opportunity to serve you, and I look forward to seeing the organization continue to grow as a result of all of our hard work and dedication. I wish each and everyone Godspeed in their events this weekend! As always, thank you for all you do to make PBL, "Simply the Best!" Until the next meeting, farewell.

From the desk of the Georgia PBL Historian

Good Day Phi Beta Lambda! I have come to the end of the road as your state Historian. I can most definitely say that it has been an awarding experience. I have learned and grown so much as your state officer. The opportunities I have had to meet and network with great people within this organization has been astonishing. I will take with me all the memorable encounters that I have had being your March of Dimes cheerleader as well.

I would like to thank all those that allowed me to be myself, and to do what I love to do best spread cheer. I also would like to say a great big thank you to the executive committee for their encouragement and all the loving advice I have received. To the entire PBL family thank you for opening your arms wide open and receiving me as well...you are Simply the Best!!!! (No other words are better suited).

I encourage everyone to continue the fabulous job they have been doing with March of Dimes!!! Keep raising money for this worthy cause...like I often say "We're doing it for the BABIES!!!"

Once again thank you and you will forever be in my heart!



Nakia Nixon
Georgia PBL Historian

Georgia PBL Calendar

Apr. 9-11	State Conference (no competitive events changes on site)–Atlanta, GA
April 24	State Executive Board Meeting -- Warner Robins, GA
May 1	NLC Intern application receipt deadline to Nationals
May 14	Receipt deadline to Nationals for all NLC prejudged materials, competitor entries, and state forms; Business person of the year nominations; PBL NLC and IFL Early Bird registration; March of Dimes Mission LIFT report; and National Office Candidate applications
May 21	All NLC competitive events computer production tests receipt deadline to Nationals
May 28-30	Lake Blackshear Officers Training
June 4	NLC Local Voting Delegates registration receipt deadline and deadline for NLC competitive event changes
July 8-9	Institute for Leaders -- Nashville, TN
July 9-12	National Leadership Conference -- Nashville, TN