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Recent Chi Chapter  
highlights

# leader

8:00PM – Initiation in one of the CS rooms

by Angela Park

APO actives are gathered inside on a peaceful night. Some are standing; some are already seated. Latecomers stroll in one by one. Conversations spread and fill the room. There is an undeniable feeling of nostalgia and excitement in the air. New pledges! They are almost here. 5 minutes become 2, then 1, then none. The ritual now begins. In the silence and darkness, the room lit by the dimmest orange candlelight. Close your eyes! The PAC admonishes, as pledges squeeze their hands tighter and lower their heads even lower. The chain of pledges shuffles in as one unit. Then section-by-section they fill in the aisles of seats as they are quietly watched over by guarding actives. President Ng speaks, one by one, each ExComm member unwraps the history of APO. Who sponsors these pledges? President Ng shouts. We sponsor these pledges! The active body yells back. In the calm of a Sunday night, actives welcome in the new pledge class; each one handing over the symbolic pin to the fresh faces before them. A small gesture it seems to the pledges, but the pinning is our pledge to them. The past class(es) become the foundation for the new class; Each and every active now a part of the legacy that is APO Chi chapter. Welcome back actives, it's good to see you again.

Finally, Welcome home pledges. Let's have a great quarter.



# ship

# friendship

by Tim Vanco

This week's friendship highlight is giving a special shoutout to John Oriola. This Brother has shown what it means to be a friend when he kindly made a series of creative boba drinks for the participants of the Coco's Reunion and Chill Fellowship. His drinks were delicious and were made without charge because John said he enjoys trying new drink combinations for fun. Even though he was not officially signed up for the event, John tried to keep his fellow Brothers company and make conversation while he was on duty at work. He exemplifies what friendship is supposed to be within Brotherhood.





This past Sunday, brothers of our fraternity volunteered in Santa Monica for an Alzheimer's walk. Though it was very early morning (5:00 am call time) and most of us had attended campout the previous night, we all got to bond on an intimate level since we were all exhausted and there was only a small group of us. The people in charge were not ready for volunteers when we got there, so we got to eat at McDonalds and mingle amongst ourselves (friendship!). Tasks included holding up signs, assisting check-in, and managing traffic! it was surely an experience we won't forget. We definitely got closer as brothers all while helping a cause.

By  
Koby  
Otsuka



# service