

Inspiración

SIA's

Springing Into Action

2008

We have also hosted and attended various community service initiatives. starting in February and ending in June.

On Sunday, February 24th we hosted a community service event in which we invited the LI Region Chapters, their candidates and interests, the Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter, and members of Phi Iota Alpha, Inc to a Non-for-profit dance studio in

Ronkonkoma , LI named Ballet Long Island, where Yari DeLeón's (H. Espirituósa) daughter attends. This dance studio is owned and operated by a woman who serves the community by standing by her mission to make dance affordable for everyone. This dance center also offer a wide array of job internships as well as 150 scholarships to children ranging from 7 years old and older who cannot afford to attain their dream of becoming a dancer. We painted all the studio rooms, the main lobby and our hermana Johanna Andino (H. Acacia) from our Beta Chapter painted a ballet slipper mural on their windows. Yari

's company Kidz Connection donated the paint and tprovided lunch for all of the volunteers.

The dance studio Director Debra Punzi stated “The dance studio looks awesome and the students where so excited when they came in from their winter break to see the studio all painted and loved the mural. Thank you for your dedication to the studio and we will be eternally grateful for all that your sisters and their friends gave to the dance center."

Gamma Epsilon members and two of their daughters Karisma and Maia, Gamma Gamma, Beta, Theta, Zeta and students from the Dance Studio

On March 7, 2008 when our Founder Norma Porrás-Reyes, Yari DeLeón, our Honorary Member Lynda Perdomo-Ayala and the Beta Chapter participated for the 6th year in a row in the La Vision Conference-"Si Se Puede/Yes We Can". We were involved as Workshop Facilitators and Campus Tour Guides for Junior and Seniors of all Long Island High Schools at

Brook

University ; this was hosted by the National Association of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Social Workers. "I look forward every year to this conference. I love being the facilitator of the "Quien Soy Yo/Who am I" workshop with Norma. It's wonderful to have 60+ students attend your workshop and leave with the feeling that "Si Se Puede/Yes I can" go to college and be proud of who I am and my culture and not have to compromise it for my future - I LOVE IT!" says, Yari DeLeón

On Saturday morning March 8th we participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge - SIA

's "Freezin

' for a Reason". Participation was also seen by the LI Region's Undergraduate chapters which honored SIA's National Day of Community Service and SIA

's Blue Ribbon Campaign for Special Olympics.

SIA's Freezin For A Reason

On April 27th we volunteered in the March for Babies – the new name for the March of Dimes/Walk America at

Eisenhower

Park in

East Medow , NY. We handed refreshments and encouragement to the walkers at a check point once again with our fellow Veteran Marines.

Diane and Connie with Graduate Chapter Candidates on a Rainy day at March of Dimes - Walk for Babies Walk-a-thon on a Rainy Day!

On May 4, 2007 we also walked with the BETA Chapter in the MS Walk in honor of Hermana Dulce's mother Maria Nieve, at

Belmont

Lake

State Park in

Babylon, NY . We raised \$500 towards the cause.