

## ACHS Adviser Grant for a Social Responsibility Project

Habitat for Humanity Event  
Sigma Delta Pi - Eta Upsilon  
Illinois State University

This spring semester, our chapter (Eta Upsilon) received a grant for social responsibility and we chose to complete this by working with the national French honor society on campus, Pi Delta Phi. The President of our chapter, Lydia Hernandez, and Vice President, Kelsey Kuzniewski, attended a few meetings with the Pi Delta Phi group and worked closely with the president of the chapter, Sarah Brock, a French education major at Illinois State University, and their club's faculty sponsor, Laura Edwards, a professor of Italian and French at Illinois State. Sarah and Kelsey contacted Sarah Franzen, a representative for Habitat in Bloomington-Normal, and set up the event with them to work on painting sheds in the area. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, a group of about 10 members from Sigma Delta Pi and from Pi Delta Phi, as well as the faculty sponsors, went to work painting sheds for local families that would be moving into the area, thus fulfilling the requirement of social responsibility. Working with Habitat for Humanity also provided an opportunity for the campus to explore and promote the Seven Wonders of the Socially Responsible World. We were able to promote the project to others in the foreign language group via the many bulletin boards and the running newsfeed in the foreign language building. Our goal was to promote the purpose of Prosperity, which is one of the Seven Wonders of the Socially Responsible World in that it would be able to provide safe shelter for these families, as well as allow them to take care of other needs and be a part of the community, which was fulfilled by our actions in this project. The event was a success and everyone from the group felt that they had done a great service to our local community. Through this event, we were able to encourage our members, as well as other students and faculty of Illinois State University to reach out to those in our community.



**Fundraising Event - Arbor Day. Planting Languages Roots – April, 2013**

Sigma Delta Pi and Pi Delta Phi enjoyed working together in the Leadership Project Grant that both executive boards decided to have another joint event. This time the societies ask for donations from the faculty member of Spanish and French and purchased 10 trees from the Arbor Day Foundation. Both organizations decided to plant the trees at Benjamin Elem. School. This elementary school is only three years old and lacking shade for students. The future plan of both societies is to visit the trees every year on Arbor Day and record the growth of the “knowledge trees.”

