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#### Brothers,

This is the time for each of us to achieve our own personal best. No matter where we are in our own journey, Phi Psi's challenge ourselves to excel and improve. It's what we have in common.

Many of us are still in our college chapters. Others of us are creating our families and careers. Some of us are finding where we can make a difference. There are those have reached a level of personal satisfaction with the life they lead.

What we all share is the values of Phi Kappa Psi. As Letterman and Moore declared, "The great joy of serving others." And our Phi Psi Creed, "I believe that I am honor bound to strengthen my character and deepen my integrity;"

What we all seek is to be the best person we can be. In whatever we do, we strive for our personal best. It's a competition against ourselves. What is your personal best in your life? Where can you challenge yourself to go further?

In this edition of The Shield, you'll see some amazing stories of Phi Psi's that consistently go for their personal best, always seeking to be better at whatever they do. See if their stories inspire you to seek your personal best.

In June, we are hosting a new format for the Woodrow Wilson Leadership School. Over 560 Phi Psi undergraduates and alumni advisors will gather in Omaha, Nebraska, to build a plan for their chapter's personal best year. We'll also enjoy a fabulous brotherhood event amid the College World Series.

Phi Psi is raising the bar for each of our chapter's performance. We expect Phi Psi to be relevant on every campus we are located. We expect to be in the top 25% of the IFC at each campus in both chapter size and chapter GPA.

I invite you to achieve your personal best in your life. This may be with you family, your career, your faith or your health. For others, it may be time to get involved with your local Phi Psi chapter as an Alumni Advisor. And for the undergraduates, it may be time to lead your chapter to new heights.

Whatever your personal best, set yourself a goal and leap into your future.

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#### "I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR DESTINY WILL BE, BUT ONE THING I DO KNOW: THE ONLY ONES AMONG YOU WHO WILL BE REALLY HAPPY Are those who have sought and found how to serve."

— Albert Schweitzer

Our chapters have been busy over this school year making a difference in communities around the country. While the Phi Psi experience is supposed to cultivate a desire for one to be more philanthropic, the largest benefit of Fraternity membership is having a group with which to tackle charitable projects. Power in numbers is sometimes never greater than when it comes to service. Just ask these three chapters:



#### California Gamma (Cal) - Berkeley's Star

Capitalizing on the nationwide sensation of singing competition shows like "American Idol" and "The Voice," our men at Cal have taken the competition to the students. Highly organized and widely popular, Berkeley's Star is the first and only singing competition held for UC Berkeley students in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland.

The event brings together some of the most talented singers and rappers on campus, selected through a series of exciting and comprehensive auditions, for a night of truly electrifying performances. The top individuals selected each year compete at a Live Show, alongside guest performances from a panel of judges and upcoming talent in the entertainment industry. (Past performers and judges have included Lauren Weintraub, Sam Watters and Sean Kingston)

At the end of the night the judges and the audience select the newest Berkeley's Star. Last fall, Berkeley's Star and Phi Kappa Psi raised over \$20,000 in support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland!

"To me, Phi Psi is a place where brothers come together to better their community while helping each other through their struggles and celebrating their triumphs," said Brent Freed *Cal '14*, who serves as both the chapter's VGP and Chairman of Berkeley's Star. "With that vision in mind, I was inspired to create the first campus-wide philanthropy event organized by a fraternity at UC Berkeley in recent memory. The singing competition was created to connect with everyone in our very large and diverse campus."

The 2014 event was such a success, there is no doubt the competition and fundraising will only grow moving forward. The event has generated strong interest from sponsors and, after a very talented top 12 students competed for the ultimate prize, there is certain to be a new crop of students looking to audition online in advance of the 2015 competition.

"Berkeley's Star was more than a singing competition," Freed added. "It was a Fraternity working endlessly to put on a massive production for the school while raising money for charity. From our computer science majors working on the website, to our engineers building the set, to our business majors working on the marketing and financing, every brother contributed his talents toward our event. Our event was open to everyone, and it reached out to thousands of students who knew nothing about Phi Psi or what our brothers were capable of organizing."



The 2014 winner of Berkeley's Star was Grant Genske



#### Ohio Lambda (Miami) – Thanksgiving Dinner Delivery

Serving around the holidays is something that many of us do, and for the men of Ohio Lambda, getting involved with those in need was something the chapter took very seriously last fall. The chapter organized the delivery of Thanksgiving dinners to four Oxford families, in attempt to give these families a helping hand for Thanksgiving.

Invitations for these dinners were extended to individuals who have successfully obtained employment after participating in the Family Resource Center's Oxford Works program. Many of these individuals had just become employed or had recently found full-time work, and were getting on their feet.

#### Alabama Alpha (Alabama) – Alabama Dance Marathon

Over the past seven months, Derrick Swearingen *Alabama '15* and the Alabama Alpha Chapter have made a concerted effort to fully understand the value of "The Great Joy of Serving Others." In August of 2014, Phi Kappa Psi became involved with the University of Alabama's Dance Marathon (UADM). The year-long fundraising organization benefits Children's of Alabama, a Children's Miracle Network hospital.

It started in 1984 when Ryan White was diagnosed with HIV/AIDS because of a bad blood transfusion. His story made him an overnight media sensation but was also met with intolerance and prejudice until he spoke out about it. He did more as a young man to spread awareness than most people do in their entire lives. He passed away the summer before he was to attend Indiana University in 1990. In 1991 with the promise to keep his memory alive a group of his friends started Indiana University Dance Marathon and raised \$10,900.

This lead to over 250 universities nationwide joining the cause and creating dance marathons at their schools. Four years ago, UADM was created. This year, Phi Kappa Psi hosted several events that raised \$15,000 and helped to promote other events to help dance marathon raise a total of \$128,702.06!

The events that Phi Kappa Psi hosted brought many Greek organizations together as well as the entire university for one cause.

It doesn't end there, Phi Kappa Psi plans to more than double that number this coming year. There are a couple of events already planned.



#### A LONG TIME COMING, HARD WORK PAYS OFF AS OUR CHAPTER RETURNS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

They say good things come to those who wait. For the brothers of Ohio lota, that phrase came true on February 21, 2015. Hundreds braved snowy and cold conditions to gather for a day that welcomed Phi Kappa Psi's 105<sup>th</sup> chapter back into the fold of active groups. For alumni, it was a journey that was filled with hard work over years and years. For the undergraduates, the journey saw growth, education and, thankfully, a finish line.

In conjunction with the Rubber City Alumni Association's Founders Day ceremony, over 100 alumni celebrated with the 34 new initiates, friends and family as Ohio lota was rechartered by members of the Fraternity's Executive Council and Headquarters Staff. A banquet followed the ceremony.

"They are a group of dedicated and hard working men that worked diligently with their alumni and the National Office to get their charter back," said James Perez *Oneonta '07*, Director of Expansion. "The chapter invited me to its chapter meeting on the day after the banquet, where each committee and officer presented me with their 1/3/5-year goals, which laid out a strong plan towards success."

That continued success will have a lot to do with the alumni support that has been present from the beginning of this process. The return of Ohio lota started with the informal gathering of alumni and HQ staff members. A resurgence of alumni involved ensued, and each year was a gradual step towards realizing this ultimate goal.

"The moment of chartering for me ranks up there with the birth of my daughter, my wedding, college graduation, etc.," said Chapter Advisor Adam Copel *RIT* '97. "The pride I felt was overwhelming having watched these young men for three years. We are lucky at Ohio lota to have an incredibly strong alumni base. The advisory group that was formed represented diverse opinions, strengths and areas of passion. It is as a team that we saw the chartering through.



National President Scott Noble *Texas '81* presents the charter to Ohio lota GP Nicholas Dorsey *Akron '15*.

"As an advisor, you constantly struggle with when to do something for them and when to force them to do it themselves. We made the conscious decision that we would only dictate direction if we felt it was necessary to the survival of the chartering process. I can honestly say that we never had to assert ourselves in this way. While we certainly were not shy to offer our opinions we did not have to step in and take control. These young men made it from colony to chapter on their own. Every member from the start of the colony process through chartering has played an important role."

Brother Copel also wanted to recognize the rest of the advisory committee, who were instrumental to the process: Dan Schwitzgable *Akron* '72, Jack Friend *Akron* '86, James Fife *Akron* '84 and Chris Lemire *Akron* '93.

The journey doesn't end now for the alumni. With a piece of land and construction already under way, the chapter will soon have its own house and a place to call a permanent home. We can't wait to see the finished house, and look forward to tracking the continued success of Ohio lota.

#### Pledge Smart, Keep Smart

As part of Phi Kappa Psi's new strategic initiatives, how we go about attracting and retaining new members is going to change. Following the examples of several great chapters, the Fraternity will be using scholastic achievement as a recruitment tool.

The Pledge Smart component involves creating freshmen scholarship programs at all of our chapters. Like the Kinnick Scholarship program at Iowa Alpha, creating freshmen scholarships allows chapters to identify student leaders in advance of the normal recruitment process. With a leg up on the competition, our chapters can control the quality of their bids.

Keep Smart involves a more comprehensive approach to retention. The Fraternity will be working with chapters to design academic support programs tailored for each chapter. An engaged brother in the classroom is an engaged brother in the chapter.

The Fraternity Headquarters Staff and Executive Council are finalizing the details of the program, including long-term staffing, and will identify pilot programs with certain chapters before rolling it out to the Fraternity at large. There is great excitement for the potential of this program and what it means to the long-term success of our Fraternity.



**Help us Grow!** – We are looking for energetic, young Phi Psis to help us plant the Fraternity's flag across the country. Phi Kappa Psi is seeking applicants to be Expansion Consultants for the National Fraternity. If you have a passion for Phi Psi and want to have a hands-on impact in our national growth, please contact James Perez, Director of Expansion, at JGP@phikappapsi.com

# TWO CHARTERS Home at last

By Geoffrey David Ferrer, Jr. Oklahoma '14

February 21, 2015 marked an historically significant day for Phi Kappa Psi, as two Charters were issued to two different chapters on the same day. While Ohio lota was re-chartered, Oklahoma Alpha received a replacement charter to replace the original that was lost as a result of house damage. Our charter, originally presented on October 9, 1920, survived a 1983 house fire, only to be lost in a subsequent 1993 house flood. Oklahoma Alpha was the 69th chartered chapter of Phi Kappa Psi.

The same evening as our brothers were celebrating in Akron, Ohio, almost 1,000 miles away, Oklahoma Alpha received a replacement charter. During our Founders Day celebration, Brother Scott Snethen *Oklahoma '78*, on behalf of the Oklahoma Alpha Alumni Association, presented the undergraduate members and our chapter with several restored and important relics to the chapter. Many disappeared; others lost to time. Among these items were a plaque recognizing all Oklahoma Alphans who served as Phi Kappa Psi National Officers, a plaque recognizing Brother Richard Bower *Oklahoma '56* for his five decades of support, the Donald H. Pipes Memorial Outstanding Pledge Award, a plaque inscribed with our crest and date of the founding of the Oklahoma Alpha Chapter, an encased miniature tricycle commemorating the Phi Psi 500 (created by Oklahoma Alpha in 1960), a tall perpetual Phi Psi 500 trophy with a miniature tricycle at the top and a replacement silver punch bowl used to collect donations at house events. However, the best was saved for last, when the Oklahoma Alpha Alumni Association unveiled a replacement charter. Brothers were both surprised and excited as their eyes gazed upon this vital piece of our history. For 22 years, Oklahoma Alpha was unable to exercise this great privilege. Now, with our charter restored to its rightful place, we are able to call ourselves a "chartered chapter."

A charter is much more than a piece of paper with signatures. It is a piece of history that symbolizes the determination of a group of men who succeeded in becoming part of something larger than they could have achieved on their own. The process is not easy, and the men who work tirelessly to see their goals achieved may not see their mission accomplished until after their college years. However, when they are successful, their names will forever be in Phi Psi lore. Take time everyday to appreciate the actions of the men whose signatures appear on your chapter's charter. At the end of the day, we would not be Phi Psis without them.

> Former Oklahoma Alpha GP Kevin Copeland Oklahoma '13 (left) and current GP Patrick Wright Oklahoma '13 (right) pose with the charter



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# BEST PRACTICE CHAPTER ADVISORY BEST PRACTICE BEST PRACTICE

#### WITH THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FUTURE SUCCESS RESTING IN THE SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS, FORMING STRONG ADVISORY COMMITTEES IS ESSENTIAL

## BY INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BLAKE YEAMAN CAL '78 AND CARLOS HERNANDEZ STANFORD '78

Now more than ever it is critical for Phi Kappa Psi to influence its alumni to spend time with our undergraduates. This article is being written after the shocking news coming from the University of Oklahoma campus where Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity made national news for video content seemingly from another era.

As your appointed officers for the National Chapter Advisory, we are motivated to create material that can be used by young, middle-aged and older alumni in their quest to lead our undergraduate brothers. To that end, we have surveyed several of chapters and have come up with various flavors of best practices to implement.

This is not just about sharing a best practice. This is about building a winning culture of alumni engagement. Copy it! Be influenced to create your own and contact your nearest chapter and ask how you can lead!

Perhaps you find yourself motivated and do not know where to start.

Start here:

- 1. What problem or challenge am I/we trying to solve?
  - a. How to keep the men and or house safe?
  - b. How to instill better study habits?
- 2. Is there a wrong way to do this?
  - a. Taking the role and not doing anything.
  - b. Letting the chapter do whatever they want without consequences.
  - c. Doing it all yourself so that everyone expects you to do it all.
  - d. Not grooming the next chapter advisor.

You can be very successful if you go forward with a commitment to make the chapter better. You will get better at advising with time. Be curious, plan ahead, listen and ask for other advisors to get involved.

- 3. The right way to do this
  - a. Build bench strength for long term consistency among the alumni

- i. Minimum of Five Chapter Advisory Team Members
- 1. Chapter Advisor
- 2. Finance Counselor
- 3. Membership Counselor
- 4. Fraternity Education Counselor
- 5. Faculty Advisor
- ii. No need to limit your team. How about five more?
  - 1. Scholarship Counselor
  - 2. Alumni Relations Counselor
  - 3. Social & Risk Management Counselor
  - 4. House Management Counselor
  - 5. Philanthropy Counselor
- b. Audiences to focus on
  - i. Local alumni from your chapter that show up at games or events
    - 1. Call and email with a personal ask
  - ii. Local alumni from other chapters that show up 1. Call and email with a personal ask
  - iii. Local alumni, less active or distant
    - 1. The National Fraternity can support a mailing to do this

- 4. How much time will it take to implement best practices?
  - a. One at a time
  - b. Leverage Technology Tools

An alumnus hundreds or thousands of miles away can connect with cell phones, via Skype or Google Hangout with a chapter committee for only 30 minutes to an hour per month

5. What are other chapters doing?

One recurring best practice is that of conducting retreats. California Beta at Stanford, California Delta at USC, and Illinois Delta at the University of Illinois, to name a few, host an off-campus leadership retreat where goals, strategies and even brotherhood issues can be addressed.

- a. Large-Size Chapters
  - i. California Delta (Southern Cal)
    - 1. Alumni Golf Outing
      - a. Planned by undergraduates
      - b. Alumni just show up!
        - i. 30 to 40 attend!
  - ii. Illinois Delta (Illinois)
    - 1. Chapter Retreats (mandatory)
      - a. September and February
        - i. Within 30 days of semester start
          - a. Set Goals and Objectives
          - b. Small group teams
  - iii. Michigan Alpha (Michigan)
    - 1. Organization Chart
      - a. Born of need due to Supervisory Committee requirement

i. Request PowerPoint from HQ



- b. Medium-Size Chapters
  - i. New York Theta (RIT)
    - 1. Multiple alumni share chapter meeting attendance so one is at every meeting.
  - ii. Califonia Nu (UC-Riverside)
    - 1. Draw on alumni from other schools
  - iii. Minnesota Beta (Minnesota)
    - 1. Chapter Facebook Page
      - a. Alumni Mentoring Program i. Invited alumni to state industry, expertise
        - and availability
  - iv. Pennsylvania Theta (Lafayette)
    - 1. Faculty Relations
      - a. Each brother invites 3 5 professors to coffee, tea, light foods social.
- c. Small-Size Chapters
  - i. Georgia Beta (Georgia Tech)
    - 1. Phi Psi Friday (weekly)
    - Every brother invites 2 3 college men to a planned social

We also wish to point to other resources that can be found at the www.phikappapsi.com. See the home page's lower rightside and click on "Phi Psi Experience." Navigate via "Programs and Resources" tab to the Resource Library. There you can find the Chapter Advisor Committee Resource Manual, look up someone you remember on the Brother Finder and review your chapter's Officer Portal, where you can see who's who from both undergraduates and alumni volunteers with their leadership roles and email link.

If you have the desire to lead your chapter as an alumnus, we are here to make it easier for you to get from "no" to "yes I can." Contact us at byeaman@mac.com and carloshernandezsf@ gmail.com. Your time is an incredible and necessary gift to the brotherhood.

"You make a living by what you make. You make a life by what you give."

# WE NEED You

OUR CHAPTERS NEED Alumni guidance now More than ever, As this breakdown Of our advisory Landscape shows



#### Chapter Advisory Review

May 23, 2015

Chapter Advisors and their Chapter Advisory teams are the backbone to creating strong chapters that offer the true Phi Psi experience. With the support of alumni, our chapters have demonstrated bad judgment and risky behavior that in many case lead to serious negative consequences, including the closure of the chapter.

It is critical for the future of our fraternity that we, as alumni, offer our undergraduate brothers a fraternal experience that represents the values and the creed of Phi Kappa Psi.

The purpose of the following report is to bring attention to our need for the alumni base of each chapter to strengthen our Chapter Advisory teams. The following data shows that status of our Chapter Advisory teams across 100 chapters and 5 colonies.

The information is sourced from the Officer Portal on the Phi Kappa Psi website as of May 26, 2015. There are many cases where the information in the officer portal is not accurate, as advisors change. Chapter Advisors should update directly in the officer portal or send updated information to the National office.

Seven chapters do not currently have a Chapter Advisor listed. Two of those also have no advisor listed. Other chapters have a Chapter Advisor with little or no support.

On the positive side, 41 Chapters (40%) are staffed with a full Chapter Advisory team, which consists of one Chapter Advisor and at least four advisory team members. Another 10 Chapters (10%) have a Chapter Advisor with three advisory team members. That means half our chapters have reasonable advisory coverage.

#### Chapters with no Chapter Advisor (7)

No Chapter Advisor or Advisory Team Members California Xi Pennsylvania Nu No Chapter Advisor but with Advisory Team or Supervisory Team Pennsylvania Lambda -1 Pennsylvania Upsilon -1 Michigan Beta - 2 Indiana Eta - 5 Indiana Beta - 6

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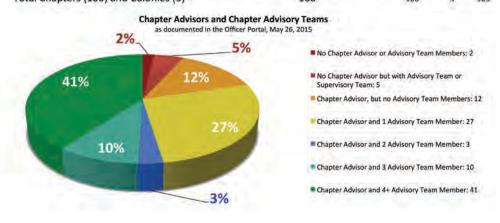
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Illinois Alpha	Texas Gamma
Illinois Epsilon	Cal State Northridge Colony
Indiana Gamma	University of Rhode Island
Indiana lota	Colony
Massachusetts Beta	

#### Chapters with a Chapter Advisor and 1 Advisory Team Member (26 CH + 1 COL)

California Beta	Nebraska Beta
Alabama Beta	New York Beta
California Kappa	New York lota
Delaware Alpha	New York Kappa
Georgia Alpha	Ohio Mu*
Illinois Theta	Ohio Nu
Indiana Alpha	Ohio Theta
Indiana Delta	Pennsylvania Alpha
Indiana Theta	Pennsylvania Eta
Maryland Alpha	Pennsylvania Phi
Minnesota Beta	Pennsylvania Xi
Minnesota Delta	Tennessee Epsilon
Minnesota Gamma	Virginia Eta
Nebraska Alpha*	Gettysburg College Colony

\* Indicates that they have Supervisory members. However, if these are to count as Advisory Team members, they need to be reassigned in the Officer Portal by the Chapter Advisor.

Chapter Advisory Teams	Qty	%	Chapter	Colony	Total
No Chapter Advisor or Advisory Team Members	2	2%	2	0	2
No Chapter Advisor, but with Advisory Team or					
Supervisory Team	5	5%	5	0	5
Chapter Advisor, but no Advisory Team Members	12	12%	12	2	14
Chapter Advisor and 1 Advisory Team Member	27	27%	27	2	29
Chapter Advisor and 2 Advisory Team Members	3	3%	3	Ó	3
Chapter Advisor and 3 Advisory Team Members	10	10%	10	0	10
Chapter Advisor and 4+ Advisory Team Members	41	41%	41	1	42
Total Chapters (100) and Colonies (5)	100	1.00	100	5	105



#### Chapters with a Chapter Advisor and 2 Advisory Team Member (3 CH + 1 COL)

California Lambda	Texas Beta
Ohio Omicron	Louisiana Lafayette Colony

## Chapters with a Chapter Advisor and 3 Advisory Team Member (10)

Pennsylvania lota	Mississippi Alpha
California Nu	New Jersey Delta
Illinois Zeta	New Jersey Gamma
Iowa Alpha	Ohio Beta
Iowa Beta	Virginia Alpha

#### Chapters with a Chapter Advisor and 4+ Advisory Team Member (41 CH + 1 COL)

Alabama Alpha Alabama Gamma California Eta California Gamma California lota Colorado Alpha\* DC Alpha\* Georgia Beta Illinois Delta Illinois Eta Illinois lota Indiana Epsilon Kansas Alpha\* Kentucky Beta Louisiana Alpha\* Louisiana Gamma Maryland Gamma

Michigan Alpha New Jersey Beta New Jersey Epsilon New York Eta New York Theta Ohio Alpha Ohio Delta\* Ohio Epsilon Ohio Eta Ohio lota Ohio Xi Ohio Zeta Oklahoma Alpha Oregon Alpha\* Oregon Beta Pennsylvania Beta Pennsylvania Rho\* Pennsylvania Sigma Tennessee Delta Texas Alpha Texas Epsilon Texas Zeta Washington Alpha\* Wisconsin Gamma UCLA Colony

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## The Long Road Back for Pennsylvania Lambda

DOWN AND PONDERING ITS FUTURE, ALUMNI FROM PENN STATE RALLIED TO TURN THEIR CHAPTER BACK INTO A FORCE ON CAMPUS, JUST IN TIME FOR ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.



On October 11, 2012, the Pennsylvania Lambda Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi turned 100-years-old. As is the case for many chapters around the country, the anniversary provided a grand opportunity for alumni to come together. But, it was in the planning process for that event that a discovery took place. It wasn't about celebrating 100 years. It was about making sure there would be 100 more.

In the fall of 2008, on a campus of roughly 40,000 students and 12 percent Greek activity (one of the largest Greek communities in the country), Penn. Lambda boasted a roster of just 36 active members. Two years later, that active number was dipping below 30. A house, built in 1906, was empty, dusty and old. For many alumni, it would have been enough not to think about celebrating 100 years. For the alumni of Penn. Lambda, it was time to step up...

On February 5<sup>th</sup> of this year, the men of Pennsylvania Lambda strode proudly onto the stage of the Greek Awards at Penn State to collect some serious hardware. For the second consecutive year, Penn. Lambda was awarded the Omega Epsilon Award of Fraternity Merit, given to the IFC Chapter of the Year. It accompanied awards as Chapter of Excellence (the only IFC chapter to receive one), The President's Trophy for Chapter Excellence (recognizing the top chapters amongst ALL fraternities AND sororities), plus the Distinguished Fraternity Community Service Award, in honor of the 3,538 hours of volunteer service turned in by the chapter in the previous year. The award was celebrated by a chapter of 102 young men.

How did it happen? What was the turnaround? The answer was alumni involvement and action. The process was extensive. What follows is merely a snippet from *The Lambdan*, Penn. Lambda's alumni newsletter, which published a special edition issue entitled "A Blueprint For Success," detailing the extensive process and vision to get the chapter to that stage...

Alumni Ownership – The process began all the way back in 2003, with a detailed SWOT analysis workshop and clear cut goals in recruitment, academics, leadership and campus/ community involvement. To create change, in an ever-evolving undergraduate world, dedicated alumni support proved vital to the long haul. House corporation presidents served 2-year terms, keeping perspective fresh and bodies engaged.

"As this transformation took place, I was proud to be a part of its early development and very proud to see it succeed," said Wayne Cook *Penn State '65*, corporation president from 2003-2004. "As the strategic approach was being developed in the midst of solving the immediate problems of finances, house occupancy, etc., I had no doubt that the Board members would work tirelessly to drive the turnover."

Much of that ownership is also recognizing that risk must be taken on. It was the alumni who decided to "take a leap of faith" and cash in what little money was left to hire a professional fundraising firm and look into improving the physical home of Penn. Lambda.

**Housing** – More than \$800,000 of renovations have taken place as part of a grand plan (with fundraising exceeding \$1.4 million, professionally gathered), including a transformational rehabilitation in the summer of 2011. An updated house has helped to bring occupancy back to capacity and give all brothers, young and old, of Penn. Lambda a home base of pride. This also included several Alumni/Undergraduate Work Weekends, where brothers of all ages could come together to restore the house as one. There is still a final phase to tackle, but with capacity reached and the mortgage retired, the physical home of the chapter is in fine shape.

**Educational Foundation** – Separate from the work being done with the house, the Pennsylvania Lambda Educational Foundation was established 15 years ago to give alumni

an opportunity to support and encourage growth within the chapter. Of its programs and initiatives, the foundation underwrites financial awards for academic success (highest GPA, most improved GPA), leadership, service and to attend national leadership programs.

**Nurturing Undergraduate Leadership** – While alumni involvement was consistent from the start, cultivating a strong chapter took time. Recognizing that leadership had to come from an environment of brotherly interaction, incentivizing and inspiring leadership became the focus.

"It quickly became apparent that the undergraduate officers were the key to [our] success," said Chip Brown *Penn State* '73, chapter advisor from 2006-2011. "The effort to renovate the house definitely helped to attract new brothers, but success was also created by encouraging undergraduates to take advantage of all leadership programs offered by the National Fraternity."

It paid off, including Dan Combs *Penn State '11*, who became IFC President at Penn State, the first Phi Psi to hold the office in over 20 years.

**Campus & Community Involvement** – It isn't a secret that successful chapters are also the ones doing the most on campus. Those 3,538 service hours by the chapter weren't a fluke either. They came from over 30 different types of



philanthropic outreach. The chapter evolved from one of small numbers, to one of small involvement, to a group of men all on the same page. Engaging alumni helped too.

Penn State hosts the largest student-run philanthropy in the world, THON. This Dance Marathon saw Phi Psi sextuple its fundraising efforts in one year, bringing in \$150,000 in 2014. All of the sudden, Phi Kappa Psi was a major player in the campus' most recognizable Greek activity. Penn. Lambda had its brand.

"Serving others has been a hallmark of Penn Lambda for 100 years," said Pete Waldron *Penn State '82*, alumni relations & co-chairman of the Phi Psi 100 Campaign. "Some decades it was more in the forefront than others... Kudos to the current group of undergraduates for figuring this out. They, along with the corporation volunteers during the past 15 years have restored the Phi Psi brand at Penn State."

The alumni laid the foundation, patched the walls, raised the money and handed the keys to the chapter to the undergraduates, who have raced ahead to make the next century of Phi Psi at Penn State even better than the last. As Brother Waldron summarized in his closing letter of the 'Blueprint,':

"Alumni are the keepers of the Phi Psi brand – the Penn Lambda brand – at Penn State. Essentially, all of us are brand managers. We own the history because we helped to shape it. We are all a part of it. Don't let the hard work and tenacity of hundreds of alumni and undergraduates during the past 15 years become undone. Make a promise annually to help the undergraduates nurture and protect our brand at Penn State. This small act of service will pay off in a big way."

Wonderful work done by all alumni and undergraduates at Pennsylvania Lambda. Read that closing quote and replace it with your chapter's name. It should still hold true for you!

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# BEST ENDURANCE

IN A SPORT KNOWN FOR LENGTH, NOT SPEED, ULTRAMARATHONER Rob Krar's Butler '97 lightning fast rise to the top of his sport has made him a household name in the endurance community.

#### BY RACHEL STOTTS

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If you met Rob Krar on the street, he would seem perfectly normal—perhaps a little bohemian with his long beard and gangly physique—but normal. But this is not your average pharmacist. The ultramarathon superstar who appeared on the scene in 2012, won three straight 100-mile races he entered, all between June and September 2014.



These ultramarathon events [like the Western States, Leadville Trail, and Run Rabbit Run] are described as races in which "the runner is slowly dying." Runners and nonrunners alike might ask, "Why?"

Being careful not to play down the challenges and difficulties of the ultramarathon distance, this niche of running is exploding in popularity and the same barriers that were broken during the marathon boom of the 1970s are now being broken at the ultra distance.

Despite the "crazy" moniker so often bestowed on the ultra runner, folks who race these distances are some of the most humble, grounded, and fascinating individuals I've ever come across and I'm honored for the opportunity to share the trails with them. I think the sport is a powerful example of the human drive and a testament to the never ending limits of the human body.

## What makes you enter another...and another...knowing you more than likely will face that pain again. Does your wife, Christina, worry?

My running career post university had been inconsistent at best, with multiple setbacks and disappointments. The sport draws on my strengths and personality traits and I'm able to continually discover new levels of depth in my physical and mental abilities. It's hard to find a reason not to keep going back for more. Race day is always nerve racking and nail biting for Christina and she's always relieved when I cross the finish line, but she is incredibly supportive and also participates in ultra events herself.

## Have you always been athletic? Were you involved in sports from the beginning?

Sports and athletics have been a part of my life as long as I remember—from hiking, soccer, Nordic and alpine skiing earlier in my childhood, to running, triathlon, water polo, and badminton throughout my years of high school. For better or for worse, my older brother and I had a very competitive nature and he played a strong role in developing my drive for hard work and competition. We both didn't (and still don't) shy away from the discipline and sacrifice required to push ourselves to our personal limits.

What made you choose Butler? Describe your athletic experience there.

I arrived at Butler as a student in1996 having never set foot on campus before. Butler had at the time, and continues to have, a strong reputation for academic excellence and Coach Joe Franklin's vision and passion for the running program was the final reinforcement I needed to make the commitment.

I was proud to be a part of the first Butler cross country team to ever compete at the NCAA Cross Country National Championships in 1998 and a member of the team that began of a 15-year run of conference championships. Another highlight of my running career at Butler was breaking 20-year-old school records in the 800 and 1500 meters.

## I read that your stubbornness caused you to enter the pharmacy program.

I suppose my stubbornness has always played a strong role in my life. Early in my freshman year as a Biology major, someone commented on the difficulties and challenges of studying pharmacy while running. The seed was planted and the program was interesting to me. I applied to the pharmacy program in the spring and was accepted in the fall of my sophomore year. Dr. Salerni was a always a favorite—he showed great care and respect for others and his stubborn use of the Sharpie pen and overhead projector was always a continual highlight of his lectures.

The demands of running and studying pharmacy proved challenging but the knowledge and skills I developed during my years at Butler have been invaluable in my life to this day. Time management, dedication, sacrifice, organization, focus, and determination were all traits and skills that were fostered during that time and I'm eternally grateful for those opportunities.

## You come off as a pretty laid back guy. Does that line up with how you think of yourself?



Unlike traditional road, track or even cross country races, endurance races cover rugged miles of terrain, including paths that include crossing rivers, streams or dense forests.



Photography by Matt Trappe

Krar emotionally reacts to winning the 2014 Leadville Trail 100-mile race, in a final time of 16 hours, 9 minutes and 32 seconds

My life in the past few years has become increasingly busy and requires a certain degree of organization and structure. A constant goal I strive for is to make my life as simple and uncomplicated as possible. Working diligently toward this goal allows me to minimize stress and worry and lead a fairly laid back lifestyle. I've also found great happiness in my life through running, the wonderful Flagstaff community, and my wife Christina. I think this has led to a greater contentment in life and allows me to relax and appreciate the smaller moments.

#### The success you have enjoyed—especially over the last few months—what does that feel like to you? Does it motivate you to do more?

My initial success in ultra running was quick and unexpected. At first it felt like a whirlwind and I wasn't sure what to think; I just rode the wave. Soon after, I joined The North Face as a member of their Global Athlete Team and found myself competing against the greatest runners in the world. I still feel as though I'm living a bit of a dream but have embraced the opportunity and hope to take full advantage of all it has to offer.

#### What are your immediate- and long-term goals?

I hope to expand my racing overseas in 2015 and make strides toward my long-term goal of stepping away from pharmacy and making running, coaching, and speaking a sustainable career.

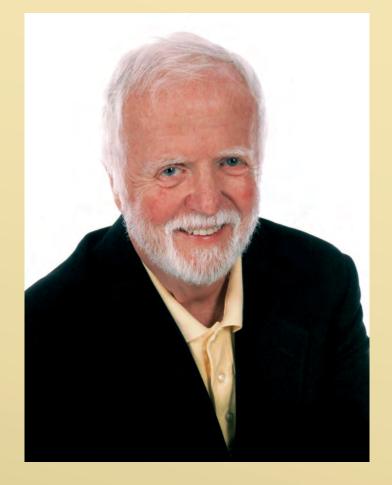
# BEST DEDICATION

#### BROTHER'S INCREDIBLE PHYSICAL FEAT CONTINUES TO INSPIRE THOUSANDS, AND HIM, NEARLY TWO DECADES LATER

Terry Hitchcock *Bowling Green* '66 is full of determination. His passion is infectious. An entrepreneurial spirit, he spent much of his business career trying to help others' ideas grow into something big. But, it was his craziest idea, born out of grief, despair and hope, that will be his lasting legacy.

When Terry's first wife, Sue, passed away from cancer in 1984, it left him alone to raise their three children. The stress also led to the loss of his job at the time. His story wasn't unique, but he felt it wasn't understood strongly enough. He was determined to shine a brighter light on the plight of single parents. He wanted to raise awareness while inspiring many with the message that nothing is impossible.

He decided to run from Minneapolis to the Olympics in Atlanta. At the age of 57, Terry Hitchcock ran 75 consecutive marathons in 75 consecutive days. He had never run more than a couple of miles at a time in his life. People called him crazy. Doctors told him he wouldn't survive. The previous world record



for consecutive marathons was three. He trained for 17 months, even suffering a heart attack midway through, but set out for the Olympics that summer.

Terry battled freezing rain, searing heat and even a bear during his journey in 1996. He fractured three bones in his body and did irreparable damage long-term, but Terry limped into Atlanta after 75 days on the road.

He will always say that raising a healthy family as a single dad was more impressive than the run itself, but that accomplishment 19 years ago still resonates. Brother Hitchcock is a motivational speaker throughout the country now and the documentary on his journey, "My Run," was released in 2009 to critical acclaim. He sat down with *The Shield* to discuss his journey, his lessons, his future and his Fraternity...

#### Take us back to 1996. How did the idea come about?

In 1994, I really wanted to give back, because being a single parent is not easy. People don't focus on the hardships that this group goes through. There are 37 million single parents out there, and I decided that I wanted to get everybody's attention as to what this group was going through every single day.

I came up with this idea to run to the Olympics in Atlanta. I am not a runner. I ran a mile every single Saturday. Being a dreamer and a marketing person, I got the idea to make it a marathon every day. Seasoned runners said it was impossible.

One doctor taught me what I call "self hypnosis," and it really helped me get inside myself, so to speak, and to put another few feet behind me.

## Of all of the things you could do to raise awareness, why such an arduous, physical task?

I knew that it had to be something to catch the interest of the media. Media had to play a part in this. I had to dress up, so to speak, and be this lone person out there who would attract that media attention. I grew my hair long and would use phrases like, 'I'm as old as dirt,' and with a beard, I looked the part of somebody who couldn't do it. But, every day, the interest grew because I was still out there. I happened to do this at the right time when it wasn't normal to run across the country. Now, it seems like everybody is running across the country for whatever reason. Every day was certainly a challenge for me, but also of interest to the media, and they became my best friend.

What was the most uplifting moment for you during the run? The media was following me pretty heavily one day in St. Louis. I would see them every block or so with their cameras and such. All of the sudden, they stopped me and said, "We will meet you at the Arch." I didn't understand what they were saying. As I continued to run, I soon arrived in East St. Louis, a tough neighborhood. I was running past burned-out cars, boarded-up windows and obvious street gangs. But, the gang was clapping, giving me a thumbs up and I ended up with probably 30 kids running behind me, and moms came out to hug me and dads came out to shake my hand. It became a very large celebration. It was, by far, the best day of the 75 days. It was about a real person doing a real thing from his heart, and the people in East St. Louis knew that.



## What has stood out in the time since your run that has allowed you to do more than you imagined?

My story should have died a year or two after I did the run. That's what happens to stories like that. But this story has gained momentum every single day. My book is in 27 countries. The documentary is in over 100 countries and it just continues. Now, Hollywood is making a feature film called "Pushing Life," which is getting closer and closer to being completed. The story has lasted because it's not about running. It's about life, and what we can do to make a difference, and that nothing is impossible. We all have our own dreams, but many of us never get to the point where we could do it. It's a story that has gained momentum from

day one, and I'm shocked by it. If I can change people's lives, that's wonderful.

#### Any new challenges on the horizon?

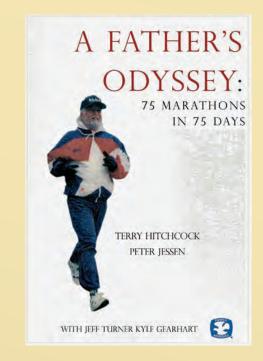
Last summer, I attempted to tackle the dreaded Mohave Desert. At my age, you don't do that. It was at least 120 degrees every day and it was 600 miles. But, I wanted to do it to honor our veterans. That was terrible. How we got across it, nobody knows. The heat was unbearable. Route 66 was in shambles and we had to back track. There were mountain lions in the distance, packs of wolves, snakes in the road, but we did it. Every day, we would tell the world about our veterans.

This year, I am really ramping up for a lot of speaking engagements. If I can do some good for an organization or an individual, I'll do that. My second wife, who passed away a yearand-a-half ago, would ask, "what are you going to talk about tonight?" and I would say, "I don't know, but I can't wait to hear it." I focus on who is in the audience and just go from there.

## Given what you have seen and learned, what is your message to Phi Kappa Psi and our members?

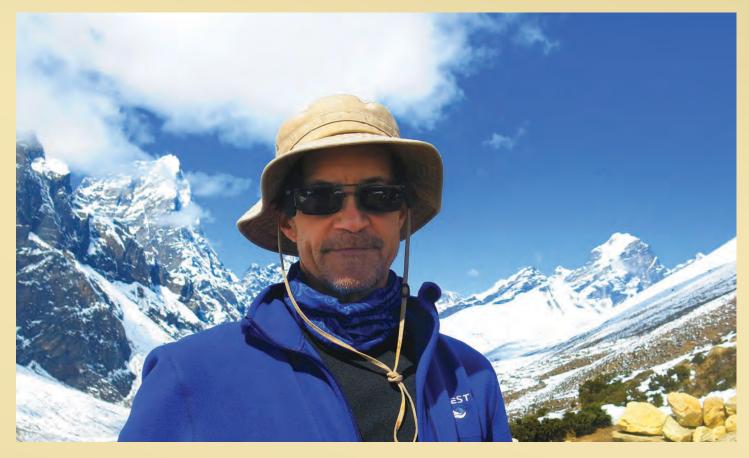
My message is really simple, whether it is a room full of CEOs, 12-year-old children or college-aged men. It is Nothing Is Impossible. I've proved that many times in my lifetimes. It is my upbringing from my grandfather in Vermont who, every day, said, "there is nothing in your life you can't accomplish." If you have a dream, don't let anybody take your dream away from you.

College kids need to know that, if they have a dream they can accomplish it. Just believe in it and don't let go of it. It is so important for our young men to know that. You can move beyond your comfort level. I wish I had known that when I was in college. I love my Fraternity and I've always thought about how I could help it.



# BEST SURVIVAL

BILL MADDOX INDIANA '72 WANTS TO BEAT PARKINSON'S, AND HE IS GOING TO GREAT HEIGHTS, LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY, TO DO SO. THIS IS HIS STORY, IN HIS OWN WORDS...



When I was diagnosed with early-onset Parkinson's disease, I was in denial, depressed and all I wanted to do was hide under a rock.

While meeting with my neurologist, I noticed a poster about climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro. I asked my nurse practitioner, Sherri, about the climb. She told me about Summit4StemCell (S4SC), its fundraising events and the goal to help fund the stem-cell research happening right here in my hometown, San Diego.

She invited me to go on their lab tour at The Scripps Research Institute, where they made the non-embryonic pluripotent stem cell therapy seem simple. They take skin tissue from individual patients and, in the lab, they culture and nurture those skin cells, isolating the specific dopamine producing neurons. Then they plan to transplant the patient's cells into their brain. We expect to have very little rejection because it's the patients' own cells. The tour was accessible, amazing and, more importantly, it inspired hope. Hope that there's a viable cure for Parkinson's in the very near future. I volunteered to help and was invited to join the S4SC Board of Directors. Based on the success of the Kilimanjaro climb in 2011, we began to make plans for a new event — a climb to Mt. Everest base camp.

On October 11, 2014, our party of 10 flew half way around the world into Kathmandu, where we were scheduled to relax, get settled in and acclimate to the higher 4,600-foot elevation.

As we were greeted by our tour guides they presented us with a situation; there was a huge cyclone off the coast of India that could cause severe weather in Lukla. The Lukla airport at 9,383 feet is often considered the most extreme airport in the world. Even on a clear day it can be very challenging. Our guides felt that it would be better to leave a day early and change our fixedwing airplane flight plans to a more agile helicopter.

During the first two-and-a-half days on the trail we hiked in the rain. Not quite a monsoon, but still rain — rain that made everything clean and fresh. The hillsides were faceted by a plethora of waterfalls racing down the steep cliffs. At the higher elevations we encountered plenty of fresh snow that enhanced the beautiful scenery.

Most of our climbing party of 12 (three with Parkinson's) spent 14 days on the trail. Only one of our hikers couldn't acclimate to the altitude. Around 15,000 feet she was told by a Himalayan rescue doctor that she had altitude sickness and had to get off the mountain. Along with her climbing buddy, they took a helicopter back to Kathmandu.

Danger lurked at every step; we had to keep our guard up. Wet, slippery suspension bridges; rock-hopping over streams; hiking trails flanked by steep cliffs on one side and rocks released from their icy perches by the sun that rolled down at us on the other side. All while sharing the skinny trails with yak and mule trains. One of my few complaints about the trip was that I spent 95 percent of my time with my head down, because you always had to keep an eye on the ground, carefully planning your next step — serious competition for enjoying some of the most breathtaking views in the world. Our trip was a successful fundraiser, but more importantly, our Everest trip raised awareness and hope. Hope for me individually. Hope for people with Parkinson's. Hope for anybody with any affliction that can be treated with stem cell therapy.

Today, our research is at a critical juncture. We have just completed animal trials and the results have exceeded our expectations. Now, we really need people to donate funds to help us make this therapy a reality.

We are ready to start our pre-clinical trials, and estimate that the FDA-approved pilot project (including eight of our Parkinson's participants) will require \$5 million dollars. Currently we have raised \$2 million, so much more is needed.

Please visit our webpage, where you can find several engaging videos (It Seems Like Magic) about our climbs and research you can even request a lab tour!

www.summit4stemcell.com

Trust me; life is much better with hope. And it's so much better to be climbing on top of the rock, rather than hiding underneath it.

# BEST GOAL

Matt Morrissette *RIT* '92 has set a lofty goal for a great cause. When his mother, Gail, was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, Matt set out to help raise money for his mother's treatment and quality of life. The goal is both simple and complex: **Summit the highest point in all 50 states**. It has led to www. summitforacure.com.

Some states are easy (the highest point in Florida is Britton Hill, in the panhandle, and just 345 feet above sea level), while others are more legitimate (Spruce Knob in West Virginia is nearly a mile above sea level), but the journey is to bring the pursuit to every state, and bring others along with him. Morrissette's vision involves others taking on the challenge as well, to bring awareness and fundraising to other cancer patients and stories, like his mom.

The journey began in 2011, when Morrissette reached the top of Mount Whitney in California. At 14,505 feet, it is the highest peak in the lower 48 states. Since then, 17 states have been crossed off the list. There is no timetable for the next peak, but with 33 more to go, Matt would love to unite with more Phi Psis.

"Hopefully a Phi Psi alumnus will join me hiking or a whole alumni chapter will join me," he said. "I imagine there are many alumni who have summited



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some states, so hopefully this will invigorate those to post their stories or testimonials!"

Best of luck to Matt as he continues on his journey to climbing to the top of all 50 states. We will share some of those summit photos in future issues of *The Shield*.

# BEST THINKING

**EXTREME BEHAVIOR ISN'T LIMITED** TO JUST THOSE WHO PUSH THEIR BODIES TO THE LIMIT. THE MIND CAN BE STRETCHED AS WELL. LEADING TO BOTH PERSONAL AND WORLDWIDE GAIN. CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR INNOVATION, CALLED THINK[BOX], PROVIDES A **SPACE FOR ANYONE - ESPECIALLY** STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND ALUMNI - TO TINKER AND CREATIVELY INVENT, WELL, ANYTHING. WITH **RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY ON A** 7-STORY, 50,000-SQUARE-FOOT FACILITY, IT WILL SOON BE ONE OF THE LARGEST UNIVERSITY-BASED **INNOVATION CENTERS IN THE** WORLD. HEADING IT ALL UP IS IAN CHARNAS CASE WESTERN '98. WE SAT DOWN WITH THE THINK TANK'S ULTIMATE THINKER...



## In the beginning, what was your inspiration for the think[box]?

I was hired at a very convenient time. University leadership had identified a space and an individual alumnus named Barry Romich had made a substantial gift to fund think[box]. So I absolutely must give credit to Barry and also to Dr Cooke, Dr Wnek, Dr Duerk, and University president Barbara Snyder for their vision. I was given ample resources and the mission to build a world-class center for innovation. If I had to choose one idea that stood out from my contribution, it would be the policy I championed to open the space to not only every student, staff, and faculty member, but also to open the space for free to the public. I've always had a love for tinkering and making, and perhaps I had a chip on my shoulder because it can be very difficult to gain access to machines for making stuff. Being able to offer free public access to a metal shop, wood shop, laser cutters, 3D printers, electronics, and much more, has been a very rewarding experience for someone with that background.

#### With its growth and expansion, how proud of it are you?

Think[box] is currently hosting between 3,000 and 4,000 visits each month, thanks to our unique access policy. Students and other users build consumer electronics, medical devices that really save lives, green energy products, art and fashion, fuel-efficient jet engines, scientific rockets, you name it. What started as a \$1 million project in a basement has turned into a \$35 million project into one of the world's best centers for innovation and tinkering. Last June, the White House sponsored the first national "day of making," where their press release highlighted three universities they thought were leading the way in this area. They listed MIT, CMU, and CWRU for our efforts with think[box]. That's exactly the crowd we want to be considered peers with.

At this point I speak nationwide on managing makerspaces, and have consulted for over 100 universities, colleges, highschools, and other institutions who are building or improving their own makerspaces. I know many Phi Psis reading this will identify with the idea that you have to do a lot more than what's in your job description to really make things happen, whether you're in the non-profit or educational sector, out in the corporate world, or elsewhere. That extra effort really reflects on the kind of person you are, and people everywhere trying to make a difference will recognize that in you from miles away.

## Is there a particular project, now or then, that stands out to you as a perfect example of what think[box] is all about?

The most recent success story at think[box] is a product called the Apollo Medical Device. It's a portable, ultra low-cost blood tester. This may end up saving a lot of lives in areas where a hospital is not accessible, and perhaps making a good living for the innovators. The two students involved received a small grant from the think[box] student project fund. I remember reading their application, like many others it was well worded and convincing. I couldn't have predicted at the time though that their prototype would quickly garner over \$150,000 in funding. I'm incredibly happy and proud of these student innovators. We have a handful of these stories now in our third year of operation, and I'm excited to see how this will grow as we expand the facility into a space 11-times the size we have now.

## How does the mission of think[box] fulfill what you think CWRU is supposed to be for students?

There are several things I hope students get out of their experiences at think[box]. First, I should say what I hope they don't get. I hope they don't spend all their time learning machining. While metalworking and other types of fabrication are good skills to have, and can be earnest occupations, you can get that elsewhere for a lot less tuition cost. While project-based learning is fun and keeps motivations up, I hope our students focus on their physics, kinematics, thermodynamics, electronics - what is that advanced novel thing you're doing to make the world a better place? Of course, in order to be a good designer, you really need to know how to make stuff. I select mostly digital fabrication machines, ones that are computer controlled, so you can quickly and accurately fabricate your design, discover the flaws, and rapidly redesign. Nobody goes to market with their first prototype, it takes many iterations. That design cycle needs to be as fast as possible so you can fail faster. That's true whether you're building a new product, or coming up with a new non-profit venture. Only some student projects will end up making the cut as real-world innovations, but the real goal is to build the innovator. Graduate from the university not just with the technical knowledge, but the practical knowledge, the project cycle logistics, and the communication and leadership skills to join the ranks of people really making a difference.

#### How can it help advance Cleveland?

An interesting fact about CWRU is that over 75 percent of our students come from outside the state of Ohio. That means students from Silicon Valley, New York City, Singapore, you name it. In the past decade, under the leadership of President Barbara Snyder, applications to the university have tripled, and the median SAT score has gone up over 100 points. We're recruiting bright people from all over the world to come to Cleveland, and think[box] is part of the lure to stay here. Yes, you can take your idea to Silicon Valley, and that's a great path - however here you have free access to millions of dollars of machines for prototyping your inventions, access to a familiar network of faculty and staff subject experts, and you can incubate your idea in a part of the world with a much less competitive investor scene than out in Silicon Valley. I believe this will contribute to a brain-gain for Cleveland and the region.

## Is this a job for you, or do you feel like a kid who gets to play every day?

Managing one of the world's largest university-based makerspaces is a dream job, no doubt about it. As someone who loves to tinker, I can't get here early enough or stay late enough to ever get tired of it. When I see that same reaction in students and others who use the lab, it makes my efforts doubly worthwhile.

# FOUNDERS DAY BROTHERHOOD IGNITED! THOUSANDS GATHERED AROUND THE COUNTRY TO CELEBRATE 163 YEARS OF PHI KAPPA PSI

#### FOUNDERS DAY IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Phi Kappa Psi is in the midst of a membership drive. Not the kind of growth you might expect, however. While our undergraduate growth is still consistent and we are implementing new initiatives (see our discussion on 'Pledge Smart, Keep Smart' earlier in this issue), our alumni growth is a huge priority. We can't recruit new alumni, but we can certainly recruit more engaged alumni.

This Founders Day, brothers around the country united to celebrate the beginning, present and future of Phi Kappa Psi. As of the content deadline for this issue, there were a few events still remaining for those avoiding weather or tying in with local founding days. But, based on early reports, over 4,000 brothers and guests participated in a Founders Day event. The average event saw an attendance of over 80! What started with the blood, sweat and tears of two men has grown to an organization that, in 2015, needs others to act in their honor.

Alumni involvement is essential to our survival. Seeing brothers around the country uniting in celebration, networking and support is wonderful, but only if it comes with the greater understanding that we all must ignite that passion for the Fraternity to make sure the next generation of members has a worthwhile and proper fraternal experience.

Our theme of "Ignite Brotherhood" found featured speakers around the country rallying around this message to promote the benefits of lifelong engagement with Phi Kappa Psi and encouraging our alumni to feed from the spark of Founders Day and get involved in a meaningful way.

Congratulations to all alumni associations and chapters who hosted Founders Day events around the country. Enjoy some of the images from Founders Day 2015!



Central Texas Alumni Association



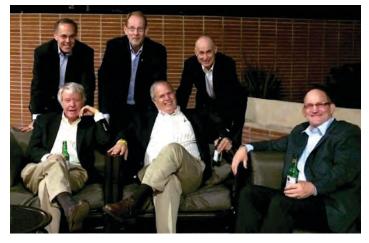
Brothers in Kansas City came together for another great celebration, including brother Curt Williams *Missouri '47* (front row, second from right), celebrated as the Senior Brother in attendance.



The sweetheart song, as sung by the undergraduates at the South Central Louisiana Alumni Association Founders Day



Brothers David Jones *Texas Tech '55* (left) and Colin Byrne *Texas Tech '08* present an award to Ray Moore, stepson of Oliver Thomas.



Northern California Alumni Association



Atlanta Alumni Association



Boston Alumni Association



Central Iowa Alumni Association



Chicago Alumni Association



A collage of speakers from the New York City Alumni Association



Columbus Alumni Association



Indianapolis Alumni Association



Phoenix Alumni Association



Oklahoma Alumni Association with the brothers of Oklahoma Alpha



South Florida Gulf Coast Alumni Association



Pittsburgh Alumni Association



North Texas Alumni Association

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#### Arkansas AA

Contact: Glenn Lockeby at glenn@lockeby.com Alumni Members: 28 Benefitting: Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches Reoccurring Event: Monthly luncheons - Second Friday of each month, 11:30-1:00 Update: The Arkansas Alumni Association held our annual Founders Day Celebration at the Embassy

Suites Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas on February 21, 2015. Our guest speaker was Bryan Muecke *Texas* '75. The group discussed the early days of the Arkansas Alpha Chapter and the possibility of re-establishing this chapter on the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. We made plans for a fundraising event later this year to benefit the Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranches, a non-profit organization whose mission is to address, remedy, and prevent child abuse and neglect by creating safe, healthy, and permanent homes for children. Following our morning celebration, we headed out to Oaklawn Jockey Club for our annual "Day at the Races." We continue to hold monthly luncheons, held on the second Friday of each month from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information, please contact us at 501-228-9800 or 501-690-5401 or at the email address listed.





Contact: Mark Vande Kerkhoff at ohzeta554@gmail.com Alumni Members: 109

**Reoccurring Event:** Monthly Luncheon, Second Friday - Hilderbrand Court Shopping Center, 6125 Roswell Road Northeast, Sandy Springs, GA 30328, Friday, May 8, 2015 at 11:54am

**Update:** Founders Day 2015 for the Atlanta Alumni Association was a great success. We had fewer attendees than in years past, but we felt the bond of brotherhood stronger than ever. Although unforeseen

circumstances kept Brother Frank Gleason *Penn State '40* from attending, we still announced his 75-year anniversary and shared his pin with all in attendance. We also announced that Frank would be the first Phi Psi Brother in Georgia to receive the newly minted Military Medal of Honor (or whatever its official title becomes). As opposed to a speaker this year, the officers chose to support the National Fraternity's messaging with regard to proper behavior and treatment towards the women we serve as gentlemen. We shared the TEDx talk by Jackson Katz, PhD, "Violence against women - it's a men's issue," and Brother Erik Fisher, PhD, expanded on the issue with an impromptu passionate message. Brother Fisher's (alias "Dr. E...") message was both very well received and impactful. This special presentation portion of our program changed something in each alumni and active present. Our general business segment re-elected our current officers, and remarks for the good of the fraternity followed immediately. Amici...



#### BIRMINGHAM AA

Contact: John Stakes at jfs11647@bellsouth.net



#### Bluegrass AA ★ 🛐

Contact: Matt Evans at matthew.evans@uky.edu Alumni Members: 40

**Reoccurring Event:** Monthly Happy Hours - First Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at rotating venues in the Louisville, Lexington, and Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati areas

**Update:** The Bluegrass Alumni Association celebrated Founders Day at Ethereal Brewery in Lexington, while watching the 'Cats continue their perfect season against Arkansas. Despite being re-scheduled by

one week due to bad weather, we had a strong showing of founding fathers, alumni, and undergraduates. During the event, former District IV Archon Matt Evans was elected President of the Association. Brother Evans is planning to have several events throughout the year for all members and brothers interested in joining. We will continue to have happy hour events every month in the Louisville, Lexington, and Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati areas, as well as special events for KY Beta Founders Day, football games, and tailgates at Keeneland Racecourse. If you are a brother in the area, and have an interest in membership, please contact Brother Evans.





(http://boston.phikappapsi.rocks/) Contact: Mike Corcoran at mlcorcoran@gmail.com Alumni Members: 44

**Reoccurring Event:** Happy Hours - Kinsale Pub, 2 Center Plaza (near Government Center) **Update:** The Boston AA joined together with the Mass. Beta Chapter to celebrate Founders Day 2015 at Hynes Convention Center in Boston's Back Bay. There were 30 brothers and guests in attendance, including

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Outstanding Alumni Association

our AA Vice President's 6-month old son (and hopeful future Phi Psi!).

Some exciting announcements were made at the event. First, the Mass. Beta House Corp is kicking off a fundraising drive for the undergraduate scholarship program, which the Boston AA is proud to support. Second, we encourage all brothers to call in to the free monthly conference call hosted by our SWGP, Scott Noble. And third, that the Boston AA is looking to fill new openings in our leadership. If you would like to get involved as an officer or have ideas for social events, reach out to Boston AA President Mike Corcoran at mlcorcoran@gmail.com.



#### CALIFORNIA DESERT AA

Contact: Ray Garra at ray.garra@verizon.net



#### Central Iowa AA ★ 🚮 🕷

(http://www.cipkpaa.org) Contact: Andrew Turner at awturner0587@gmail.com Alumni Members: 35

**Update:** The Central Iowa Founders Day event was held on February 21st. The event had a strong turnout and featured an inspiring message delivered by our Fraternity Mystagogue, Rev. David McDonald. For information regarding upcoming events, follow us on Twitter, and visit our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/cipkpaa). Best to all!



### Central Texas AA $\mathbb{T}$ $\star$

Contact: Nicholas Sattler at nicholas.sattler@us.army.mil



#### Central Virginia AA ★ 🚮

Contact: Joey Stemmle at cvaaphipsi@gmail.com Alumni Members: 80

Benefitting: East End Cemetery

**Reoccurring Event:** Monthly Happy Hour - 3rd Thursday of the Month - The CVAA hosts a monthly Happy Hour Event at Postbellum Bar (1323 West Main Street, Richmond VA 23220) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event takes place every month on the 3rd Thursday and is a great way to network with brothers from various chapters.

**Update:** On Sunday February 22, 2015, 67 Phi Psi alumni, undergraduates and dates gathered for the 2015 Founders Day at Capital Ale House in Richmond, VA. This was our largest and most diverse Founders Day as eight different Phi Psi chapters were represented. We started with a reception, followed by a banquet and a recognition ceremony. This year we awarded the John D. Watt Dedicated Service Award. As many of you know, John Dillard Watt III was elected SWGP in 1998. In 2009, he offered up his time to help start the VCU colony and, to this day, he continues to serve as a chapter advisor. Jack Speed was the recipient of the John D. Watt Dedicated Service Award. He was initiated to Mississippi Alpha in 1968. Upon graduation, he went to serve in the Marine Corps for 2 ½ years. After decommissioning from the Marine Corps, he became as a juvenile probation officer. Shortly after, he served as a fire fighter for Chesterfield County for 31 years. He has also been to Haiti, Bolivia, and Ecuador to do voluntary medical work and dedicated 3 ½ weeks to join the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Since the founding of the CVAA in 1997, this recipient has taken numerous leadership positions. He has also organized, hosted, and helped financially fund several Founders Day events. Today, he serves as a RN at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital continuing his service to the community.

The CVAA in connection with the Virginia Eta Chapter (VCU) have begun hosting the "Alumni Spotlight" series. An alumnus brother comes in and gives a six-minute presentation of his choosing. Niko Wooten *VCU '12* presented in fall 2014. We have scheduled Paul Springman *Vanderbilt '70* and Joe Manriquez for spring 2015. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding a summer Richmond Squirrels baseball event and a summer BBQ.



#### Charlotte AA $\star$

Contact: Mike Flechas at mike@flechasrealestate.com



#### Chicago AA ★ 🔢 📷

(http://phipsichicago.org/) Contact: Nev Fazlioski at nfazlioski03@gmail.com Alumni Members: 100+

**Update:** Our Founders Day included setting a new record with well over 100 alumni and undergraduate brothers gathering again at Kinzie Chophouse. We were grateful to have brother Bob Marchesani *Butler* '94 (*IUP* '79) join us as our keynote speaker. After a successful Inaugural Phi Psi March Madness Game Watch,

the organization is looking to set up another event in the late summer or early fall. Please keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for additional details as they become available.



#### Columbus AA ★ 🐻

(www.ohiodelta.org) **Contact:** Mitch Grant at mitch.grant@lfg.com **Alumni Members:** 58 **Benefitting:** Boys and Girls Club of America **Join Them For:** Ohio State Homecoming 2015, 9/9/2015 - TBA

Update: The Columbus Alumni Association of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity held a Founders Day celebration at the Blackwell Hotel on the campus of the Ohio State University on Saturday February 21st. Guy Spriggs, Phi Psi Foundation Trustee, was an honored guest. Our program included a summary of important campus safety issues effecting Greek Life across the country along with Phi Kappa Psi's recently introduced Elevate risk management course. Alumni introductions, chapter reports and rousing verse of Noble Fraternity and Amici concluded the program. Socializing continued at the Varsity Club on Lane Ave.



#### Garden State AA ★

Contact: Matthew Dwyer at dwyerm1@tcnj.edu



#### Greater Orange County AA

Contact: Matt Shaw at mattjshaw@yahoo.com



#### Houston AA ★

(houstonphipsis@yahoogroups.com) Contact: Chuck Brandman at brandman@pdq.net Alumni Members: 30 Reoccurring Event: Monthly lunch and happy hour - see the Yahoo group for details

**Update:** It's been a busy spring in Houston, where we hosted our 4th annual Undergraduate Leadership Workshop in January, attended by 55 undergrads from six Texas and Louisiana chapters. The workshop

was a big success thanks to our alumni facilitators, volunteers, and our keynote speaker, Jerry Nelson. Once again, it was great to be able to give advice and guidance to our undergraduate brothers. Isn't that what being an alumnus is all about?!

Founders Day was a fun chance to catch up with local alumni and undergraduates from the Texas Zeta Chapter at the Woodlands Country Club. The Texas Epsilon Chapter was missed this year but we respect their decision to participate in a rush event instead of hanging out with us old guys. Special thanks to our Keynote Speaker, Phi Psi Foundation CEO Ben Nicol, who came down from Indianapolis to headline our event. At the banquet we

The Houston AA Leadership Workshop

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announced the following award recipients: Alumnus of the Year - David Heup (LSU), Texas Epsilon Undergrad of the Year - James Hardcastle, Texas Zeta Undergrad of the Year - Arsalan Rehman, and Houston Alumni Association Scholarship winner - Jordan Dewbre (Oklahoma). Congratulations brothers, well deserved.

We're also pleased to announce that we are closing in on our goal to grow our Scholarship Fund to \$20,000, which will allow us to give a \$1,000 scholarship annually to a deserving undergraduate. If you'd like to help us reach our goal we would be honored to have your help.



#### Indianapolis AA ★ 盾

(pkpindyaa.org) Contact: Tom Pennington at pkpindyaa@mac.com Alumni Members: 50+

Reoccurring Event: Monthly Luncheons and Thirsty Thursdays - Luncheons the first Wednesday of each month at Zest! Restaurant, 1134 E. 54th and happy hours the third Thursday of each month at select craft breweries

Update: Despite a hefty snowfall the day before, alumni gathered again for our 2015 Founders Day Luncheon at Laurel Hall in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 21st to celebrate 163 years of Phi Kappa Psi. The event began in the McMahan Saloon with libations, then moved to the Ruth Lilly Conference Center for lunch. 50-year and 25-year anniversary recognition pins were awarded to those in attendance and chapters present provided updates on their successes. We were pleased to recognize Indiana Delta with a special certificate for being chosen Grand Chapter for the Fraternity - Phi Psi's top performer.

SWAG Tom Pennington was on hand to give an update on the Fraternity and former SWP Stu Rhodes introduced this year's Alumnus Man of Excellence, Kent Agness Indiana '69. Kent's many years of service as an attorney, civic leader, volunteer and key figure in Indiana Beta's recent and successful chapter house campaign make him an example for all our brothers.

All area alumni are invited to participate in all our activities. Every month we gather for lunch on the first Wednesday and we meet for drinks on the third Thursday of each month at a different area craft brewery. Check our website for a list of all events and locations at www.pkpindyaa.com or write us at pkpindyaa@mac.com.



#### Kansas City AA 🌃

Contact: John Gillis at john@johngillis-law.com Alumni Members: 50

Reoccurring Event: Weekly Luncheon - Held at First Watch Restaurant, 7305 W. 95th Street, Overland Park, Kansas

Update: On February 27, 2015, thirty brothers found their way to the Hereford House restaurant in Leawood, Kansas, for the Founders Day celebration hosted by the Kansas City Alumni Association. Brothers from Iowa

Beta, Kansas Alpha, and Missouri Alpha answered the chapter roll call. Brother Curt Williams Missouri '47 once again was Senior Brother in attendance. The chapter report for Kansas Alpha was given by Brother Dolski; and for Mo. Alpha by Brothers Bien, Tracy and Widick. Later in the evening, homage was paid to the founders and charter members of Penn. Alpha, Kansas Alpha and Missouri Alpha, with special recognition paid to Samuel Day Ayers (transferred to Missouri Alpha from Indiana Alpha), who was the founder of Missouri Alpha in 1869. Brother Ayers is buried in Mountain Valley Cemetery, Walla Walla, Washington. Any brothers living in or visiting the Walla Walla area are encouraged to visit the grave site and lay flowers for this deserving brother. Best wishes to all from Kansas City, where the Spirit of '52 lives. Vivimus!



#### Lancaster County AA ★ 🚮

Contact: Basil Coutifaris at bcoutifa@gmail.com Alumni Members: 20

Update: The Lancaster County Alumni Association worked alongside the Pennsylvania Eta Chapter at Franklin & Marshall College to host a local Founders Day event on March 28th to celebrate the chapter's 155th anniversary. We had a successful weekend celebrating the occasion with many alumni and undergraduate brothers. One of the highlights included a special "Taste of Your Hometown Brew" event where quests were

encouraged to bring some of their favorite beverages from their hometown for others to sample. We also welcomed the Penn. Eta graduating seniors into the LCAA community with our annual alumni induction ceremony with the weekend's guests. It was a great weekend and was a nice time for brothers from many different generations to come together to celebrate a momentous occasion.



#### Los Angeles AA ★

Contact: John Ciccarelli at jcicarelli@aol.com



#### Mid Missouri AA

Contact: Wheels Wiegand at twheels33@aol.com Alumni Members: 33



#### Mid-South AA

Contact: Alex Thesmar at midsouthalumphipsi@yahoo.com Alumni Members: 20

**Update:** The Mid-South Alumni Association of Phi Kappa Psi was well represented at Mississippi Alpha's 2015 Founders Day. We are proud to report that Mississippi Alpha has already initiated over 50 of its Phi Psi record breaking pledge class of 90 pledges. The Phi Kappa Psi Reunion Weekend is planned for May 14-16 in Oxford, MS. There will be a golf tournament at the Ole Miss Golf Course starting at 9:30 a.m. on May 15th. Ole Miss plays Texas

A&M in baseball on both Friday and Saturday nights. For hotel reservations at the Inn at Ole Miss, please call 888-486-7666 and be sure they include you in the block of rooms for Phi Kappa Psi. For additional information, email Brother Ted Wilkins at Ted Wilkins@regions.com. It is with a heavy heart that we ask you to remember Phi Kappa Psi Alumnus Jim Sinclair and Loyal Murphy who recently passed and Fenton Kottkamp, a Mississippi Alpha undergraduate, who passed away on 2/25 from injuries sustained in a sledding accident.



#### NEW MEXICO AA **I**

Contact: Lewis Bejcek at Ibejcek21@gmail.com Alumni Members: 15 Join Them For: Pool Party and Summer BBQ, 7/18/2015 at 3:30 p.m. - Pool Party at Bob's! Update: Our Founders Day dinner on February 21st was a good success. All brothers in attendance had a great time. We are looking forward to our Summer Pool Party and BBQ event in July.



#### New Orleans AA

Contact: Stephen Coburn at sgcoburn@yahoo.com



#### New York City AA ★ 🖪 爹

(www.phipsinycaa.com) Contact: Anthony Milano at amilano@thecrownadvantage.com Alumni Members: 125+ Benefitting: No Bad Days Scholarship Join Them For: Cigars and Scotch - TBD

**Update:** On February 12<sup>th</sup>, 76 Brothers from chapters coast to coast celebrated the two men that brought us all together 163 years ago, while honoring local brothers who are impacting our community today;

Donny Pierce Rutgers '12 - Distinguished Military Service Award

Ryan Johnson Minnesota '03 - Private Sector Service Award

Ian Bel Binghamton '03 - Public Sector Service Award

Tom Schneider/Rich Walker Rutgers '02 - Entrepreneur Award

ALA President Jim O'Connor shared his Patriotic story and provided an update regarding our current successes at the ALA. Keynote SWGP A. Scott Noble inspired the room with his vision for the Fratemity and the daily progress being made on a national level that will have a net impact on our brotherhood greater than we have ever experienced. Thanks to the generosity of Brothers Noble, Josh Ratner of Hess Family Estates, Tim Terry, Neil Leston and Ryan Johnson, alumni ticket prices were significantly reduced while undergraduates attended for free. This was another monumental event for the NYCAA, and we are excited to continue growing. None of it is possible without the support and interest of our diverse alumni in the greater NYC area. Keep an eye out for our new website, thanks to Brothers David Hou and Curtis Smith.



#### North Texas AA 盾 觉

Contact: Marc Winandy at marcwinandy@yahoo.com Alumni Members: 45 Benefitting: Boys & Girls Clubs of America

**Update:** The NTAA Founders Day Banquet was rescheduled due to an ice and snow storm on March 5. Since our speaker, local CBS 11's award-winning meteorologist and Phi Psi brother Larry Mowry won the

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award for the "Most Accurate Forcast" that week, we took his advice: We watched him broadcast snow updates over the air from the comfort of our homes and rescheduled his live presentation to the Alumni Association! The second attempt was more successful, as 38 brothers gathered on March 25th to belatedly celebrate our Fraternity's founding. We are planning further events in 2015, so please send us your contact information if you do not already receive NTAA communications.



#### Northern California AA 🌃

Contact: Ken Perscheid at kenperscheid@yahoo.com Alumni Members: 91

Join Them For: May 2015 at the California Gamma Chapter house. Date and time TBA.

Update: On February 21st our AA, together with the California Gamma Chapter, hosted a Founders Day Dinner at the UC chapter house. Due to the recent house purchase, it was the first time a NorCal AA Founders Day event had been held in Berkeley in a generation.

Please contact us for details regarding our next event - our annual Alumni versus Actives softball game and Alumni Induction Ceremony planned for May 2015. Please email or call Ken (925) 947-6797 for details.



#### Oklahoma AA ★

(http://www.phipsiokaa.org/home)

Contact: Jared Bills at okalumniassociation@gmail.com Alumni Members: 29 Update: This year's Founders Day was a wonderful event for both undergraduate and alumni members

of Oklahoma Alpha. A total of 78 members were present as well a national representative, Kevin Marks. Awards and presentations were given to the chapter and thanks to the help of brother Scott Snethen, much

historical memorabilia was added back to the house. The undergraduates hope to use these items to re-establish some of the house traditions. Brother Richard Bower was recognized for his many years of service to the chapter. His hard work and dedication of years to this chapter and fraternity represents what it means to have a life long bond of brotherhood. Elections took place and the new officers are as follows:

President- Steven Hellums

Vice President- James Stander

Corresponding Secretary- Jared Bills

In other updates, the alumni association is looking to create a subgroup organization in the southeast region of Oklahoma near McAlester. If interested, feel free to contact the Oklahoma Alumni Association via email. An alumnus of the chapter will be joining the Chapter Eternal. Warren Morris, 91, passed away in February.



#### Oregon AA

Contact: Brent Monroe at bmonroe5836@gmail.com Alumni Members: 200+ Benefitting: American Leadership Academy Join Them For: Summer Social Gathering, 6/3/2015 6:00 p.m. - OBA Restaurant Update: Excellent Founders Day Events, plus the Oregon Alpha event at Kell's in Portland, OR was well attended - about 140 Phi Psi's!



#### Philadelphia AA

Contact: Russ Pocaro at russell.pocaro@gmail.com



#### Phoenix AA 📑 📷

Contact: Aaron Forni at aaronmforni@gmail.com Alumni Members: 60

Update: The Phoenix Alumni Association celebrated Founders Day with a dinner held at Flemings in Scottsdale on February 21st. 30 brothers attended, representing over 60 years of pledge classes. Michael Morin, Associate Director of Chapter Services, was our guest speaker for the evening and we are grateful he flew in from Indianapolis HQ to join us. If you are an alumnus in the Phoenix area, stay up to date by

joining our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/phxphikappapsi/) or emailing Aaron Forni, president of the Phoenix Alumni Association.



# <u>Pittsburgh AA ★ 🖪 爹</u>

(PittsburghPhiPsis.com)

Contact: Mike Stafiej at PittsburghPhiPsis@gmail.com Alumni Members: 20

**Reoccurring Event:** Monthly Cigar Happy Hour & Monthly Meeting. - Cigar Happy Hour @ Cioppinos 1st Thursday of each month; Meeting @ Fox and the Hound 3rd Thursday of each month.

**Update:** The Pittsburgh Alumni Association has an entire year of cigar happy hours and meetings planned out! Our cigar happy hours will always be the first Thursday of each month for the entire year. Our monthly meetings are the third Thursday of each month - we will be taking a break from our monthly meetings for the summer, with the last meeting being in May and resuming with a September meeting. We hope to have another great summer outing and currently are welcoming all ideas for this event - last years Pirate game was a great time! Thanks to all of the brothers that attended this years Founders Day dinner at the Duquesne Club. Everyone in attendance had a great time and it turned out to be a great networking event for the brothers in the area. We'd like to extend a special thanks to our guest speaker Jim Miller for his attendance and great speech! As always the night ended late with great conversations! We hope that next year will be just as great! We encourage all brothers in the area to attend all of our events, they are always a great time. Please join our newsletter on our website to stay up to date with all of our events.



# Rhode Island AA $\star$

(www.ribeta.com) Contact: Bruce Tavares at tavaresfamily2@gmail.com Alumni Members: 75 Benefitting: Shady Acres Nursing Home Reoccurring Event: Cocktail Hour - varies

**Update:** Even for us hardy Rhode Islanders this winter has "sucked" and are looking forward to the warm summer breeze over Narragansett Bay. The R.I. Beta house is still in tremendous shape thanks to Brother Joe Hart. Zeta Tau Alpha are still renting from us and, overall, have been great tenants. Brother Andy Marcoux will once again organize another "Pop Top Open" Golf Tournament in early September 2015. Once again, we extend an invitation to all Phi Psis in the area to join our alumni association, particularly our Brown University and Boston AA brothers. If the Brown University alumni have any events please contact me and we will post them on our website.



# Rochester Area AA

Contact: Jason Simmons at hagar129@gmail.com



# RUBBER CITY AA ★ 📑

Contact: Tim Lynskey at tskey@maits.com Alumni Members: 40+

Join Them For: 2015 RCAA Golf Outing, 8/1/2015 11:30 a.m. - The Rubber City AA will hold our 26th annual Golf Outing at Barberton Brookside CC (www.barbertonbrookside.com)

**Update:** The Rubber City Alumni Association celebrated the 163rd year of the founding of our Fraternity in the most spectacular fashion. Thirty-four men of exemplary character were initiated, and the glorious

charter of Ohio lota at The University of Akron was restored, on the beautiful snowy morning of Founders Day 2015. The Rubber City Alumni Association could not be more proud of our new brothers or more appreciative of SWGP Scott Noble and our brothers from National Headquarters who braved the weather to preside over this watershed moment that was almost two decades in the making. Thank you to ALL of the brothers that participated in the weekend's events from the bottom of our hearts. High! High!



# Sacramento AA $\star$

Contact: Daniel Ott at daniel.ott@comcast.net Alumni Members: 40

Benefitting: Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Sacramento

Join Them For: Spring BBQ - Brother Dan Ott will be hosting a Spring BBQ with Bocce Ball and Horseshoes! Update: Our Sacramento AA Founders Day event has come and gone and our brotherhood has only grown stronger. We had a great event on February 21st with 36 brothers and Phi Psi ladies attending. Our featured speaker was Brother Ben Hecke from the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation and he did an excellent job.

We certainly appreciate his time and effort spent to attend our event. We also had the undergraduate brothers and current pledges from the Calif. lota chapter at UC Davis in attendance along with some Phi Psi ladies accompanying them.

The occasion also marked our annual governance meeting for the association to elect the coming year's officers. The current slate

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of brothers - Travis Nagler, President; David Tilley, Vice-President; Jason Weiner, Treasurer; Dan Ott, Secretary - was re-elected unanimously by the attending brothers.

Discussed at the meeting was an increase in member functions throughout the year in order to offer a wider variety of participation options to the Brothers. Continuing on with our new quarterly functions that started with our Phi-Psi-B-Q and Phi Psi Golf Tourney last November (won by Brother Ryon Lynn) and including our Founders Day event for this guarter, Brother Dan Ott will host the spring event at his home, with a BBQ spread. We want to encourage all brothers in our area to attend these events if you can.

The association already has close ties with the California lota Chapter located on the UC-Davis campus. Brother Jay Sevilla is the current chapter advisor and is doing a fantastic job getting our men back on the track to success. The current brothers and pledges are of the highest quality and we are looking forward to helping them strengthen their brotherhood on campus any way we can. We advertise every event and activity through our Sacramento AA email list. If you are not already receiving our emails and you are located in our Sacramento region, please email Brother Travis Nagler at travisnagler@gmail.com. ANY brother from ANY chapter is more than welcome to attend any of our events, and Phi Psi ladies are always welcome. We're looking forward to a great year!



# Saint Louis AA ★ 📑

Contact: Zack Suhre at zacksuhre@gmail.com Alumni Members: 40

Update: The St. Louis Alumni Association met to celebrate Founders Day 2015 at The Restaurant at the Cheshire. Over 40 brothers braved the inclement February weather to attend the banquet and program which included an Illinois Eta chapter report by GP Dave Pritchard and featured a keynote speech by David McDonald Beloit '82. The alumni association is planning a spring happy hour and a summer family picnic for

the first half of the year. Please check our Facebook page for the latest news and event details.



# San Diego AA ★ 📑

(http://pkpsdsu.com/alumni) Contact: Patrick Wingfield at 9wingpat@msn.com Alumni Members: 200

Join Them For: PKP San Diego Alumni Association Annual Golf Tournament, - TBD

Update: The San Diego Alumni Association continues to offer well-received support and mentorship to the undergraduate brothers of the California Lambda Chapter. Alumni participation and membership continues to grow and we encourage all alumni brothers in the area to reach out and come meet us. This year's Founders Day was held at the Bristol Hotel in downtown San Diego. With an attendance of over 200 brothers, this year's Founders Day was the largest ever. Guest speakers for the event included Robert Daniels, Todd Marsh, and Scott Slater, all California Lambda alumni and incredibly successful Phi Psis. Three local scholarships were awarded to active brothers: Coltin Solari was awarded the Phi Psi of the Year scholarship; Sergio Soria was awarded the Jerry Nelson Scholarship Award; and Kashian Strawick was awarded the Incoming Freshman Scholarship Award. Each scholarship was based on the brother's academic achievements and commitment and service to Phi Kappa Psi, San Diego State University, and the local community. In addition, the chapter granted 46 active brothers an academic scholarship for achieving a 3.0 or better. The San Diego Alumni Association will be holding its annual Golf Tournament in the Spring. Details will be announced soon.



# Seattle AA ★

(http://uwphipsi.com/)

Contact: Stephen Murphy at s\_e\_murphy@hotmail.com Alumni Members: 30

Reoccurring Event: Quarterly luncheons the 3rd Thursday of the quarter - Seattle Yacht Club, at Noon Update: Washington Alpha celebrated its Centennial at Seattle's Marriott Waterfront hotel, with 400+ alumni, actives and parents, and music from UW Husky band and our own Amici commemorating of 100 years at

the University of Washington. UW's Director of Fraternity Affairs, David Hotz, awarded WA Alpha with a plaque of appreciation and remarked that our Centennial was the 'most enthusiastic' that he had attended. Follow up includes establishing more alumni/ undergrad mentorships (now at 21) and for more alumni support for our aged chapter house.



# Silicon Valley AA 📑

Contact: Ravi Sankar at sankarravi@gmail.com Alumni Members: 56 Join Them For: Homecoming, 10/23/2015 6:30 p.m. - Dinner at the Stanford house the night before the football game

Reoccurring Event: SVAA Monthly Dinner - Join https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/svaa\_phipsi/info Update: Founders Day at the Stanford house has consistently good turnout, and this year was no exception.

We had 100 brothers in attendance, with initiation years ranging from 1938 to 2014. That included the GP from Calif. Gamma and brothers from four other chapters besides Calif. Beta. Since our last newsletter, we also had a huge Big Game Lunch, with over 300 brothers in attendance (including several who flow in from other countries) - if you haven't attended a Big Game Lunch recently,

they're one of our best alumni events, across Phi Psi nationally. The next one will be Nov 20, 2015 (the day before Big Game). Finally, if you aren't receiving emails about Founders Day, Homecoming, monthly SVAA dinners, etc., and would like to be, please join the SVAA list at https://groups.yahoo.com/svaa\_phipsi/info



# South Central Louisiana AA ★ 🚺 📷

(http://www.phikappapsisclaa.org) Contact: Calvin Humble at president@phikappapsisclaa.org Alumni Members: 70 Reoccurring Event: Phi Psi Fridays -

Lafayette, LA at Tim & Tias; Second Friday of the Month from June thru September. Contact Jim Sterling usljim@aol.com

Baton Rouge, LA Lucy's Retired Surfer Bar; Second Friday of the Month. Contact Jeremy Fisher fisher362@gmail.com

Update: At Founders Day this year. SCLAA established awards to honor outstanding alumni brothers from Louisiana Alpha and Louisiana Beta who uphold the highest standards of the Creed of Phi Kappa Psi through service to the Fraternity, to the alma mater, to America and to God. This award is the highest award bestowed by the Phi Kappa Psi South Central Louisiana Alumni Association to our Alumni.

For posterity the Louisiana Alpha Award will be named the E. Wade Shows Outstanding Alumni Service Award. Brother Shows has been selected to represent the Louisiana Alpha Chapter for eternity as the namesake for the award. The recipient of the first annual E. Wade Shows Outstanding Alumni Service Award is Brother Timothy J. White.

For posterity the Louisiana Beta Award will be named the James L. Sterling, Jr. Outstanding Alumni Service Award. Brother Sterling has been selected to represent the Louisiana Beta Chapter for eternity as the namesake for the award. The recipient of the first annual James L. Sterling, Jr.

The SCLAA will sponsor, from this year forward, the Outstanding Active Award. This is the highest award bestowed to an active brother by the Alumni Association to an active member of Phi Kappa Psi. The award recipients from Louisiana Alpha and Beta have been selected by the active membership of the recipient's chapter or colony. This award is meant to honor an active brother whose conduct be epitomizes the standards set out in the Creed of Phi Kappa Psi.

The recipient of the first annual Louisiana Alpha Outstanding Active Award is Brother Blaine Joseph Loupe, presented by Brother Stephen Gowdy, GP of Louisiana Alpha.

The recipient of the first annual Louisiana Beta Outstanding Active Award is Eli Guillot, presented by Brother Richard Blackwell, Chapter Advisor of Louisiana Beta Colony.

The Louisiana Beta Colony members surprised all the past sweethearts and Phi Psi ladies present with a special performance of the Phi Psi Sweetheart Song and were joined by the undergraduate Brothers of Louisiana Alpha and Louisiana Gamma.

We were also able to annouce that the Executive Council had approved the Louisiana Beta Colonies Charter Application!



# South Florida Gulf Coast AA ★ 🐼

#### Contact: Bob Greene at rg27masten@aol.com

Update: Founders Day 2015 saw brothers and their ladies gather to hear Mike McCoy, Historian of Phi Kappa Psi speak on Igniting Brotherhood and Twitter. Brother Anthony Davis sent an update on Florida Alpha's successes. Webmaster Barry Rubin spoke on our new website and Facebook page. Philanthropy Chair Jack States reported we raised \$4,855.57 for the Boys & Girls Club in 2014 and passed the hat, raising \$200.00 toward our goal. SFGCAA was well represented at Cabo in March 2015, less than a year

after having a large contingent at the 2014 GAC in Phoenix. The February 20, 2016 Founders Day Luncheon will again be at the Signature Room of Gecko's.



# Texas South Plains AA ★ 🚮

Contact: Colin Byrne at crbyrne90@gmail.com

Alumni Members: 70

Reoccurring Event: Monthly Happy Hours - Please join the TSPAA on the 2nd Thursday of each month at "The Libertine Bar" located at 2101 Greenville Ave., Dallas TX 75206 from 5:15 - 8:00 p.m. Alumni from other chapters are welcomed to attend! Please contact Colin Byrne or see our Facebook page for more details and updates.

Update: The Texas South Plains Alumni Association and the Texas Beta House Corporation celebrated an extremely successful Founders Day meeting and awards dinner this year in Dallas in conjunction with the undergraduates from Texas Beta.

This year, the awards committee decided to induct four new members into the Texas Beta Alumni Hall of Fame. Awardees are as follows:

"Distinguished Alumnus" - Bill Collins Texas Tech '53

"Distinguished Alumnus" - Oliver Thomas Texas Tech '53

"C.P.T.Moore Benefactor" - H.A. Sessions Texas Tech '55

"T.C. Campbell Outstanding Leader & Worker" - Charles Maedgen, Jr. Texas Tech '53

Oliver Thomas's stepson, Ray Moore, and his son, Christopher Moore, accepted the award on Olivers behalf. In addition, Wade

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Collins, son of Bill Collins, accepted the award on his fathers behalf. Our Founders Day meeting was hosted at the historic "Adolphus Hotel" in Downtown Dallas. Members all across the country flew in to hear about the updates for Texas Beta. Those who were present at the meeting were greeted with a surprise visit by the Honorable Thomas Louis "Tom" James Texas '48 (45th SWGP '74-'76, Justice- 5th District Court of Appeals Dallas TX)

In other news, both the TSPAA and the TBHC are in desperate need of volunteers! Elections for officers and directors of both organizations will be taking place at our next meeting in June. If you are interested in volunteering or you just want to know what you can do to help, please contact Colin Byrne (email above) or Daniel Horsch, TSPAA President, daniel.horsch@gmail.com

The TSPAA and the TBHC would like to thank everyone who attended both of this years Founders Day events. Without your continued support, none of this would be possible. Live Ever, Die Never!



# Toledo AA ★

Contact: Larry Zaiser at Izaiser@muzakoftoledo.com Alumni Members: 31 Benefitting: tie-one-on cancer research

Reoccurring Event: Sig Bet lunch - Black Pearl, 3rd Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Update: The largest attendence in a decade, 142, enjoyed brotherhood and carved roast beef in Toledo on Friday, February 20, 2015. Brothers from five chapters joined in the 163rd celebration of our founding.

Positive achievements and numbers were presented by the GP's of Ohio Eta and Ohio Zeta. Ohio Eta shared a terrific recruitment video produced by the chapter which highlighted the campus and outreach of the chapter. Plans for the annual alumni golf outing were announced for the late-June event.



# Tucson AA

Contact: James Gosses at jamesgosses@gmail.com



# Twin Cities AA ★ 盾

(www.MNphipsi.com) Contact: Jason Baker at jbaker@MNphipsi.com Alumni Members: 124

Join Them For: Alumni Golf Tournament, 6/19/2015 Noon - Alumni Golf at the University of MN Golf Course Reoccurring Event: Quarterly Happy Hours - TBD

Update: This year, we tried some new ideas for Founders Day. We moved to a new location, Jax Cafe, in Northeast Minneapolis and invited the brothers to bring a guest. The response was fantastic and we had over 150 brothers and guests in attendance. A big 'thank you' to Joseph Taralson for organizing it this year and we look forward to next year. TCAA is continuing to push for more alumni from other chapters. For location or more information on quarterly happy hours, please contact Tim Grosshuesch (tgrosshuesch@grosshuesch.com) or look on www.MNphipsi.com under alumni section. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Washington, DC AA 🚮

Contact: Doug Miller at douglasjmiller@yahoo.com

Update: We had a great Founders Day despite the four inches of snow and ice. We had over 100 active brothers from D.C. Alpha and Maryland Gamma, and about two dozen D.C. Alpha alumni, with a handful of alumni from around the country. It was a great success. We look forward to spring and the warmer weather. This will allow us to get out into the city of Washington with better events. If you are interested in joining, or are new to the city, please see our Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/PhiPsiDCAA



# Western Chicago AA

Contact: Paul Oblon at consults@ais.net



# <u>Western New York AA 🔢</u>

(https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ubphipsis/info) Contact: Frederick Petersen at fpetersen4@gmail.com Alumni Members: 100

Join Them For: Homecoming 2015 - Homecoming Tailgate, further details on Facebook or the Yahoo! UBPhiPsis page

**Update:** 73 alumni and active members joined us at the Hamlin House on February 28, 2015 to celebrate Founders Day in the grand tradition of Phi Kappa Psi. The well-attended event was particularly upbeat, as we turn a new page of the New York Eta Chapter history. The WNYAA would like to thank everyone who joined us, and is pleased to say that Hamlin House will again host us on February 27, 2016.



# Wheat State AA $\star$

(www.wheatstatealumni.com) Contact: Greg Sims at greg.sims@firstcrossbank.com Alumni Members: 75

Benefitting: Boys and Girls Clubs of America

Join Them For: Golf Tournament & Reunion, 7/18/2015 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 shotgun. Contact jeffmaher@aol. com

**Update:** On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Wheat State Alumni Association held its Founders Day Brunch at the Kansas Alpha Chapter House. National Treasurer Shannon Price joined 45 alumni and undergraduates for a great time of fellowship.



# Wisconsin AA ★ 🚮

Contact: Galen Quinsey at galen.quinsey@gmail.com Alumni Members: 65 Benefitting: David's Educational Opportunity Fund Reoccurring Event: Phi Psi Friday - Great Dane Madison, 5:00 p.m.

**Update:** The Wisconsin AA celebrated Founders Day this year by visiting the gravesite of Brother Gen. Billy Mitchell and with a service project with local seniors in Beloit followed by dinner in Milwaukee. Nearly

70 brothers, pledges and guests helped celebrate including the family of brother David Byrd-Felker who helped present the David Byrd-Felker Medal of Outstanding Character. February marked the fourth anniversary of the weekly Phi Psi Friday happy hour in Madison. For Wisconsin Phi Psi news follow us @BadgerPhiPsi on Twitter or on Facebook.





# IOWA BETAN RECEIVES UNIVERSITY HONOR



Eric Lathrop was awarded the Iowa State Alumni Association's Wallace E. Barron All-University Senior Award. Brother Lathrop has led Iowa Beta to new heights since joining as a freshman and immediately embracing leadership roles. He was the chapter's president after excelling in previous roles as summer recruitment chair and philanthropy chair, and he has received the Most Valuable Brother Award. But Phi Kappa Psi hasn't been the only campus organization touched by this secondgeneration Cyclone; Eric has served as membership chair for Beta Alpha Psi Business Club, as a member of Dance Marathon's business relations committee, as vice president of ceremonies for Cardinal Key Honor Society, and as a member of both the ISU Business Council and Senior Class Council.

When it comes to community service, Eric is actively engaged. Just a few of the community service organizations and activities that have benefitted from his time and talent include Boys and Girls Club of Story County, Food at First, Heartland Senior Services, Ankeny TAKE Clothing Drive, Adopt-A-Highway, Special Olympics of Iowa Polar Plunge, Habitat for Humanity, Project Linus, Ames/Ankeny First United Methodist Church, and Relay for Life.

# PHI PSI IS MOST ACCURATE TEXAS METEOROLOGIST

Brother Larry Mowry Valparaiso '97 celebrated his birthday on March 2nd in style. He and his weather team at Channel 11 in Dallas were named the 'Most Accurate Meteorologists in Texas' by WeatheRate. We profiled Larry in the fall 2014 issue of The Shield. WeatheRate reviews and compiles the daily forecasts of each TV station in a WeatheRate market. They utilize a patented algorithm software that takes each forecast and compares it to the actual observations and assigns a numerical score. Specifically, they track high & low temperatures, sky cover, precipitation, snowfall, wind and fog, including the timing and amount of rainfall/ snowfall. Congratulations to Brother Mowry and the CBS 11 Storm Team.



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#### Arizona Beta William J. Galloway '68

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Elton D. Boone Jr. '36 John L. Hamilton '50 Monte L. Killingsworth '52 William A. Sullivan '57

#### California Gamma

Pierre L. Brosseau '52 William K. House '41 Leo W. McIntyre '46 Philip J. Sinnott Jr. '40 James E. Snowden '49

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#### Illinois Beta William P. Budd '27 John G. White '39

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Missouri Alpha Kirk M. Dodge '50 Todd Allen Frerichs '83

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# Phi Kappa Psi Matriarch Elma Letterman Passes Away

Elma Letterman, widow of the grandson of Phi Kappa Psi co-founder William Henry Letterman and mother of the greatgrandson, died March 18 at age 95 at her home in La Luz, New Mexico.

Her nursing career spanned over 50 years, a period which included service in the Navy Nurse Corps in the Pacific during World War II. She was a flight nurse in a very small and elite unit of highly-trained and brave specialist volunteers who routinely flew in and out of combat zones -- rare duty assigned women. She and the other members of her unit later would receive a Presidential Unit Citation for their service.

For that distinguished service, she was chosen last month as the first recipient of the newly-established Phi Kappa Psi Military Recognition Medal for those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. "Nothing could be more in line with the values and character of the men of Phi Kappa Psi" than to select Elma Letterman as the first recipient of the medal, said Phi Kappa Psi National President Scott Noble February 18, 2015 in announcing her selection.

She also received Phi Kappa Psi's Ladies Silver Bowl in 1976, a National Fraternity award presented every two years at Grand Arch Councils to recognize the contributions to the fraternity by a special "Phi Psi Sweetheart." It sat on her dining room table where she could see it every day.

She was born Elma Belle Allen in Monroe, La., December 20, 1919. The family traces her history in the U.S. to John and Priscilla Alden, he a crew member on the historic voyage of the Mayflower and she a passenger with other members of her Mullin family.

As a young woman, Elma trained as a secretary before being licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN). After enlisting in the Navy Nurse Corps, she would fly into what had been Japanese air bases as soon as the Marines had taken and secured them, to evacuate the wounded. The danger included her once diving into a trench next to an airfield during a kamikaze attack.

She was based in Guam after it was secured and where casualties were first brought to its field hospital. She then would fly with wounded to Hawaii and also served on flights from Honolulu to Alameda Naval Air Station in Oakland, California.

As the war ended, she flew into recent war zones to evacuate recently-freed prisoners of war who required medical attention. After the war, she worked with her Phi Psi husband, Dr. Gordon Sparks Letterman, and managed his office. (He was initiated by Missouri Alpha on May 15, 1938.)

She ended her medical career upon her husband's retirement. He died March 26, 2001, at age 86, concluding their marriage of 54 years. (Dr. Letterman was recognized last

month as the second recipient of the new Military Recognition Medal. His and his wife's awards will be presented to the Letterman family.)

The Phi Kappa Psi Executive Council in a July 10, 2004 resolution recognized her "devotion to the virtues, principles, and precepts of Phi Kappa Psi and through her exercise of commitment, honesty, consideration, service, loyalty, integrity, and love...has strengthened and advanced the good name of Phi Kappa Psi."

While still in her early 90s, she continued "feeding her backyard full of birds and turtles was very active in her church, and walked a mile first thing in the morning to get her day going," said her son, Gordon Roscoe Letterman, *West Virginia* '72. "She also loved to hear from Phi Psis."

She also was a good friend of "Mr. Phi Psi," Ralph D. (Dud) Daniel, longtime Executive Director of Phi Kappa Psi and frequently present at Phi Psi events throughout the country until his death in January 2011. "She would always call him on Founders Day, his birthday, holidays, and sometimes just to chat," Gordon said, adding with a smile, "She's the one who saw to it that regular checks went out from my dad and me to the Fraternity."

Survivors include her son, Gordon Roscoe Letterman, his wife, Ellen, two granddaughters, Elyscia Belle and Laura, and 5 living brothers and sisters. The family plans private services this fall, at a date to be determined, at the Santa Fe, New. Mexico, National Cemetery, with internment next to her husband's grave. In lieu of cards and flowers, the family requests any donations be made in her name to the Eternity Baptist Church of which she was a member, located at 1205 25th St., Alamogordo, N.M. 88310.



# ACCLAIMED ACTOR AND PHI PSI EDWARD HERRMANN Passes Away at 71

Edward K. Herrmann *Bucknell '62*, who appeared on stage, television and film over 100 times in an accomplished acting career, passed away on December 31, 2014 at the age of 71 after a battle with brain cancer. More known to modern audiences for his seven-year run as the patriarch on The WB's "Gilmore Girls," Hermann was a talented character actor, who was known to a variety of audiences for a career of balanced performances.

Born in Michigan, Herrmann studied English at Bucknell, where he was an active student, not just in Pennsylvania Gamma, but also as vice president of the student body and member of Theta Alpha Phi dramatic honor society. He was incredibly proud of his association with the university, receiving an honorary doctorate in 1983 and speaking at commencement in 1989.

His professional career began in theatre in 1971. On the stage, Herrmann won a Tony Award in 1976 as Best Featured Actor for his Broadway performance in "Mrs. Warren's Profession." From there, he grew into even bigger roles on television and in film.

Starting in 1976, his role as Franklin D. Roosevelt in the made-for-television movies "Eleanor and Franklin" and "Eleanor and Franklin – The White House Years," earned him the first two of what would be five Emmy nominations. He would later win his lone Emmy for his 1999 guest appearance in "The Practice."

Movie roles also began for Herrmann in the 1970's, including notable characters in "The Great Waldo Pepper" and "The Great Gatsby." Later roles of note included Goldie Hawn's husband in "Overboard," and the father in "Richie Rich." Showcasing an abundance of acting talent and a vast repertoire of characters, Herrmann's acting success may



be best measured in the fact that audiences of all ages, backgrounds and tastes likely saw him work.

His voice was also his calling card, narrating several documentaries and serving as a spokesman for Dodge for nearly a decade. That union should come as no surprise, as Herrmann was passionate about cars, restoring and owning several classics in his personal collection.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one stepson. He will be remembered by many for his unforgettable characters and acting greatness.



#### J. Augustus Cadwallader Jr. Pennsvlvania Gamma '41

J. Augustus "Gus" Cadwallader Jr. passed away peacefully on January 1, 2015 at the age of 93. In high school, he attended George School in Newton, PA, and Loomis School in Windsor, CT. In college, he attended Bucknell University and Penn State University. He joined the Navy during WWII to become a pilot and did his pre-flight training at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, where he met his wife. Betty Lou. and flight training at the University of NC, Chapel Hill, NC. Gus worked 20 years for the Ralston Purina Company as the Minnesota District Sales Manager; and over 30 years in real estate as Manager/Broker for Fredrick Herfurth Real Estate and Realtor for Edina Realty – both in Wavzata, MN. He was a Past President and dedicated Wayzata Rotarian and a multiple recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award. His marriage continued until 1991, when Betty Lou died of illness. In February, 1994, Gus married Helen Yost, the widow of John H. Yost Bucknell '39. They resided in/near Riverton, NJ for the next 19 years. At the end of 2013, Gus returned to Minnesota to be with his four children and their families. Gus never wanted gifts and when asked he would say, "I want Peace, Love and Happiness – and the Health to enjoy them all." These words are how he lived his life and will always be his legacy.

Gus is survived by his wife, four children, eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, a brother, sister, and two Yost step-children and their families.

#### William R. Galloway Jr.

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William R. Galloway Jr. died peacefully on Saturday, February 28. 2015 at the age of 87. An internationally-known business executive with more than 52 years of experience in the chemical and allied industries on four continents, his career was unique in terms of his involvement in a wide variety of businesses and technologies. Following graduation from Iowa State, he joined the DuPont Company where he worked in various capacities in Engineering, Manufacturing, Marketing, and General Management in seven different departments. During his career he spent a number of years commercializing new products and technologies. In 1991, he received Iowa State University's College of Business Citation for outstanding achievements beyond the university, and in 1992 he received the university's Distinguished Achievement Citation for preeminent contributions to education, industry and public service. It is the highest honor bestowed by the university. He had a reputation as an astute negotiator and negotiated agreements at the highest levels of government in the U.S., Germany, Iran, Venezuela, United Kingdom and Ireland. A frequent spokesman for business and chemical industry groups, he appeared on national television in four nations. He also served as chairman of several trade associations. He was a long-time high altitude mountain climber and a member of the Swiss Alpine Club and the American Alpine Club. In 2004 he was awarded a gold medal for scaling 100 of the 4,000-meter peaks in the Alps. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Gloria, and two children.



#### Frank A. Gilkison Indiana Beta '45

Frank E. Gilkison passed away on March 20, 2015. Mr. Gilkison was an accomplished litigator who mixed preparation, professionalism, and tenacity inside the court room with congeniality and grace outside. Frank served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and served as an Air Cadet in 1944-1945. After graduating from the I.U. School of Law in 1950, Gilkison came to Muncie, Indiana to practice law with the Law Firm of White and Haymond, a predecessor firm to Beasley & Gilkison, Attorneys at Law, becoming a partner in 1955, where he remained a member until retirement in 2012. He tried cases in 34 Indiana counties, Federal Courts, the Indiana Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Mr. Gilkison served on the Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Character & Fitness for 35 years, and was CEO of Home Beverages, Inc., a small beverage distributor in Washington, for 45 years. Community activities included president and fifty-year membership in the Muncie Exchange Club, president and fiftythree-year member of the Delaware Country Club, president of the Ball state Cardinal Varsity Club, and president of the Delaware County Tuberculosis Association. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of First Presbyterian Church, a board member of the YMCA, Delaware Crippled Children Society, the Muncie Club, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was a thirteen-year member of the Muncie Industrial Revolving Loan Fund Board. For 50 years, he belonged to the Muncie Masonic Lodge #433 and he was a 32nd degree Mason. He was a life member of the Junto Club of Muncie. He is survived by his wife, Donna, four daughters, two stepsons, 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



#### Richard H. Griesser Indiana Gamma '48

Richard Hans Griesser died on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. At Wabash, he was a re-chartering member of Indiana Gamma. Upon graduation from Wabash, Richard enlisted in the Air Force. After basic training, he was involved in aviation training, graduating as a 2nd Lieutenant and radar observer. He was also a classroom and flight instructor until returning to civilian life in 1955. Richard worked as a life insurance agent for Franklin Life, Allstate, and Homeco Life Companies. In 1973 Richard joined United Grocers of Little Chute, Wisconsin and started an insurance department for the food warehouse to serve the needs of the warehouse and its members. When Roundy's purchased United, United's insurance department was merged with Roundy's and Richard became Vice President, Northern Division of Insurance Planners, a division of Roundy's. He retired in 1990. Richard has been an active Wabash College alumnus and thoroughly enjoyed returning to Crawfordsville, Indiana to join his fraternity brothers for homecoming activities and football games. He was a

passionate recruiter for Wabash College, even manning a booth each year at the Xavier High School College Fair. He wore his Wabash red colors proudly! In the early 80's, he became more physically active and entered many 5K races. He loved golf and enjoyed many years with friends at Fox Valley Golf Club where he was a member for twenty-five years. He also loved tennis and enjoyed playing at BridgeKort and later Club West. On May 8, 2014 Richard was proud to be on the Old Glory Honor Flight to Washington D.C. He felt it was an awesome experience to be one of a group of veterans of World War II and the Korean War visiting the memorial sites in the Capitol. His is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, seven children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



#### Calvin A. Pihl Oregon Alpha '47

Calvin "Cal" A. Pihl passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at the age of 90. Throughout Cal's life, he was a determined, hard-working, honest and caring person. While attending the University of Oregon, he was drafted in May of 1943. Following training, he was commissioned as ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve in March 1945. He served in the Pacific and was released to inactive duty in June 1946, graduating from Oregon in 1947. Subsequently, he was recalled to active duty in March of 1951 during the Korean War. During that time, he served as It. operations officer aboard the U.S.S. Chevalier. His military career ended when he was released from active duty in February 1953. His profession was as a C.P.A. for Price Waterhouse and later controller for Wadham's and Company and its successor until 1984. During retirement, Cal continued to enjoy fishing, hunting, boating, travel and time spent at Crescent Lake and Sunriver. Cal is survived by his wife of 64 years, Irene, and two daughters.



#### Calvin R. Smith Oregon Alpha '47

Calvin "Cal" Richard Smith passed away on November 2, 2014 at the age of 86. Growing up, Cal played football, basketball and lots of golf. When he retired, golf was almost a full time job! He was a real "jock." After graduating from Oregon in 1950, he and his friend, Rich, drove to Seattle and enlisted in the Navy. They both trained as pilots, Cal with helicopters. He left the Navy in December of 1954. He hired on to JC Penny in January of 1955 in San Jose and he reached management level in 1969 in Oakland. Cal was a Rotarian for 30 years and attended 10 international conventions. He served on the Boy Scout council in Ventura, CA and the Ventura Chamber of Commerce. He had JC Penny stores in San Jose and Ventura, CA, Caldwell, ID, Aberdeen and Seattle, WA. Cal was a member of Maplewood Presbyterian Church. He was a dedicated alumnus of the Oregon Ducks and served on the Foundation Board. Cal never missed a Oregon Duck game. You could find him at home games in the stands cheering on his beloved Ducks, or watching them on television. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Marilyn, and three children, three grandchildren, as well as three great-grandchildren.



Clarence John Spangler "Spang" passed away on February 15, 2015 He earned his Navy Wings in May, 1945 and then

returned to Ohio Wesleyan and received his accounting degree. In the summer of 1949, with his accounting degree in hand, Spang and his wife, Jean, packed up and headed to Texas to seek their fortune. Ultimately, Spang was hired by Clint Murchison, Jr's Tecon Group for whom he joyfully worked for 37 years. During his time at Tecon, Spang was the initial controller for the fledgling Dallas Cowboys. He remained associated with the Cowboys until 1969. Spang traveled the world with Tecon and had many great memories. He retired from Tecon as a VP in 1993. Spang loved the water. From the Navy to the family lake house at Cedar Creek, Spang loved the allure and freedom associated with the water. Spang is survived by Jean, his wife of 68 years, five children, 10 grandchildren and six great grand-children.

#### Roy L. Steinheimer

#### Kansas Alpha '36

Roy Lee Steinheimer Jr., the dean of the Washington and Lee University School of Law from 1968 to 1983, and the Robert E.R. Huntley Professor of Law Emeritus at W&L, died on January 8, 2015 at the age of 98. During Steinheimer's landmark tenure as dean, the Law School moved into its current headquarters, Lewis Hall, welcomed its first women students, further diversified its student body, and strengthened its national profile.

"Roy Steinheimer's deanship was a pivotal one for Washington and Lee's Law School," said W&L President Ken Ruscio. "He left a genuine legacy, and more than any other individual shaped the Law School that exists today. His contributions were profound, and we shall be forever grateful for his service and dedication to the University."

Roy grew up in Hutchinson, Kansas, received his A.B. in economics in 1937 from the University of Kansas and his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1940. He practiced law with Sullivan & Cromwell in New York City for 10 years before returning to the University of Michigan, where he taught from 1950 to 1968.

Steinheimer came to W&L in 1968 as dean, and after his 1983 retirement from that post continued to teach at W&L. In 1984, he spent a semester at the University of Alabama as the first occupant of the John Sparkman Distinguished Professorship. In 1985, he was named the Robert E.R. Huntley Professor of Law at W&L and taught commercial transactions and consumer protection. He retired from W&L in 1987. From 1989 to 1999, however, he served as an adjunct professor of law.

Steinheimer's primary field was commercial law. He served on the Uniform Commercial Code committees of the American and Michigan state bar associations and lectured widely on the code. He belonged to the American Bar Association, American Arbitration Association and American Law Institute. In 1970, he headed a White House task force that investigated ways to explain the American legal system to children.He also belonged to the honorary societies of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa and Order of the Coif. Known as "The Sky Dean," he piloted a Beech Bonanza airplane until he was 76 years old over the skies of the East Coast on recruitment trips. He also flew in Alaska, the Caribbean, Central America and South America. And he raised sheep both in Michigan and Virginia. Steinheimer married Jane Powell Patchett in 1949; she died in 1982. He married Frances Pugh in 1988; she died in 2008. He is survived by Frances Pugh Steinheimer's daughters, Sarah Pugh Dicks and Susan Pugh Morten.



#### Harry W. Summers Illinois Delta '52

Harry Woodward Summers, Jr. passed away peacefully on December 8, 2014 at the age of 80 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Upon graduating from Illinois he completed officer candidate school and proudly served as an officer for the United States Navy. Harry was beloved by all who crossed his path and loved to reminisce about his wild times in the Fraternity and the Navy. Harry proudly counseled families on financial matters for over 40 years as a financial planner. Harry was retired at the time of his death but was a founding partner of Associate Securities Corporation, a group of independent financial planners. During retirement, Harry was slowed by Parkinson's but he still enjoyed long walks through nature. He is survived by his wife, Susan, five children, six grandchildren



#### Samuel R. Thompson Indiana Beta '54

Dr. Samuel "Sam" R. Thompson passed away on Monday, December 15, 2014 at the age of 79. Sam earned his B.S. in Zoology in 1957 and Doctorate in Medicine in 1961 from Indiana. He served his internship at Detroit Receiving Hospital and he completed his residency in Ophthalmology from the University of Michigan in 1965. After completing his residency in 1965, he served in the US Navy until 1967 in Millington, TN. He practiced in Ophthalmology for 38 years, retiring in 2001. Sam enjoyed being a Docent at the Allen County Courthouse. He is survived by his wife, Jane, one daughter and two granddaughters.

#### Matthew S. Wemmer

#### Maryland Gamma '07

Matthew Stewart Wemmer passed away on January 20, 2015 at the age of 27. His brothers will remember him as a deeply caring friend who focused his energies on those less fortunate in the chapter and university. As an undergraduate brother, Matt served a term as GP of the Maryland Gamma chapter and played on the University of Maryland club lacrosse team. After college, Matt devoted his life to his passions: creating and managing a charitable organization as well as several entrepreneurial endeavors. He spent most of his time devoted to supporting local arts, music, and culture. He is survived by his parents, siblings and partner, Lauren, and is the first brother inducted into Maryland Gamma to pass away.

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At the conclusion of the 2014 Grand Arch Council in Phoenix, many brothers were left wondering where the t-shirts were. Having become collector items for some through the years, not having a shirt for sale got some brothers working on it. Thanks to their work, a shirt is now available.

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Next year Laurel Hall, Phi Kappa Psi's home and Headquarters for the last 10 years, will turn 100 years old. Although we are far from the first tenants of this historic Indianapolis Mansion, we are its most recent. This issue's look down memory lane gives a nod to part of Laurel Hall's great past and its longest serving tenant, Ladywood Academy, an all-girls Catholic school who called Laurel Hall, and many of the surrounding acres, home for nearly 50 years. This scrapbook was put together by Ellen Wagner during her time as a student at Ladywood and includes a glimpse at not only what life was like for a high-school student in the mid-forties, but also what living in Laurel Hall was like even back then.

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