

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 5th Annual Phi Sigma Golf Outing and Steak Cookout

**When:** May 29th – May 31st

**Where:** Tofrees, The Blue Course, The Chapter House

Will we see you back in Happy Valley this May? You should make plans to come back to campus and enjoy all that Penn State and Happy Valley has to offer, as well as make plans to see your brothers at Tofrees, the Blue Course, and the Chapter House.

For more information, see the full write up on P1.

## LOST LIST

We're missing emails for many other brothers! Below is a short list of alumni emails we are missing:

Michael Shanahan '65  
John A Kuprevich '70  
Eugene R. Auman '75  
Nicholas O Lindberg '80  
Scott R Neuhard '85  
Sean R Baldis '90  
Hunter Grossman '95  
Steven Lambrecht '00  
Matthew Gibb '05  
Ryan Ivey '10

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# Kappa News

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**Kappa Chapter**  
**Phi Sigma Kappa at Penn State**

May 2015

## GOLF OUTING

### May 29th, 2015 - Golfing with Brothers and Golfing For A Purpose

Join us for our 5th annual golf tournament on **May 29th-31st** which is dedicated to Kappa Brother *Jeff Peffer, aka "Wally Peefers,"* who passed away last Fall. Wally pledged in 1975 and graduated in 1978, and is remembered by his friends for his great attitude, sense of humor and his Army helmet. The helmet was a



fixture for all of his meetings as Inductor for the Spring 1977 pledge class which included **David Hyland '80, Jim Whipkey '80, Jim Mitchell '80, Keith Whitman '80 and Marty Perl '81**, among others. Jeff was a great character, brother, husband, father, friend and coach. He spent his entire professional career employed at the Providence Journal (Rhode Island). He is survived by his wife Susan (Harvey) Peffer and children Andrew and Kristen.

Each year, our golf outing has grown in numbers. It's time to talk it up with your Kappa friends and other golfing buddies. Everyone is welcome. Even if you don't golf, come anyway.

The cooks will be setting things up earlier in the day and preparing for the reception and steak cookout after the golfers finish. The usual valuable awards will be presented following dinner.

A special, well-known Phi Sig alum has been invited to attend our festivities.

**Information regarding registration for golf on Friday and Saturday, and dinner on Saturday can be found on our website at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com).** We hope to see many of you there to rekindle friendships from your college days.

Part of your registration fee will be donated to the Kappa Chapter Scholarship Fund, which was formed this past year.

We are also planning to sell special Phi Sig logo golf balls as a fundraiser to grow the scholarship fund. Buy them at the golf outing and dinner, or contact Fred DeCock '80 at [fred.decock@comcast.net](mailto:fred.decock@comcast.net) for purchases if you can't join us in State College.



## Congratulations!

**Congratulations to Board member Dan Stearns '73 upon being named an Eisenhower Award winner for distinguished teaching!**

To read more about the award, please check out this link at <http://tinyurl.com/distinguishteacher>

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPDATE

## Men of the Year, Superstars All Shine Bright

Here's to the Men of the Year and the Superstars! This spring's Men of the Year were recently honored at the Founder's Day reception and dinner, while the Phi Sig Superstars began raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

### Phi Sig "Men of the Year" Awards

On March 21st, at our annual Founder's Day reception and dinner, two of our Brothers were honored as "Men of the Year". **Joe Mazziotti**, who served as Chapter Treasurer for several terms, graduated last December, and is now interning at IBM before enrolling in a special MBA program at PSU, was the "Active of the Year". **Dick Doherty '58**, long time Board Member and President of the Board for many, many years, was honored as "Alumni of the Year". Each received a plaque honoring their achievements.

### 32nd Annual Phi Sig Superstars

Kappa Chapter actives are once again hosting this event which has raised over \$275,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in memory of Brother Vincent Scott Sandoe, who was taken from us after a difficult battle with leukemia. The event is hosted at the Kappa Chapter House. If you can contribute to this worthy cause, please send your check made out to "Phi Sigma Kappa" to:

Sal Mastrobattista 501  
S. Allen St.  
State College, PA 16801

Be sure to add "Superstars" on the memo line.

### Phi Sig in the News

As you have probably heard, Phi Sig was suspended for a short period of time this semester. We've had to keep things close to the vest while the investigation played out, but we are happy to report to you that the incident investigation is nearing an end. In short, the allegations were found to be nowhere near

as egregious as reported. The active chapter brothers filed the report to the State College Police Department within 24 hours of learning of the allegation and cooperated fully with them. This was one of the fastest reported incidents at the University in recent memory - many take weeks to be reported.

The State College Police Department detective noted that in his 25 years of service, he had never had more cooperation from a fraternity than he did on this case. The

IFC suspended the chapter for 2 weeks for "related" violations of social policy, and they were successful in working out a mutually satisfying agreement at their judicial board hearing last week. The allegations were brought against

a male guest of one of the brothers, and no brothers were involved.

We are very proud of the swift action that the brotherhood took to report the incident and work with the SCPD to complete a successful investigation.

We are also engaging with the University Task Force that has been established to review the Greek system. As proud alumni and concerned parents, we want the Greek experience we had to be reinvigorated and to be as beneficial to current members as it has been for many of us.

The news is nothing but good for Phi Sigma Kappa. We are facing a bright future, and so are the Men of the Year and the Phi Sig Superstars. All is well in Happy Valley.

## Chapter Report

### Kappa Chapter Actives Improve Lives of Others

This year the active members of Kappa Chapter have had a rather full plate. This past fall we inducted 18 quality members to join the ranks of our brotherhood. Meanwhile this spring we have six quality associates who are currently earning their way into the house as they learn about both our tradition and rituals.

Kappa Chapter has also made many strides within the community this year breaking our personal fundraising record for THON with a grand total of \$51,478.15. Thanks to our strong total, we have managed to secure a THON partner with sorority Phi Sigma Rho for THON 2016.

This year we have also started novel efforts in contributing to this summer's Special Olympics as part of a national Phi Sigma Kappa effort lead by the Grand Chapter. To raise money for the Special

Olympics we organized a Battle of the Bands at the house consisting of ten bands. Between the proceeds from the event in addition to direct donations we have currently raised \$1,151 toward our final goal \$2,500.

The 32nd annual Kappa Chapter Superstars was held to raise money for the National Leukemia Society. With the help of ten sponsors, we were chasing our record of \$5,000. Thank you Alumni for your previous donations!

While we have been making a strong effort philanthropically this year, the alumni have also made many charitable donations that have greatly improved the house. New furniture, cabinets, and other amenities provided to us by the alumni have made a significantly positive change in the general atmosphere of the house by making the first floor a place people want

to hangout. The house is on a current upward trend and we couldn't be happier.

Damn Proud!



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## \$1,000+

James M. Whipkey	1980	Dick W. Doherty	1958	Kirk J LaTorre	1983
Edward L Auslander	1985	William F Funk	1963	Robert M. Glass	1986
		H. Richard Minnich	1963	John Duda M.D.	1987

## \$500-\$999.99

James C. Hancock	1953	Curtis G Hepler	1964	Brian C Trapani	1987
Richard W. Newell	1968	Kenneth Marta	1964	J. Andrew Kirschler	1990
Frederick M. DeCock	1980	Kermit W. Stahr	1966	John R. Woerner	1991

## \$250 - \$499.99

Ben McLure	1962	David C Teather	1966	Joel P Miller	1997
Thomas William Wylonis	1967	John R. Lloyd	1968	Thomas A. Conley	2001
Steven H. Brose	1969	Michael T Flaherty	1969	Matthew S Anthony	2002

Bruce M. Balmat	1970	Frederick W Jacobs	1969	Erik Silko	2005
Richard D. Richardson	1970	Ronald C. Manning	1969		
Stephen P. Handwerk	1974	Craig R. T. Heckman	1970		

## \$100 - \$249.99

William L Keefauver	1948	Ronald G. Hedges	1970	Harry F. Jones	1958
Reaves C Lukens	1953	Terence L Seese	1970	Michael D. Bache	1978
John E. Russ	1953	Paul A Church M.D.	1971	Gary DeCock	1983

Edward J. Baranski	1955	Paul F. Robertson	1971		
Joseph C. Peden	1956	William R. Warfel II	1971		
Richard D Lash	1957	John C Easley	1972		

		William A. Albertson II	1973		
		Dan T. Stearns	1973		
		L. Steuart Brown	1974		

		Edward G. Buchan	1974		
		Bruce G. Best	1976		
		Jeff Pepper	1978		

		Brian C. Auman	1979		
		Kevin J. Courter	1980		
		Stanley E Lapek	1981		

		John J Powell	1981		
		Jeff E. Rehborn	1981		
		James E Rock	1981		

		A Roy Kern Jr.	1983		
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Reflects gifts received from Sept. 1, 2014 to April 16, 2015.

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### Charles A Kuhar '71

(La Center, WA; kuharc@earthlink.net)  
I joined the Air Force in 1971 and spent 21 years as an aviator (pilot) in fixed-wing fighter aircrafts like F-111, F-15E Strike Eagle. I spent my first tour in Southeast Asia during 1972 flying combat missions in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. What a hoot!

As a 23 year old I saw some pretty amazing things. Who would of guessed that the art history course I took my senior year would prove so useful – the golden Buddha, the reclining Buddha, the royal palace – all at my fingertips.

When I came back to the states, I served as a platform, simulator, and flight instructor. I was a Top Gun Instructor, a UN peacekeeper in Lebanon, Syria, and Egypt as well as a Space Shuttle Project Officer for the STS-3 landing and recovery at White Sands, New Mexico. I lived all over the world and saw sights that I still have trouble believing.

When I was going through initial flight training, I met my wife, Patti. She followed me on every assignment, and together we compiled some fantastic sagas. We have no children we're willing to claim, but if I feel the need for child rearing, I can visit my three sisters who would be more than willing to loan me their kids for the day.

After retiring from the Air Force, I worked as a high school math teacher for three years under Project Teach, California's initiative to generate more math and science professionals. I also worked for the Post Office as a supervisor and District Manager. I ended up in a medical retirement situation because of liver failure, and endured eight years of pain and suffering, followed by two back to back liver transplants. I survived and eventually flourished, going from a robust 225 pounds to a skeletal 136 pounds. A great Halloween look, maybe even appropriate for the "Grave Digger's Ball" but not so much for everyday life.

### Lawrence E Marynak '72

(Cary, NC; lmarynak@gmail.com)  
Kathy and I met in the Blue Band and married in 1973. We are still married after 41 years and living in Raleigh. We have two daughters. Amy is a stay at home mom here in Raleigh with our only grandchild, Paul. Kristy works with the CD in Atlanta on the policy side, and just returned from a tour in West Africa working on Ebola infection information issues. We plan to move to Atlanta as soon as she and her husband are ready to start a family.

After our undergraduate years, we married, served two years active as members of the USAF Academy Band, then moved to Kathy's hometown in Troy, PA where I served as HS Band Director and in the 553rd A FNG Band in Harrisburg. I earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering and Kath, earned a Masters in Music Ed, both on the WW2 GI Bill.

I took a power plant engineering job in North Carolina in 1982 and Kath became

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a Music Teacher, an Assistant Principal, and spent her last 15 years as an elementary school principal. After 15 years with the power company and a painful downsizing layoff, I worked my last 15 years as a project manager with the same Wake County school system in technology and construction. We both retired from these jobs on January 1, 2014.

After a 15-year break in service, I reenlisted

in an Army Guard Band in Raleigh and retired after 20 years total. The sergeant's retirement pay is low, but the Tricare benefits are substantial.

**George J Washko '77** (jeffwash2@aol.com)

I have just moved to San Diego after living in Switzerland for the last three years. It's been great to be back in the United States.

**Stephen A Chilcote '80**

(Tyrone, PA; schilcote1223@gmail.com)

I just became a grandfather in January, and am trying to reinvent my consulting business to keep it alive. I am looking forward to new challenges.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Andrew Herdman '92: I Was Very Lucky To Become A Phi Sig



This month, we got in touch with **Andrew Herdman '92** via email for an interview. He was able to tell us about a very unique and touching experience he had through the Phi Sig.

**Why did you choose to join Phi Sigma Kappa as opposed to other fraternities at Penn State?**

Phi Sigma Kappa was truly a bunch of good guys who genuinely enjoyed and cared for one another. There

was no pretense or arrogance, but there was also no mistake that it was a house full of real leaders. There was a Phi Sig in nearly every significant leadership role on campus-- including IFC and Dance Marathon. While I was there, two brothers chaired Dance Marathon (Marc Hourvitz and Tom O'Keefe) during the period when it really broke out and eclipsed the 1 million dollar mark. At the same time, our own philanthropy Phi Sig Superstars was the largest philanthropy in the country sponsored by a single fraternity. We were also honored with the Chapter of the Year Award by the national fraternity. As I look back, it is clear we were among the strongest fraternities on campus--by any standard: academics, campus leadership, athletics, the social aspect, and the strength of friendships. It seemed to me to be a pretty special time in the history of the fraternity and I was very lucky to have found Phi Sig.

**Would your life be different today if you didn't join Phi Sigma Kappa? Why or why not?**

First, I would be deprived of a lot of great memories and friendships. I also think I discovered things about myself, including some difficult lessons, that wouldn't have been possible in another context.

**Where has life taken you since your graduation day from Penn State?**

I married Jennifer and we have three children—Anna (9), Jamie (7) and Ben (5). Our wedding was thick with Siggers, including Marc Camaratta and Matt Vergamini who were in the wedding. Professionally, I spent 12 years working for a Pennsylvania based real estate development company, eventually assuming leadership of the Human Resource and, later, the Business Development functions. Along the way, I discovered I enjoyed the training and development portion of my job the most and fell in love with teaching as an adjunct faculty member for a few local colleges and Universities. So, I decided to pursue my Ph.D. in Management/Human Resources, which I completed in 2008. I took a faculty position at East Carolina University in 2007 and spent 8 years teaching, researching and consulting in the areas of leadership and human resources. I decided to leave academia shortly after receiving tenure and returned to industry in 2014. I am currently serving as VP of Human Resources

for Mayne Pharma.

**If you had to go back and relive one of your past moments at the fraternity, what would you relive and why?**

It is hard to isolate one—summers living in the house, canning trips to D.C., the dumb game, dinner at Bear's house, Grave Diggers, pledge bolts, and Superstars all come to mind. But the memory that makes me laugh the hardest is when I think of it is the trial we held for a (unnamed) brother who was alleged to have committed a variety of "crimes" against the brotherhood-- with the honorable Kevin Brady presiding (in white wig and bathrobe), Marc Camaratta as his trusted Bailiffs and Eric Nanda (The Urban Commando) emerging from the witness protection program in full disguise to serve as the star witness for the prosecution. Justice was served and the sentence was swiftly administered in the sump pump.

**Is there any particular day in the house/brother in the house that really sticks out to you as a more poignant moment/person? In other words, is there any day/person that had any sort of influence on you coming out of college/your college days?**

My father passed away my junior year. One of my strongest memories was the response of the brotherhood-- they showed up in force in my hometown a couple hours away. I remember feeling pretty overwhelmed and unbelievably lucky to have that kind of support and love. I still get a warm feeling when I remember looking up and seeing them file into the funeral home.

Of course, I also remember the impact of the late Robert "Bear" Koehler, Ph.D. who faithfully served the fraternity for so many years. I am certain that every Phi Sig who was lucky enough to have him as an advisor will smile when they think of him.

**What would you say is your life's mission?**

I try to leave people, places and things better than I found them.

**Do you keep in touch with other brothers? Are there any particular brothers you would like to hear from?**

Occasionally, there will be talk of a bunch of us getting together but it rarely goes very far, with the complexities of kids and jobs. We need to get together soon. If anyone is interested, reach out.

**What advice would you give to the actives currently in the chapter?**

Protect the good name and traditions of the Phi Sig brotherhood at Penn State. With recent high profile events involving fraternities at Penn State and elsewhere, good judgment and integrity are more critical than ever. Also, realize that the challenges that fraternities bring, including dealing with diverse personalities, budgets/finances, and learning to work together are very similar to those you will face the rest of your life. More importantly, if you do it right, you will discover the importance of a shared purpose, honesty and leading by example as critical determinants to the difference you will make in your life and careers.