

UPCOMING EVENTS

Founders' Day

Saturday, March 29

Join us for dinner and the presentation of the Active & Alumnus of the Year Awards. Stay tuned for full details and other weekend activities at www.phisigpsu.com.

Blue-White Weekend

April 11-13

4th Annual Phi Sig Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 31

Hit the links and enjoy a steak dinner! There will also be an opportunity to play Friday, May 30 at another course in the State College area.

Please contact your fraternity buddies, friends and family and invite them to participate too! Stay tuned to www.phisigpsu.com for specific times, locations and lodging.

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ALUMNI REPORT

Value Brotherhood Above Self

Alumni Association Exists to Promote Connections and Help Kappa Brothers Stay in Touch

By Dick Doherty '58

Value brotherhood above self.

This core value of Phi Sigma Kappa hits home with me this year. In a day an age where emails have replaced postcards, social media is king, and you can dial in anyone in the world direct to your computer for a face-to-face conversation, it's easier than ever to stay connected no matter where you are.

The mission of the Phi Sigma Kappa Association is to help alumni continue to value brotherhood above themselves by providing opportunities to stay connected long after graduation. Our online alumni community, www.phisigpsu.com, is a 24/7 central hub for brothers to reconnect (our new platform makes it easier than ever to share comments and photos with your brothers...check it out!). We also work hard to keep you connected and informed with Kappa Chapter throughout the year through *Kappa News*, our monthly eLetters, and other publications. And each year we host several alumni events, like our Homecoming and Founders' Day celebrations, and support pockets of alumni who wish to plan smaller reunions for their classes or eras. This year, the class of 1973 celebrated 40 years of brotherhood with a superb weekend in Happy Valley.

These exciting initiatives are made possible for our alumni thanks to our alumni. And we are looking for more brothers to get involved with us this year. Your active participation ensures the success of our alumni association and allows us to do more to keep you connected year after year.

Here's how you can get involved:



Tom "Big Daddy" Rohrbach (left) and Steve Handwerk celebrated 40 years of brotherhood at the recent Class of '73 reunion in October.

- Make sure your email address is on file so you get the latest news and event details delivered to your inbox. Log on to www.phisigpsu.com to verify your contact information.
- Join us for an upcoming chapter-wide event (see info to the left), and make plans to get together with Phi Sigs in your era or from your area, like the class of 1973 recently did.
- Share your stories, memories and photos to spark discussion among the brotherhood. You can upload your content on our web site or email it to content@affinityconnection.com (mention Phi Sig PSU).
- Make a financial contribution to Kappa Chapter to help keep it all going. See page 2 for giving opportunities.

As we close out the fall semester and approach the holiday season, I look forward to connecting with you as you renew your ties to our brotherhood this year. Thank you for your continued participation!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Add Phi Sig to Your Gift List this Holiday Season Kappa Chapter Offers Several Opportunities to Show Your Support

By Bruce Balmat '68

In the spirit of the holiday season, I'd like to ask that you consider giving back to Kappa Chapter. The Phi Sigma Kappa Association works hard to support our active chapter by encouraging increased opportunities for quality recruiting, enhancing your alumni experience, and preserving our forever home at Penn State.

There are several ways you can support Kappa Chapter, as outlined below.

Ways to Give

Annual Fund

Perhaps the most critical way to give back to Kappa Chapter is through the annual fund.

Wish List

Your annual fund donations in 2013-14 will help us to:

- Produce more frequent alumni communications and bigger, better alumni events
- Improve landscaping at the house
- Purchase new dining room tables and window treatments

The annual fund coincides with the school's academic year (September 1 through August 31) and serves as the main operating budget for the Phi Kappa Sigma Association on a yearly basis.

Annual fund contributions support our alumni relations efforts, keeping you connected with your alumni brothers through our communications program and annual events. In addition, these funds help support ongoing maintenance of the house and the purchase of specific items needed at the house. For instance, recent items have included a new range/oven for the kitchen, additional ceramic tile in the Party Room, and safety stair treads leading to the Party Room.

How to donate to the annual fund:

- Log on to www.phisigpsu.com and click on Donate. Click the appropriate button under Annual Fund.
- Mail a check payable to "Phi Sigma Kappa Association" and mail it to the return address on this newsletter.

Red Shutter Drive

The red shutters were originally removed from the house around 2005 by order of the safety code inspectors. They were falling off the house. During the renovation project they were cut out along many other items when our estimated cost exceeded our resources.

Over the past five years many of you have voiced your desire the shutters put back on the house. The price to replace the shutters is estimated at \$5,500.

Bill Albertson's request for support of the Red Shutter Fund attracted immediate contributions at the October 26th reunion and the fund currently stands at \$1,050. Don't forget to make your donation to get those red shutters back on the house. Find a list of donors to date on page 3.

How to donate to the Red Shutter Drive:

- Log on to www.phisigpsu.com and click on Donate. Click the appropriate button under The Red Shutter Fund.
- Mail a check payable to "Phi Sigma Kappa Association," with "Shutters" in the memo line, and mail it to the return address on this newsletter.

Scholarship Fund

We are pleased to announce that Kappa Chapter has established a scholarship fund for our actives. Donations to this fund will be fully tax deductible and will be awarded to actives that are selected by the Alumni Board with significant input from the actives' Executive Board.

Our National office will maintain the scholarship fund. With college tuition and room and board costs continuing to escalate, the scholarship fund can help make college more affordable for our awardees.

Stay tuned to www.phisigpsu.com in the near future for more information on how to make a donation for this very worthy cause. For information in the meantime, please contact **Bill DeGrandis '77** at billdegrandis@paulhastings.com or 703-819-1379.

2013-14 ANNUAL FUND HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank you to the following alumni for their annual fund contributions so far in our 2013-14 giving year giving year, which began September 1.

Anthony Fusaro		Geoffrey W. Gates	1966	James E. Rock	1981
Joseph A. King	1942	James M. Parris Sr.	1967	David Spielvogel	1982
Joseph B. Fox III	1957	John R. Lloyd	1968	Robert M. Glass	1986
Dick W. Doherty	1958	Richard W. Newell	1968	Matthew M. Nichols	1998
Harry F. Jones	1958	Frederick W. Jacobs	1969	Bryan Page	1999
John F. Caspero Jr.	1961	Ronald C. Manning	1969	Nathan Howard Anthony	2002
Ben McLure	1962	Bruce M. Balmat	1970	Erik Silko	2005
Curtis G. Hepler	1964	William A. Albertson II	1973		
David C. Teather	1964	Dan T. Stearns	1973		
Thomas F. Florkiewicz	1966	L. Steuart Brown	1974		

*Reflects gifts received as of
November 10, 2013.*

ALUMNI REUNIONS

Celebrating 40 Years of Brotherhood

Class of '73 Reunion a Big Success, Despite the Buckeyes' Victory

Every five years, Phi Sigs from 1973 (plus or minus a few years) meet at Penn State to renew friendships and relive their times at 501 S. Allen St. This year, over 20 people gathered at Whiskers for refreshments, at the Elk Creek Cafe for lunch and craft beer, at the House for an excellent and humorous slideshow, at Champs for dinner and to watch PSU get trounced by Ohio State, and at the home of Melinda and **Dan Stearns '73** for a wonderful buffet breakfast the following morning.

Many thanks to Dan, who was the prime organizer (again) for this event. Emails from brothers in the weeks afterward have unanimously concluded that this was an outstanding weekend.

During the weekend, **Bill Albertson '73** made an impassioned plea for donations to

help complete the Red Shutter project. He received several donations on the spot and we are well on our way to getting new red shutters for the House. But we still need financial support from brothers of all eras to bring this project to fruition. See the article on page 2 for how to show your support.

If you are a Phi Sig from a different class that periodically gets together with a group of brothers

from your era, we want to hear your stories too. It's lots of fun to keep up with each other over the years and to continue to harass each other.



More than 20 Phi Sigs and their wives came back to Penn State this fall to celebrate a lifetime of brotherhood. The group plans a reunion every five years to keep their connections strong.

ALUMNI UPDATE

"Phi Sig Made Me a Better Man"

Fraternity Life Led to Many Advantages and Balances for William Stanell '87

*As former chapter president, **William Stanell '87** has Phi Sig to thank for making a lifelong impact. We'd like to thank him for sharing his story in this issue of Kappa News...*

"As a Kappa Chapter member, Phi Sigma Kappa has given me many great advantages to succeeding in my life. I was introduced to Greek life by my big brother **Frank Pecatius** as a freshman at Penn State in fall of 1983.

Phi Sig life gave me the tools needed to be successful in this ever busy world. It taught me how to 'balance' fraternity life with academic life at Penn State. Phi Sig allowed me to grow as a person and hard-working student. I learned to really work hard at fun and studies.

I entered medical school at Hahnemann at Drexel University in 1988. On the medical school interview circuit, Phi Sig came up at

every interview. They all saw fraternity life as an extremely positive asset toward a medical career.

I learn so many life lessons from Phi Sig. It made me a better man."

Brothers can connect with William at wpstanell@comcast.net. Share your own stories of how Phi Sig impacted you at www.phisigpsu.com.

NEWS & NOTES

Red Shutter Fund Donors

Thank you to the following alumni who have contributed to the Red Shutter Fund:

Ben McLure 1962
Curtis Hepler 1964
John Lloyd 1968
Richard Newell 1968
Frederick W. Jacobs 1969
Bruce Balmat 1970
Stephen Handwerk 1974
John Peffer 1978
Anthony Fusaro

Homecoming 2013

Special thanks to **Matt Hilbert '81** for helping to organizing our tailgate and to **Jason Forman '10** for handling all the food and beverages, to **Dave Hyland '80** and **Ben Jarmul '81** for providing the spaces for the tailgate, and for Jen Presser, the cook at the House, for once again providing an excellent pre-game brunch this past Homecoming weekend. We appreciate all of your efforts to make this a memorable event.

Chapter Advisor to Be Appointed

The Phi Sigma Kappa Association is in the final stages of appointing a chapter advisor to oversee and mentor our actives. Stay tuned to www.phisigpsu.com to meet our new advisor and learn about how he will pay his Phi Sig experiences forward by giving back his time and talent to the chapter.

ON THE WEB

Kappa Chapter's Alumni Web Site Gets a Makeover

Have you checked out our new online alumni community? The revamped design gives us a sleeker, cleaner look as we work to strengthen our alumni relations program and provide a

strong foundation for our active chapter.

The new site includes a number of improved features and functionality. Some of these include:

- A streamlined directory that makes searching for brothers simple and quick
- User-friendly alumni profile, update, and photo sections where you can check out what's new with brothers and look back on your college years
- Top of the line security that ensures safe and protected online giving

- Event management software so that reunion events can be announced and registration tracked, allowing brothers to see who has signed up to what and when
- Complete social networking integration with Facebook and LinkedIn, allowing you to have a one-stop browsing experience if desired

If you haven't yet received your username and password for the new site, send your name, graduation year and email address to websupport@affinityconnection.com and you'll be set up with full access.



ALUMNI EVENTS

Six Decades of Brothers Hit the Links at 3rd Annual Phi Sig Golf Tournament

The weekend of June 1st saw alums from six decades return to State College for the 3rd Annual Phi Sig Golf Tournament. The weather

was perfect as 23 golfers attacked the PSU White Course. Several brothers were up for the challenge as they tried to earn some of the fantastic awards. Meanwhile, the cooking brigade, made up of **Jon Little '66**, **Doug Arnold '70** and **Bruce Balmat '70**, was busy back at the house preparing a scrumptious steak dinner with all the trimmings. The best part of the day was sharing memories with old and newfound friends. And there were plenty of cold beverages to go around. In addition, proceeds from the outing made it possible to contribute \$150 to the newly instituted Kappa Chapter Scholarship Fund.

Join us for the 4th Annual Phi Sig Golf Tournament on May 31, 2014. See page 1 for details.



23 golfers came back to Happy Valley this June for a day on the links and a steak dinner at the house.

3rd Annual Phi Sig Golf Open Awards

High Score: Mike Bache

2nd High Score: Jim Durfee

Longest Drive: Craig Beissel

Closest to the Pin: Jason

Richardson

#1 Low Score (earning the mustard jacket): Ben Jarmul

#2: Roy Kern

#3: Dave Hyland

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