

UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Annual Chi Phi Alumni Reunion Weekend May 30-June 1

See details to the right, and register online at www.chiphi-psu.org/Reunion!

Homecoming 2008

October 18

vs. Michigan

2008 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 30: Coastal Carolina

Sept. 6: Oregon State

Sept. 13: at Syracuse

Sept. 20: Temple

Sept. 27: Illinois

Oct. 4: at Purdue

Oct. 11: at Wisconsin

Oct. 18: Michigan

Oct. 25: at Ohio State

Nov. 8: at Iowa

Nov. 15: Indiana

Nov. 22: Michigan State

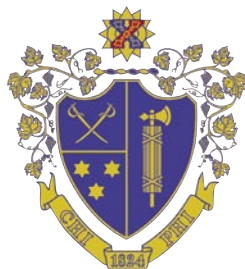
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ON THE WEB

Haven't Yet Registered on Our Web Site?

It's easy!

1. Visit www.chiphi-psu.org.
2. Click on the "First-Time Login" link on the home page.
3. Enter your last name.
4. Select your record.
5. When prompted, enter your Member ID (found above your name and address on the mailing panel of this newsletter).



Alpha Delta DATA

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The Chi Phi Alumni Reunion Weekend is Back by Popular Demand!

Join Your Alpha Delta Brothers for Second Annual Event, May 30 - June 1

We're back! That's right...by popular demand, we have solidified all of the details for our Second Annual Chi Phi Alumni Reunion Weekend. **MAKE PLANS NOW!** Whether you graduated in '59, '79 or '99 or anytime in between, we want you here for the weekend of May 30 to June 1.

Trains, planes, automobiles or horseback - whatever it takes to get you here - just get here! Join your best buds from yesteryear for a great weekend in Happy Valley.

The inaugural event took place on October 22, 2007. A large majority of the weekend took place at Toftrees Resort. Unbelievably, they have welcomed us back. The fall event rehashed some great memories and renewed great friendships. Highlights of the weekend included:

- The "Train Wreck of the Weekend Award" was easily won by **Gary Bradford '88**. He will be wearing a lovely plaid skirt for our second annual event.

- The "Closest to the pin" contest on hole 10 won by...**NO ONE**. Toftrees Golf Pro Tom Katancik said, "I have never held a tournament where no one won this contest. Either you guys are really honest or really bad."
- Honoring fallen Chi Phi war hero **Sean Thomas '97** with a memorial service and plaque at the Alpha Delta house.

Selected pictures and more highlights from the weekend can be found on our website.

Needless to say, everyone had a great time. Now is the time to come together again. We want to continue to grow this event by having over 200 alumni by next year. To register for our second annual event, visit www.chiphi-psu.org/Reunion. You can easily pay for golf, dinner and your hotel with your credit card.

See below for a rundown of the weekend festivities!

Second Annual Chi Phi Alumni Reunion Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, May 30, 2008

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Arrival and check-in at Toftrees Hotel for those arriving and staying Friday night. Shared room includes two double beds or one queen bed and one pull-out bed.

10 p.m. - ??? - Tour of new and/or familiar State College haunts for those ready, willing, and able.

Saturday, May 31, 2008

8 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Breakfast on your own or with your foursome.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Chi Phi/Alpha Delta Second Annual Golf Tournament at Toftrees Golf Resort, State College.

2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Lunch on your own or

with your foursome. Relax. Shower.

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Social Hour (or two!) at Chi Phi for cocktails and conversation.

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Dinner and Golf Awards at Toftrees Ballroom (cash bar).

9:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Presentation of Chi Phi Alpha Delta Strategic Plans.

Sunday, June 1, 2008

9 a.m. - Check-out for all those staying at Toftrees Resort.

All Morning - Free time to socialize, visit downtown or walk through campus at your leisure.

12 noon - Depart for home.

HOUSE REPORT

Chi Phi is Closing...

...but Not for Long! Plans in the Works to Temporarily Close House for Renovations During 2008-09 School Year

By Andy Schultz '60

After a six-month strategic planning period, the Alpha Delta House Association is excited to share that preliminary steps are being taken to prepare for renovations to our home at 360 E. Hamilton. Should all go as planned, our expectation is to close the facility to active residents for the 2008-09 academic year, and begin renovations and sprinkler system installation this summer.

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The State College Borough is requiring a full sprinkler system installation by August 2008, which means running pipes throughout the ceilings of the hallways. At the same time, we are planning for a major overhaul to make the Chi Phi house one of the premier fraternity facilities at Penn State, rivaling that of Sigma Chi and Beta. Improvements we expect to make include steam heat feeds and

returns, plumbing improvements, upgraded electrical wiring, ceiling and wall repairs, floor refinishing, roof repair, re-pointing, clubroom and bedroom refurbishments and much more.

The house has deteriorated over the last 25 years, primarily due to general wear-and-tear. As part of the plan, we also hope to establish a maintenance program to address issues as they arise following the renovation, and hire a house director to oversee care of the facility. We see it as our time to reinvest in the facility for the long-term, making it safe, modern, and restoring some of its original beauty.

A 2006 survey of our alumni membership indicated that 77% of our alumni base believed that renovating the existing chapter house with emphasis on substantial interior and exterior improvements, addressing safety issues and overall aesthetics should be implemented. At that time, **Bob Martin '87** brought together an alumni committee to evaluate options and develop a plan. Today, the House Association's leadership has grown to more than two dozen volunteers, including: **Jim Curcio '88**, **Gordon Brown**



The Chi Phi house will be undergoing renovations, possibly as early as this summer.

'87, Tom Kennington '90, Mike Antonietti '89, Jon Knipe '93, Steve Saville '92, Paul Cinquegrane '90, Gary Bradford '88, Gary Lambert '76, and Dave Brockway '77, amongst others.

We hope you share our enthusiasm in this new chapter of Alpha Delta's long history, and refurbishing a new home for all Chi Phis to celebrate. Visit www.chiphi-psu.org to see the seven major steps that we're taking to improve the present structure and to build a new, stronger chapter.

CHAPTER REPORT

Rebuilding the Chapter

Actives and Alumni Committed to Improving Relationship During Time Out of House

By Gordon Brown '87

In the past year we have seen many successes in rebuilding the active brotherhood and culture of our fraternity. Highlights include an increasing GPA (3.11 average), a consistently clean house for two semesters, greater involvement in philanthropy, community and university events and a solid and increasing core of actives engaged and committed to making Chi Phi a top-tier fraternity. Recruitment of new members has focused on quality and not quantity. This core of active brothers is to be commended for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the Alpha Delta chapter.

When the fall 2008 semester begins, our

chapter will operate for the first time in 75 years without the benefit of a house. The active brothers managing this challenging transition will be solely comprised of young men who have clearly demonstrated their leadership, dedication and commitment to a top-tier chapter over the prior year.

The semester will open with a world-class recruitment program jointly developed by the actives, an alumni recruitment advisor, national and the university. The active brotherhood board will begin its third semester as one of many management tools the active brothers are using to better self-manage daily operations. A stronger, more

effective alumni association will continue making the transition to the type of support and partnership required between active and alumni brothers to ensure our chapter is thriving and not just surviving.

Our chapter is successfully taking the necessary steps to becoming a top-tier fraternity. Many of the programs underway could not be mentioned in this article. The final step to complete this success story will be the successful renovation of our chapter and its reopening for the fall 2009 semester. Your chapter needs your support to finish this success story and return Chi Phi to greatness.

Chi Phi Graduates Continue to Make an Impact in their Lives Post-Penn State

Going From Paying \$25 a Week for Room and Board to Being Vice President of a Major Global Pharmaceutical Company, This Alum Reflects on Chi Phi Memories in his Retirement

Jim Molenari '60 is a retired pharmaceutical exec living in Warrington, Pa., with his wife Judy and close to the families of his two sons and one daughter. After two years in the Army (mostly in South Korea) he joined what is now Glaxo SmithKline and rose to the position of vice president. He used the Penn State



recruiting office for his job search. Moving from his home in Jeannette, Pa., he lived with **Andy Schultz '60** and his brother in their mother's house for over a year paying \$25 a week for room,

board and laundry before marrying Judy. At SmithKline, he introduced Andy to his future wife, Bea, and was in their wedding and became godfather to their daughter.

The accomplishment he's most proud of is having "a wonderful, supportive wife and a close-knit family all leading successful and happy lives. He ranks becoming a VP at a Fortune 100 company second and third is his community activities - coaching for 20 years, being an elected official of the community, and being a volunteer in other community activities.

As a second semester entry into Chi Phi, his best memory is "how quickly I became a regular guy at the house, being readily accepted and helped by many, including **Dick McKernan '59** my "Brother" roommate my first semester in the house." He reports that the most memorable classmates were Edmunds, Knipe, Bollinger, Larson and Schultz. Through Chi Phi he "made lifelong dear friends."

In his retirement, Jim travels quite a bit and spends a lot of time with six grandchildren who live nearby.

If he could have dinner with anyone, Jim would like to be with Judy, his wife. But if she were babysitting, he'd like to dine with Joe Paterno to discuss his thoughts on retirement.

What's always in Jim's refrigerator? Bottled water and cheese.

This Retired Restaurant Exec Might Even Catch the Fish For You!

Jim Knipe '60 was in the restaurant business his whole life before retiring.

After graduation, he joined Stouffer's as an assistant manager and worked in restaurants in Pennsylvania and New York City, including the famous "Top of the Sixes" in NYC. He was the manager of Stouffer's Restaurants in Philadelphia before buying a restaurant himself.

In 1977, Jim bought The Ship Inn in Exton, Pa., an inn completed in 1796 along Lancaster Pike, the first hard-paved road in America. This three-story inn offered a restaurant on the first floor and a wonderful residence for him and his family consisting of three sons and his wife, Joan.

Jim said, "My greatest reward from the Ship Inn was having more time with my family."

His youngest son, Jonathan, graduated from Penn State and was a Chi Phi class of '93."

Jim's best memory of Chi Phi was how proud he was to take his girlfriend (now wife) Joan "to be with the good guys of Chi Phi." His pledge class became some of his closest friends whom he still keeps in touch. He says the one thing he would do differently would be to study harder. He would tell the actives to "respect the house and take care of it."

Jim is now retired and living in Marathon, Fl., in the Keys. He works part time, but is very active sailing, fishing, diving, playing tennis and a little golf. He recently caught a



28 lb. bull mahi mahi, which he landed alone on his 27' sailboat, "Selah".

His credits his biggest accomplishment as his "wife and family." His three sons and their families visit often which makes him happy that they like to spend time with he and Joan.

If he could have dinner with anyone in the world, he says it would be with his wife, Joan. And what's always in the refrigerator? Orange juice for Joan.

What's Going On Today? Rich Minner '73 Has the Daily Answer

Rich Minner '73 has been in communications since graduating with a degree in broadcast journalism. He started working for the Mutual Radio Network and is currently a writer/producer for NBC News in Washington, DC for the Today Show. He lives in Annapolis.

His biggest sense of accomplishment is "raising two beautiful, wonderful daughters" and being involved in "a satisfying career where I have met very interesting people and traveled to amazing places." His youngest daughter is finishing her junior year at Penn State with a spring semester in Seville, Spain.

We asked, if you could have dinner with anyone in the world, with whom would it be and why? His answer: "Bill Clinton. He's a fascinating rascal!"

Rich's best memory of Chi Phi was the camaraderie and the friendships. He keeps in touch with brothers **Joe Dougherty '73** and **Ray Geary '72**.

He says Chi Phi was important to him in "the socialization process...in transitioning from high school to the working world."

But if he could do one thing over, it would be to study harder. In fact that's what he would tell the actives today: study harder and work to build and maintain a strong (ethics and character) active brotherhood.

Rich enjoys sailing and photography. And the one thing that's always in the refrigerator is beer.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Groundswell of Volunteers Continues to Rise for Alpha Delta

Will You Be Next to Join?

By Bob Martin '87

It's happening. Are you next to join us?

No doubt, Chi Phi has played an important part of who almost each and every one of us is today. It's at the very heart of why we are seeing an increased level of volunteers joining our committed group on the Alumni Board. Brothers from different eras are joining our forces to make our Board and leadership the most effective it has been in decades.

To cite a few examples, I am happy to report that brothers like **Paul Cinquegrane '90** and **Gary Lambert '76** have stepped up to co-chair the second annual Chi Phi Alumni Reunion Weekend on May 30 - June 1.

Chad Levant '95 has agreed to be the active recruitment chair, working directly with our active brothers on an effective strategy to introduce and market Chi Phi to the best young men Penn State has to offer.

Mike Antonietti '90 and **Andrew Schultz**

Jr. '90 have agreed to co-chair our Vice President roles as Finance/Treasurer. Mike will assume the duties of handling all financial responsibilities for the alumni association while Andrew will assume the financial responsibilities associated with the active brotherhood.

We are seeing a groundswell of brothers from different eras lending their time and support to assist us in developing our alumni programs and effectively running our fraternity. We need you. Tell us how you can volunteer your time. The time is now.

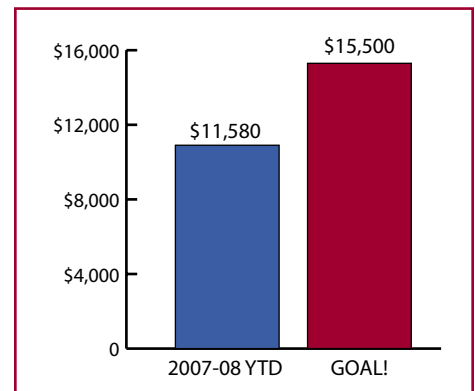
Visit www.chiphi-psu.org to learn more about the evolution of the Alpha Delta Alumni Board. If you are interested in committing 5 to 10 hours a month to support Chi Phi with your time and talent during this historical period in our chapter, please contact me at 814-237-6066 or rpm161@psu.edu.

ANNUAL FUND

There's Still Time Left to Exceed Our Goal!

Thank you to the alumni who have contributed a collective \$11,580 to our 2007-08 annual fund. We are well on our way to exceeding last year's total of \$12,137 and meeting our goal of \$15,500!

Show your support of the 2007-08 annual fund, which enables us to continue communications, by making a gift at www.chiphi-psu.org before the giving year ends August 31. Your name will be included on our next published Honor Roll of Donors.



Rebuilding Alpha Delta! Renovations Could Begin as Early as this Summer...Details Inside!

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