

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**145th Anniversary -  
Founders Day  
December 10, 2014**

Come and remember the Founders on this day in December. Mark it on your calendar early, check out hotel rates, and plan to come back to Happy Valley for this special occasion.

## ON THE WEB

**Alumni Community:**  
[www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com)

**Facebook** (to see what active are up to):

[www.facebook.com/  
kappasigmapsu](http://www.facebook.com/kappasigmapsu)

## ALUMNI EMAILS

We're missing email addresses from a lot of brothers! If you haven't been getting our electronic messages, please update your information at [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com) by logging in and going to the Home > Connect > Profile page. Here is a short list of alums who are missing emails. If you know the emails of these brothers, send an email to [updatemyinfo@affinityconnection.com](mailto:updatemyinfo@affinityconnection.com) to update his info. Our database is used solely for Kappa Sig PSU communications and is never traded or sold.

Phillip Black '67  
Keith Graham '72  
Doug Bell Jr. '81  
Doug Bowman '93  
John Gambill '99  
Tim Emrick '06  
Alex Arrigo '09  
Nick Ray '11

# Alpha-Delta News



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## REPEAT AFTER ME...

***"Fraternity is the fuel that allows common people to produce uncommon results."***

### Why You Should Donate To The Annual Fund

By Ed Gorkes

Though we have each been removed from the "active" part of Kappa Sig and have been moved to the alumni ranks of the fraternity, we still have a bond with Kappa Sigma that will not go away. No matter whether you are rich or poor, 23 or 90 years old, you are known as a Kappa Sig, who flies under the banner of fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service. We do our part. Here are five reasons why I ask you to do just a little more and donate whatever amount you can afford:

**That's a nice piece of paper in your hand.** Any and all forms of communication we keep with alumni, including this newsletter, have come out of the money from the alumni fund. Your contribution to the annual fund permits ongoing communications with alumni. Without you, you would not be holding this letter.

**Call mom and tell her to send more money.** I'm kidding about this. **The truth is, the actives are doing an awesome job at Kappa Sigma.** Just recently, active Kappa Sigma brothers went to Pottstown, Pa. to canvass the neighborhood. Why? To raise money for THON. They made **\$1,500 For the Kids.** And that's not all:

***"In your life you only get to do so many things and right now we've chosen to do this, so let's make it great."*** This

John Lasseter quote speaks true to all Kappa Sig alums and actives, and the actives are proving it. This summer, when the active chapter went to the Kappa Sigma conference, they received the Founder's Circle Award which is the highest distinction a chapter can receive. They are elite. As alumni, *are we? Are we on par with the active chapter? Are we making Kappa Sigma great?*

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**Let's hang out. Saturday at your place? Is that okay?** Alumni events are the best way to stay connected and to see each other in person. We lived for four years in a house where we saw each other almost *every day*. So, post graduation, we may have gone our separate ways. The best way to rekindle the sense of brotherhood in the alumni association is to organize events to reconnect. The annual fund allows us to not only have those events, but make them fun.

***"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."*** We had an exceptional time at Kappa Sigma when we were actives. It is an experience that cannot be easily replaced or replicated. We are a brotherhood of cream-of-the-crop men; let's act like it and make the active's experience as good as ours.

Five little reasons. If you want to donate to Kappa Sig, go to our website at [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com) and click in the top right corner where it says "donate." **ANY AMOUNT COUNTS!** Remember your fraternity, your heritage, and your brotherhood. Remember Kappa Sig.



## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

### Alpha-Delta in Top 8 of 314 Eastern Chapters! And Chapter Advisor Receives a Nod from National

This summer at the 2014 Eastern Leadership Conference, Alpha-Delta's current chapter advisor, Chad Joyce (Theta-Zeta, Eastern New Mexico University, '03), received an award for Outstanding Alumnus Advisor. Chad grew up in Albuquerque, N.M., and served as his chapter's GS and Master of the Ritual before receiving an undergraduate degree in History. In 2004, he moved to State College and received a B.S. in IST from Penn State. Currently an IT manager at Penn State, Chad lives in State College with his wife, their two children and their two golden retrievers.



Also at the leadership conference, Alpha-

Delta chapter won many awards including Outstanding GS (**Mike Petrun**), Outstanding GMC (**Rob Sears**), the Silver Bowl (given to chapters who are above the all-mens' GPA for six consecutive semesters), Founders' Award of Chapter Excellence (FACE) and Founders' Circle Award (the highest award a chapter can receive). There are over 300 chapters in Kappa Sigma; only eight are given this award.

Congratulations are definitely in order; the actives at Kappa Sig are proving that they are

some of the best Kappa Sigma brothers in the nation. Want to read more about Chad Joyce? Go to our website at [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com) and click under the "news" tab!



2014 Eastern Leadership Conference

## PREP FOR THON 2015

### Charging Ahead to "Empower the Dreamers" Already a Busy Year for THON Chair Michael Rokosny

For THON this year, actives took to the streets of Pottstown, Pa. to get donations. We caught up with THON Overall Chairman and Grand Scribe Michael Rokosny to find how the chapter is preparing for THON 2015, "Empower the Dreamers."

**Q. This fall's canvassing event was hosted by your family, right? So, for some of the alums who may not know, what is involved?**

A. Yes, my parents hosted the trip at our home in Pottstown, Pa. This was actually our fraternity's first-ever canvassing weekend. We arrived at my house Friday night and prepared all of our distribution materials. On Saturday morning, we broke up into teams of two or three and went door-to-door explaining to people what THON is and how they could donate to it.

**How well did it go? Did you get a lot of donations?**

When we asked for donations, we had multiple options for our donors. They could either donate in person with cash or a check, or they could donate online. For those who

wanted to donate online, we had a card for them that had all of the information on how the online process works. From this weekend, we had about \$1500 in cash and check donations. I will be notified in the coming weeks regarding our total donations online.

**"Last year, our THON child Nick celebrated five years out of treatment and got to walk across the stage - it was truly special to see him in good health after such a long battle."**

**How many brothers participated?**

18 brothers participated in the event this weekend.

**Where can alums go to donate towards THON? What is your goal? What has been your progress toward that goal?**

Alumni can visit our donation page: [www.giveto.psu.edu/THON-KappaSigmaGammaSigmaSigma](http://www.giveto.psu.edu/THON-KappaSigmaGammaSigmaSigma). If they want to donate using cash or check, they

can email their names and addresses to me ([mtrokosny@gmail.com](mailto:mtrokosny@gmail.com)). Also, we are looking for corporate sponsors. If anyone is interested, please email me. I will follow up with a packet that contains all of the information on how to use corporate funds to make a donation.

**How did you do last year?**

Last year we were fortunate enough to raise over \$78,000 dollars for the Four Diamonds Fund.

**What was the most memorable moment of last year's THON for the brothers?**

Last year, our THON child Nick celebrated five years out of treatment and got to walk across the stage during THON Weekend to be recognized. It was truly special to see him in good health after such a long battle.

**Don't forget to donate, Kappa Sig alums. It's For the Kids. Please, go to [www.giveto.psu.edu/THON-KappaSigmaGammaSigmaSigma](http://www.giveto.psu.edu/THON-KappaSigmaGammaSigmaSigma) and donate today!**

## HOMECOMING WEDDING

### Kappa Sig Alum Weds at Kappa Sig Tailgate

At Homecoming, Kappa Sig alum **Ken Hinkle '68** got married to his now-wife, Jen Ports, at the Kappa Sig tailgate. An interesting idea, certainly, they exchanged vows in front of a tent surrounded by Kappa Sig brothers, decorations for the wedding, and food. This wasn't the original plan, however.

"We were at Penn State this past summer for a KS golf outing weekend," Hinkle explains. "While we were all dining together Saturday night, somehow the subject of our marriage came up. We mentioned that we were planning to go away sometime and have a low-key wedding (eloping as the newspaper said). We are still trying to figure out whose idea it was to get married at our KS homecoming tailgate party. Regardless, after eight years we both thought that now should be the time, and it would definitely



be low-key."

Perhaps the most intriguing part of the whole process was the fact that Hinkle and Ports decided to opt out of using traditional wedding bands and instead used necklaces.

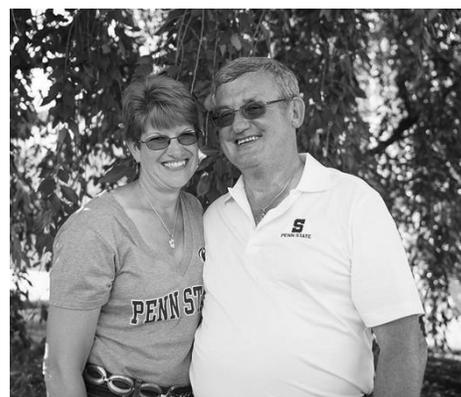
"Neither of us had worn rings before of any kind. When we were at the jewelry store looking for the traditional wedding bands, we were talking with the sales person and discussing how we both never wore rings before. They introduced us to their jewelry designer/maker who asked a lot of questions about the wedding and about what jewelry we both really like wearing. When we were done talking, he drew a quick sketch which became the idea behind the necklaces that we both happily and proudly wear now."

And Kappa Sig alums did not let the ceremony go on without a special touch.

"In addition to getting married, one of the other highlights was when all the Brothers sang the 'Kappa Sig Sweetheart' song to her at the end of the wedding. "

This bond that KS shares is probably a large influence on Hinkle's Kappa Sig pride.

"The bond that exists between all of the brothers (those who came before you, especially those who you shared the house with, and those who came after you) makes me the proudest. It was probably over 20 years ago



when I finally returned for a tailgate party. It is hard to put into words, but in your heart you know that you will always be welcomed and you know that they will always be there for you."

In a way, this speaks for all fraternalism, but there is one thing that separates Kappa Sig from the rest of the fraternities, which Hinkle expressed to all active members of Kappa Sig:

"I truly give all the credit to Penn State and KS for the successful career that I have had; the combination of the two changed my life entirely. KS is not just a four-year experience; it is a lifetime bond!"

Congratulations again, Ken Hinkle and Jen Ports!

## FROM THE VAULTS

### Time in a Bottle...Or Picture Frame

#### We Want Your Photos From Kappa Sig Past!

Part of being an alum is looking at photographs and feeling slightly embarrassed at your fashion, but being proud of the experience that you had. Kappa Sigma does not have a lack of photos, but we always appreciate more! If you have any good photos laying around and have a good scanner, or a camera with photos, feel free to send them to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com). Alternatively, you can go to our own alumni website ([www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com)) and upload them yourself using our "connect" button!

Have some good photos, but don't have a way to scan and send? Email us at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) for more information on how to send photos.

Do you just want to look at the photos from yesteryear and get nostalgic for the past or the future, depending on whether or not you like reunions? Go to our alumni website and click photo albums, where you can see all of your wonderful photos!

Please consider sending us some reminiscent photos to help all of us share in the alumni experience.



## Can You Put a Price Tag on Belonging?

We want to share a story with you. This story comes from a fraternity in the Northeast... a situation that took place in 2013. One brother had a daughter who was facing a very serious genetic illness. The best doctor in the area was in Baltimore, but he had closed his doors to new patients. As often happens, this brother's dilemma was shared by one brother, to another, and to another. Thanks to the efforts of a particular brother, the base of those who knew about this expanded, and the doors (literally) opened. This young girl was able to see the specialist she needed and begin her path to healing.

But there is a bit of a sad ending to this story. While the father of the girl did everything he could to thank the fraternity brother who influenced the doctor to reopen his doors, there really wasn't an immediate opportunity to see him face to face; instead, he sent emails and made phone calls. Then, the opportunity presented itself. The chapter was holding its 100th anniversary, and he would finally be able to offer a sincere handshake and personal message of gratitude. But that was not to be. A week earlier, this dear brother who had done so much for his daughter passed away, and thus the opportunity was forever gone to really share his appreciation. Do you have anything you need to say to your fraternity brothers before it is too late?

Do you remember those commercials done by Visa which pointed out things in life that are priceless? Our version would go something like this: Four-year degree at Penn State: \$50,000. Cost of living at Kappa Sigma: \$300/month. Value of having one of my fraternity brothers introduce me to my wife and

the mother of my three children: priceless.

How can you ever replicate the experiences and environment of Alpha-Delta Chapter? There are things that have happened at the Chapter House that could not have happened anywhere else. Belonging to Kappa Sigma at Penn State means being related to something that is beyond other relationships or affiliations.

So, here are a few things you can do today to make sure that time doesn't run out before you let your brothers know what Alpha-Delta Chapter means to you:

- Send us an update to post on our website and in our next Alpha-Delta News. Send your email to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com). You may think, "Yeah, no one really wants to hear that stuff." WRONG! This is how one fraternity brother was able to save the life of his daughter. Think big picture here and send us your news!!
- Help us expand the base of those brothers receiving our communications. Go to the home page and review the list of "lost" brothers—those for whom we are missing physical and email addresses. If you know how we can reach them, please contact us at [updatemyinfo@affinityconnection.com](mailto:updatemyinfo@affinityconnection.com). Be sure to reference Kappa Sigma at Penn State. (Be assured that this information is utilized only for Kappa Sigma at Penn State alumni relations and will never be traded or sold.)
- Call a brother today. Let him know what is happening with you and find out what is happening with him. Make plans to return together for a football game.

• Help us financially support our ability to keep the house running and our alumni returning for Homecoming and other events. We have set a goal of 140 donors for our 2014 Annual Fund giving year. Currently, our Honor Roll shows 32 donors. Thank you to our recent donors whose names appear below. Please join them on our Honor Roll by returning the enclosed solicitation form with your gift today. We want to see your name!

For some of us, our days at the Chapter House are years behind us. But in the words of Mary Schmich, those years made us who we are today. "Understand that friends come and go, but with a precious few you should hold on. The older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young."

### ALUMNI UPDATES

#### Class of 1948 Alumni Seeks Other Alums

##### Joseph N. Succop II '48

(912 Parkside Court, Chambersburg, PA 17201-4904; [succop867@gmail.com](mailto:succop867@gmail.com)) Anyone left in the class of '48 or in that area? I talk with Ted Holl and Bob Bench.

*Anyone still around from the class of 1948? If you want to talk to a fellow Kappa Sig from 1948, reach out to Joseph Succop!*

## 2014-15 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

### Thank You Donors!

Thank you to these early bird donors who have supported the annual fund so far in 2014-15! To join them, send in the return solicitation form you received with your fall letter, or donate anytime on the website at [www.kappasigsu.com](http://www.kappasigsu.com).

#### President's Club (\$1,001-\$2,500)

R. Brad Lawrence 1969

#### Star & Crescent Club (\$251-\$500)

Walter J. Conti 1952  
Anthony J. Buzzelli 1971  
V. Paul Spuds O'Brien 1971  
Charles L. Goodwin 1972  
David J. Guerin Jr. 1972  
Robert W. Hampton Jr. 1973

Kim T. Chapman 1977

#### Crest Club (\$101 - \$250)

H. Wesley Link 1955  
Wayne A. Pihl 1956  
R. Dean Madden 1963  
Harold D. Schrader 1965  
E. Lawrence Nucci 1970  
David E. Dick 1974  
James H. Leax Jr. 1974  
Curt R. Miller 1988

#### Blue & White Club (\$51-\$100)

George (Bing) Bortle 1954  
John T. Rogers 1963  
James A. Ball USAF-Ret 1965  
Terry R. Eshenour 1966  
James Preston Charles 1972  
Thomas A. Nyquist 1977

#### Supporting Club (\$1-\$50)

Keith Sorgie  
Vincent D Di Loreto 1965

Ralph W. Tolino 1975  
Marie Soohy 1986  
Clinton L. Burks 1993  
Marc A. Beard 1999  
Nathan J. Wurst 2002

*Reflects gifts received from September 1, 2014 through October 10, 2014.*