

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Central PA Arts Fest

**When:** July 9-12

**Where:**

Downtown, State College

Will we see you back in Happy Valley this July? You should make plans to come back to campus and enjoy all that Penn State and Central PA Arts Fest has to offer, as well as make plans to see your brothers in downtown State College!

## LOST LIST

### Where is Ronald Miller '85?

We're not only missing Ronald Miller's e-mail, but we're also missing a lot of other brothers' emails! Below is a short list!

**Lawrence Torino '65**  
**John O'Brien III '70**  
**Ernest R. Kline '75**  
**Donald Miller '80**  
**Ronald Miller '85**  
**Lenin Lider Sacre '90**  
**Kevin Moser '95**  
**Matt R. Brady '00**  
**Perry Jackson '05**  
**Matt Urian '10**

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# Alpha-Delta News



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## CHAPTER ETERNAL – SPECIAL REPORT

### Joseph Succop II '48 Enters the Chapter Eternal

This month, we are very sad to report that **Joseph Succop II '48** passed away on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He was 91.

He was born January 22, 1924 in Pittsburgh, PA to Frank and Anna (Gooding) Succop and joined the Army Air Corps and served in World War II. Succop came to Penn State and joined Kappa Sigma, which he later became President of the brotherhood. Kappa Sigma would become a reoccurring theme in his life.

After graduation, he returned to Pittsburgh to work in the family business, and, over the years, had become a member of many organizations in the area. He had been head of the Republican party in O'Hara and Indiana Township, Past President of Indiana Twp. Community Center and the Lauri Ann West Library, Past President of the Pittsburgh City Farm Club, Fox Chapel Area Rotary Club, Duquesne Club and Oakmont Country Club, and the Fox Chapel Episcopal Church.

Succop also became a Foundation Trustee. The Foundation made 70 scholarship awards between 1992 and 2014, totaling around \$214,000 in scholarship support to worthy Alpha-Delta undergrads. This tradition will continue as a result, in large part, of the



**Joseph Succop II '48**  
1924–2015

generous donation of time and talent that Joe made to the Foundation. Joseph is also one of three Alpha-Deltas who have scholarships named after them along with Tom Hill and Al Rockwell.

In 2009, Joseph was the last remaining trustee for the Foundation. He recruited others to join the Board of Trustees and keep the spirit of Kappa Sigma alive. He remained on the board until 2013, where he

moved to inactive status. The Board recognized him as a Trustee Emeritus due to his fierce dedication and his integration of scholarship funds for Alpha-Deltas. When one alumnus spoke to his daughter, she mentioned that Succop was always talking about Kappa Sigma. He loved his fraternity dearly.

At Joe's request, the family has asked that memorial donations be made to the Star & Crescent Foundation, 220 7th Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization.

Any Kappa Sigs who wish to make a donation in Joe's honor are encouraged to do so. This is a great opportunity to pay it forward for future generations of Alpha Deltas while also celebrating the full and successful life enjoyed by Brother Joe Succop.

### Joseph Succop II: Kappa Sigma In His Own Words

Although the section above memorializes Joseph Succop, what man would be better suited to speak on Kappa Sigma and his life story than himself? To read a full profile on Joe, his time in Kappa Sigma, his time after Kappa Sigma as a board member, his career, family, and his service in the military, please go to [www.tinyurl.com/joe-succop-ii](http://www.tinyurl.com/joe-succop-ii). May his legacy live on and pass the test of time.

## ANNUAL FUND

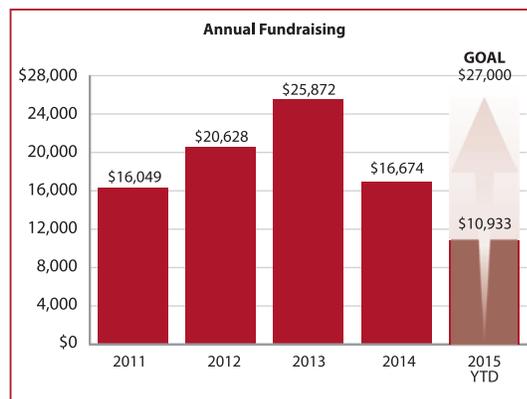
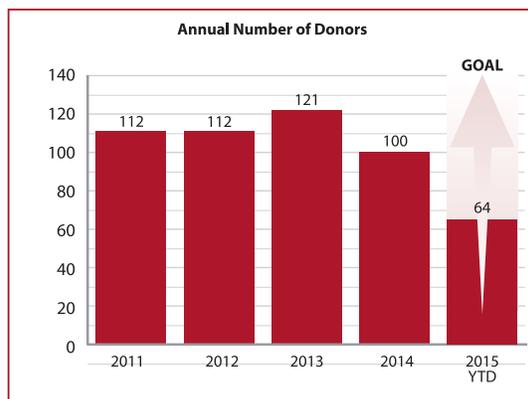
### It's The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – Let's Win The Game!

Our giving year starts on September 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. We also set goals for us to reach at the end of the year. This year's goals were set at 140 donors and \$27,500 dollars. We are coming through April and we want to look at our total results – have we grown the 20% that we've set out to achieve?

If you look at the chart, you can see that we are currently sitting at \$10,933.00 and 64 donors. So we're roughly half way there on both accounts — we have some ground to make up!

So, how can we improve in the third quarter of the football game?

If there is one thing to note, Kappa Sigma has managed to stay out of the news, unlike a lot of other fraternities in the United States and Penn State. The actives have kept their noses clean, and have had a good year.



Is the memory of your fraternity worth the investment? The one definitive moment that made your fraternity experience worth it . . . is that worth fighting for?

If you think so, if you've had your moment in the sun with Kappa Sigma, you can show your support online at [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com).

We can still make it to 20%! Show your Kappa Sigma pride today!

## STAR & CRESCENT FOUNDATION

### Men of Vision

It is believed that in 1959, Al Rockwell asked five acquaintances and brothers to form a charitable Foundation as part of an effort to improve the circumstances of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Penn State. The local chapter, known as Alpha-Delta, was in need of a new chapter house, and somehow the idea was sprung that this Foundation might somehow be beneficial to that cause.

As best as we can tell today, that benefit was never realized. Instead, a much greater cause was realized in advancing the academic pursuits of numerous Alpha-Delta members.

The Foundation was formed in 1959, listing assets at that time of \$200, but it lay dormant for over 30 years. Al Rockwell's impact would be felt again upon his joining the Chapter Celestial in 1992. That was the year that the Foundation began making annual awards of scholarships to worthy undergraduate members of the Alpha-Delta chapter. It is believed that a bequest by Al Rockwell, a former Worthy Grand Master of the Kappa Sigma International Fraternity and Alpha-Delta alum, funded the Foundation.

Throughout the Foundation's history until 2009, Thomas A. (Tom) Hill was a fixture in the Foundation. A personal friend of



Rockwell's, he kept watch over the Foundation until it was funded, and then launched the process of awarding scholarships to worthy undergrads in 1992. Tom recruited Trustees to assist in the Foundation's work, but he largely led the effort himself. In 2004, Tom was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, eventually joining the Chapter Celestial in August 2009. By then, Tom's wife, Virginia, had become custodian of the Foundation's records, and the work of the Foundation had fallen squarely on the shoulders of Joseph N. (Joe) Succop, an Alpha-Delta alum.

In 2008, Joe began the process of making sure that the Foundation's assets would be available to assist Penn State students for all time. He simultaneously approached Penn State and Ed Gorkes, working parallel paths to either turn the funds over to Penn State or to secure new leadership for the Foundation.

Joe's efforts with Ed Gorkes paid off, and the Foundation was successfully transitioned to a new generation of Trustees in 2009, all Kappa Sigmas from Alpha-Delta chapter. Joe remained a trustee and joined Chapter Celestial in early 2015 as Trustee Emeritus of the Star & Crescent Foundation.

Today, the Foundation administers scholarships for the benefit of Alpha-Delta undergrads on behalf of itself awarding named awards for Rockwell, Hill and Succop; the Kappa Sigma Endowment Fund in the form of the Bill Simms Award; and on behalf of the Richard G. Miller Memorial Foundation in the form of the Jerry Donovan Leadership Awards. Donovan, an Alpha-Delta and former Worthy Grand Master of the Kappa Sigma International Fraternity himself, was another acquaintance of Rockwell's who has continued to make an impact on Alpha-Deltas well past his time.

# HONOR ROLL

## Thank You Donors!

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the following people who have been so kind as to give their monetary support to Kappa Sigma. It is greatly appreciated to see our alumni so involved with supporting the chapter.

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

Thomas C. Hilbert, 1963  
R. Brad Lawrence, 1969

### Founders' Club (\$501- \$1,000)

Richard Armstrong, 1981

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

Walter J. Conti, 1952  
James E. Lovett Jr., 1952  
H. Wesley Link, 1955  
Thomas C. McNulty, 1968  
Louis F. Koehler, 1969  
Michael B. High, 1970  
Anthony J. Buzzelli, 1971  
V. Paul Spuds O'Brien, 1971  
Charles L. Goodwin, 1972  
David J. Guerin Jr., 1972  
Robert W. Hampton Jr., 1973  
John E. Wray Jr., 1973

Donald H. Carretta, 1975  
Kim T. Chapman, 1977  
Matthew H. Bennett, 1994

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

John T. Flynn, 1955  
Wayne A. Pihl, 1956  
R. Dean Madden, 1963  
Harold D. Schrader, 1965  
Willard J. Martin Jr., 1968  
Kenneth R. Ewing, 1969  
John F. McEnery, 1970  
E. Lawrence Nucci, 1970  
George L. Strachan III, 1970  
Jim G. Lang Jr., 1972  
Ronald F. Derzak, 1974  
David E. Dick, 1974  
James H. Leax Jr., 1974  
Curt R. Miller, 1988  
John M. Murphy, 1989  
Shawn L. Huber, 1996

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John T. Rogers, 1963  
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Philip Xanthopoulos, 1966  
Ted H. Perry, 1970  
James Preston Charles, 1972  
Robert A. Hannegan, 1972  
Gary W. Link, 1972  
William H. Murdoch Jr., 1973  
Bill - Vitori, 1973  
Thomas A. Nyquist, 1977  
Craig A. McCracken, 1981  
Jeffrey Lawrence Reymos, 1991  
Marc A. Beard, 1999

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Keith Sorgie,  
Harry E. Koch, 1962  
Andrew Turner, 1962  
Lawrence H. Carter, 1964

Vincent D Di Loreto, 1965  
Richard D. Chamberlain, 1971  
Michael A. Demoise, 1974  
Ralph W. Tolino, 1975  
Marie Soohy, 1986  
David E. Falchek, 1991  
Clinton L. Burks, 1993  
Jason M. Lytle, 1997  
Nathan J. Wurst, 2002  
Matthew Wurst \*, 2006

### Add Your Name!

If you would like to join the honor roll of alumni donors, please visit our website and click on donate in the upper right-hand corner to show your support! Thank you in advance for your backing!

# ALUMNI UPDATES

## See What Your Fellow Brothers Are Doing!

*Curious what's going on with some of your brothers? See for yourself!*



**David E. Falchek '91**  
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David earned a second three-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Wine Society. This is the

nation's oldest, and largest, wine consumer organization.

### Matthew B. Weisberg, Esq. '97

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(SEE THE FULL PROFILE ON PAGE 4!)

### Thomas E. Tatem, III '98

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This probably isn't really news to most as it's about 8 months old at this point, but if you're looking for something here you go: My wife Amy and I welcome another baby girl, Finley Rose Tatem, in July. She's our 4th (and final) baby. She joins big sisters Haleigh (5) and Peyton (3), and big brother Tommy (2). I will be working until I'm at least 90 to pay for college and weddings.

I have one for my friend too, **Darby Neidig ('93)**. Darby recently had his "I love WHAM!" tattoo removed and can now wear tank tops without harassment to Steelers games.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Matthew Weisberg '97: "They Had Me At Hello"

We had the opportunity to speak with **Matthew Weisberg '97** about Kappa Sigma, his infamous nickname, and what has come of his career since graduation. Like many involved in Greek life, Weisberg had a story behind his choice in fraternity.



Originally, he rushed in the fall of his freshman year, but then decided not to pursue it. He had a change of heart in the spring, pledged, and was initiated into the Alpha-Delta Chapter. Why the sudden change? "Alpha-Delta at that time [and well before] had a history of personality diversity; simply, there were a lot of different characters: that mix made me as an individual feel comfortable," said Matthew about Kappa Sigma. He had the assistance of his big-brother, **Steve "Squash" Ruth '96**, and the kind and enthusiastic Rush Chair, **Jeff "Monty" Montgomery '94**, "They had me at 'hello'."

While in Kappa Sigma, Weisberg earned himself a nickname that still persists today: "Gooch." Why this nickname? According to Matthew, there was a prior "Gooch" before him. **Mike Forlenza '93** was the prior "Gooch" of the house, and Weisberg slightly resembled him. When he was dubbed "Gooch," **Donald Bradford '94** and **Chris Piontko '94** declared that "every house needs a Gooch." Many of the other brothers have shed their fraternity nicknames, such as "Squash"

and "Slobby," but not Weisberg.

Since his graduation, Gooch has become a lawyer at his own firm, Weisberg Law. His business focuses on "...complex and aggressive litigation primarily involving individual/consumer and small business rights." Weisberg likes to define it as truly "David and Goliath."

Their primary function is to handle professional negligence that comes from financial matters, such as legal malpractice-suing lawyers, consumer fraud, civil rights and employment, real estate (including foreclosures), and small business disputes.

Why law? The answer is simple. His father was a lawyer and made Matthew interested in becoming one himself. "I think the law's intended ability to level an otherwise uneven playing field by disciplined advocacy, street smarts, business skills, and brains piqued my ultimate interest in becoming a lawyer – much to my father's original dismay," stated Matthew.

Matthew feels his job becomes worthwhile when he provides invaluable services that he feels no other lawyer could. "I think that sense of individual worth and hard-work reward comes from the fraternity, and it makes me feel good when I can deliver unique results."

Reflecting back on his days in Kappa Sigma, the most prominent day is the day he received his bid. The day he was initiated is definitely up there; in fact, if he could relive one day, initiation would be it because, "The anxious

anticipation and then the penultimate moment of acceptance cannot be beaten." When he received his bid, he was able to forget how disenchanted with Greek life he had previously been. Other moments that he remembers vividly include being elected Grand Procurator-in absentia. He received this position while working and studying abroad in Australia and, after unsuccessfully having run for other positions, earning this one was a great memory. "Even in my long six month absence, I was remembered and needed," said Weisberg of his election to this office.

To other alumni, read carefully. Weisberg sees a few of his brothers every summer or so when they visit the Outer Banks, and they include **Tom Tatem '98**, **Kevin Hacker '98**, **Matt Dippold '98**, **Darby Neidig '93**, and **Jason Striker '96**. Also, he catches up with **Shawn Huber '96** over dinner. Halloween is a holiday he celebrates with brothers **Dustin Harvey '93** and **Mike Valenti '90**. If he could pick anyone to reconnect with, he would choose a few. To hang out with both **Don Bradford** and **Chris Piontko** just one more time is something he would really love to do. Also, he was very close with **Brian "Grimace" McLaughlin '94**, but according to Weisberg he has "disappeared into the alumni ether."

Looking ahead to the future, we inquired about just what Weisberg wishes to accomplish for his "life's mission," and he paraphrased "The Natural" by saying that when he walks down the street, he wants other lawyers to say "there's the best that ever was."

## THON RECAP

### Kappa Sigma helps raise \$89,300.72

The final reveal of THON is always the most anticipated event at Penn State in the spring semester because it shows how all of the hard work of all organizations throughout the year has paid off. THON 2015 raised over \$13 million For the Kids! This total may not have beaten THON 2014, but nonetheless, it is still great and it is all for a great cause. Last year, we were able to raise over \$70,000 for THON, so we are glad to say we had a great increase in our total! This year, the brothers tried something different and went canvassing

during one of the canning weekends. With the help of THON partner, Gamma Sigma Sigma, we were able to raise \$89,300.72 for THON 2015! We had two dancers from Kappa Sigma and Gamma Sigma Sigma had three. We were able to provide great support to all five of our dancers and were very proud of the amount we raised. The brothers want to say thank you to everyone who contributed support, your contributions are greatly appreciated! One day we will dance in celebration, but until then we will dance for a cure! FOR THE KIDS!

