

UPCOMING EVENT

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June 1

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Kappa Chapter
Phi Sigma Kappa at Penn State

April 2013

ALUMNI REPORT

PSU Chapter Hosts Grand President Installation

By Dick Doherty '58

After a half century of service to Phi Sigma Kappa, **Bill Neugebauer '67** wanted his installation as Grand President to be a very memorable event. So rather than have his installation at the annual convention last November, Bill held his ceremony at a place where he had made many memories - the Phi Sigma Kappa House at Penn State.

"I asked that the event could take place at the Kappa house - where I had a history. It was just natural that the Kappa house be the scene of my installation with close friends and brothers," Neugebauer said.

We were honored and delighted to host such an important and momentous event. When Bill stepped up to fill the advisors roll for the chapter he did a great deal to help us bring it back to the strong chapter it is today.

Bill joined Phi Sigma Kappa in 1964. He has served as a Founding Father for his undergraduate chapter, a member of four separate

national committees, district governor for five chapters (including the Kappa Chapter at Penn State), and as a Grand Council Director.

Kappa Chapter wishes Bill the best in his new office as Grand President.



Neugebauer was surrounded by friends and brothers for his installation as Phi Sigma Kappa Grand President last November. The ceremony was held at the Phi Sigma Kappa house at Penn State.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Miles Woodward '53

(mwoodtx@att.net) writes: I have survived prostate cancer (2006) and esophageal cancer (2008) with not too many bad side effects. I don't understand why I'm still around, but get to do some traveling and enjoy my six kids, 14 grand-kids and four great-grandkids. Get no respect but lots of love from all of them. I am blessed. Would love to hear from any members of the classes of '52, '53 or '54.

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ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

There's Strength in Numbers

They say there's strength in numbers. And we'd like to thank the alumni brothers who have enabled us to keep our alumni relations program going during our Reason to be Proud capital campaign.

The annual fund did well last year thanks to those who contributed. We are striving to do better this year by reaching a goal of \$14,000. These donations will help us to either install a trophy case in the house or purchase new dining room tables.

As we continue to enjoy our renovated home and revitalize our chapter at Penn State, we need your help to get our alumni participation and annual giving on par with other campus fraternities. Here is a breakdown

of our 2013 annual giving to date, compared with other campus fraternities:

DTD:	\$5,350	27 donors
KDR:	\$13,685	47 donors
Kappa Sigma:	\$15,433	78 donors
Phi Tau:	\$22,103	129 donors
Pi Kappa Phi:	\$8,900	87 donors
Sigma Chi:	\$6,646	53 donors
Sigma Pi:	\$14,948	99 donors
Phi Sigma Kappa:	\$9,630	77 donors

2013 giving results for Penn State fraternity alumni associations.

Help us get in the running with these other chapters! Contribute online at www.phisigpsu.com.

PHI SIG EVENTS

Alumni and Actives Gather to Celebrate Founders' Day

Outstanding Brothers of the Year Recognized for their Contributions to Kappa Chapter

Saturday, March 23 was a special day for alums and active Phi Sigma Kappa members as they gathered to commemorate the annual celebration of Founders' Day.

"Our Founders would indeed be proud. Their dream - their vision - is being fulfilled today."

Bill Neugebauer, Grand President

The day started with a two-hour tour of AccuWeather's world headquarters in State College. Later, over 100 actives and alums gathered at the chapter house for dinner and for opportunity to meet the 25 new active brothers who pledged in the fall and four new pledges for the spring.

After dinner, **Dick Doherty '58**, presi-

dent of the Alumni Board, awarded Daniel Hofmeister the *Outstanding Active of the Year* award and **Bill DeGrandis '77** received the *Outstanding Alum of the Year* award.

Hofmeister was selected by the actives for his outstanding achievements and for representing the core values of Phi Sigma Kappa. DeGrandis has served 11 years on the Alumni Board, serving as Vice President since 2005. He also was Chairman of the *Reason to Be Proud* campaign, which resulted in a successful \$ 1.7 million campaign to completely renovate the chapter house. DeGrandis is also helping to organize the new Active Scholarship and Legacy Programs. He is an energy lawyer practicing in Washington DC with the Paul Hastings LLP law firm.



As part of the annual Founders' Day celebrations, Dick Doherty '58, president of the Alumni Board, awarded the Outstanding Active of the Year award to Daniel Hofmeister and the Outstanding Alum of the Year award to Bill DeGrandis '77.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Your Support Keeps Kappa Chapter Strong!

Get Involved Today to Become a Lasting Part of Phi Sig's Legacy

New Scholarship Program

We are pleased to announce a new scholarship program that will soon be available for our active brothers. We are seeking your views on what types of scholarships should be awarded. Donations to the Kappa Chapter scholarship fund are tax deductible and are sent directly to National for the benefit of Kappa Chapter scholarships. The amounts and number of scholarships that can be awarded will depend on donations.

Legacy Program

Last fall, the Alumni Board announced the launch of a new Legacy Program, which encourages the naming of Kappa Chapter in your wills or trust agreements. The goal is to have a steady stream of funds available to the chapter house for improvements and refurbishments as alumni join the Chapter Eternal. The State College law firm of MacQuaide Blasko will provide language for a Kappa Chapter bequest that you can use

in your wills or trust documents. We will make that language available soon on our web site. Since last fall, we have pledged \$55,000 to the Legacy Program.

*For information or comments on either program, please contact **Bill DeGrandis '77** at billdegrandis@paulhastings.com; daytime number: 202-551-1720.*

ALUMNI NEWS

Phi Sig Alum to Run for PSU BOT

Remember Tom Conley '01 When Casting Your Vote

Tom Conley '01 is running for the Penn State Board of Trustees this year. After resigning from his full-time military position to go to Harvard, and recently moving back to DC after graduation, he is now a traditional guardsman with the DC Guard, still flying executive airlift. He is also working full time at the State Department doing Public Diplomacy.

Check out his campaign web site at www.Conley4PSU.com. If you have questions, you can email him at TomConleyPSUBOT@gmail.com

LOST BROTHERS

On the Lookout for Brothers

There are currently nearly 600 alumni on our lost email list, meaning that we don't have valid email addresses on file for them to receive our eLetter and other electronic communications. Please help us to reach more alumni more frequently and cost effectively by reviewing our lost email list on the front page of our website www.phisigpsu.com.

If you recognize any of the names on the list, simply click them to send an email to our alumni relations firm with their updated contact information. Our email database is used solely for chapter communications.

ALUMNI Q&A

It Was Purely Fate

Joining Phi Sig Led to a Lifetime of Countless Memories for Jack Sillaman '74

Thank you to **Jack Sillaman '74** for participating in this Q&A.

Why did you join Phi Sig over other fraternities?

It was purely fate.

What song(s) best defines your college experience?

Anything by Chicago; those were our party songs.

How did Phi Sig help make you into the man you are today?

It exposed me to a variety of personalities and I learned how to live and get along with many others.

What is your most memorable moment about being an undergrad member of Kappa?

There are too many to count.

Tell us about a brother who was a role model to you.

Ralph Kordiak. Enough said.

What's the best advice you've ever received, and from whom?

"Count your blessings." Grandma.

What's your greatest personal challenge to date and how did you overcome it?

Raising three kids and being married for 38 years to the same woman. I didn't overcome

it; I've lived through it.

What role does leadership play in a man's life?

I'll have to ask my wife, the leader.

If you were walking onto the Penn State campus as a young freshman, what advice would you give to the younger you?

Change your major to education (teach history); 30 years and out! I'd be retired with a pension!

Reconnect with
Jack at jsillaman@msn.com.

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Actives in Action

Phi Sigs Raise \$35K for THON, Named IFC's Most Improved Chapter and Welcome 25 New Brothers

We are pleased to announce that chapter numbers have swelled over the past two years. In the fall of 2013, Phi Sigma Kappa inducted 25 new brothers, including **Christopher Rossi** who now joins his two older brothers **Matthew** and **Michael**.

The four new pledges active for the spring semester are: **Ali Abualburak**, Dallas, Pa.; **Will DelGrande**, Stewartstown, Pa.; **Jim Shaud**, Swarthmore, Pa. and **Emory Wolf-**



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Bielawa, Lancaster, Pa.

With the help of our alumni, our Brothers raised over \$35,000 for THON. Overall this year THON raised a record breaking \$12.3 million to fight pediatric cancer. On April 7, we also held our SuperStar philanthropy to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Our chapter was recently awarded IFC's Most Improved Chapter Award. We are all very proud of this award.

We are very pleased that over 20 recent alumni came back to participate in the New Founders' Day bar tour. It is great to have our alumni visit the House.

Some of the Rush activities that our Brothers enjoyed last semester included snow tubing on Tussey Mountain, watching the Superbowl and Poker Night. We have also elected a new scholarship chair who will help store class notes and create an in house textbook library.

Chapter Officers

President: Richard Ta; richardta92@gmail.com; Mechanical Engineering; King of Prussia, PA

Vice President: Daniel Lourie; lourie.daniel@gmail.com; Political Science; Villanova, PA



Phi Sigma Kappa Penn State was recently awarded the Penn State Interfraternity Council "Most Improved Chapter Award."

Secretary: Anthony Scaringelli; antscar10@gmail.com; Landscape Architecture; Bordentown, NJ

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

A Look Back to 1960

Did you know that past issues of *La Vie* are archived online? We love perusing past issues and finding great pictures of Kappa Chapter, like this one from 1960.

Would you like to search for editions from your own era? Find a link to the yearbook archives at www.phisig.psu.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Countdown to the Annual Golf Outing and Steak Cookout On June 1

Just a reminder that our 3rd Annual Golf Outing and Steak Cookout is coming up soon on June 1! We are looking forward to seeing you. Don't forget to personally invite your friends or brothers to join us for this great event! This is a great way to re-kindle old friendships and make new ones. Even if you don't golf, come on up to 501 South Allen Street and enjoy dinner on Saturday evening.

The golf event has grown from 21 golfers in its inaugural year at Brother Nixon's course near Indiantown Gap, to 27 golfers last year at Penn State's Blue Course. After last year's golf extravaganza, 35 brothers and their families gathered back at the house for cocktails and a steak dinner. Plan on joining us again this year!

We have reserved 32 slots on the Penn State White Course. The first tee time is 10:27 a.m. You can form your own foursomes or we can place you in a group of other golfers.

Golfer or not, please join us back at the house after afterwards for cold beverages, appetizers and a steak cookout, followed by the awards ceremony. You will definitely want to vie for the unique prizes we offer. This is an opportunity for brothers and friends of all ages to socialize, recount the events of the day and rehash "how it used to be."

Friends and wives are all welcome! We encourage you to reach out to your Phi Sig buddies to let them know you plan to attend. The more the merrier!

Fees for 2013:

Golf: \$75 Dinner: \$35 Golf and Dinner: \$100

A group of rooms has been held at the Days Inn for May 31 and June 1 at a rate of \$91/night. You must reserve by April 30 to get this rate. After that date, rooms will be released to the general public. Please reference the Group Code: CGKPPA when making your reservation. The Days Inn is located at 240 S. Pugh St. and their phone number is 814-238-8454.

Stay tuned for more details as they become available. We look forward to seeing you!

Direct questions to **Dick Richardson '70**, Golfing Chairman, at rrichardson@marcusmillichap.com.

