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Lake George – Convention '99

By Leon J. Panella, Psi '62
Chairman Alpha Phi Delta Foundation

Lake George, what can be said? "Just one beautiful place." Start out with one very large lake (35 miles long), add numerous shops, water-rides, golf courses, horseback riding, white water rafting, all types of boats, fishing, para-sailing, wave runners, bars and saloons; then throw in about two dozen Italian restaurants, mix well with 50 to 60 Alpha Phi Delta brothers and family. What do you get? One of the finest conventions in years.

After a grueling seven and 1/2 hour (498 miles) trip with Paul (Punz) Fabrizio, I arrived at Lake George Monday 7:30 AM. Dressed for summer, the temperature was in the mid 40's. By midday it was in the 70's, thank God. As the brothers and their families started to arrive, the Surf Side on the Lake started to get very busy with all the Sicilians, Calabrese and Abruzzese, in their Red/Green/White hats.

The Convention Committee supplied a Hospitality room, where we met each night for cards, drinks, and chatter. I had the great pleasure of showing a number of brothers the art of skeet shooting. Turns out that Felipe Martinez, our Executive Secretary, is quite

the marksman. We traveled to the Sar Spa Gun Club, where the club members proceeded to give us all lessons in skeet shooting etiquette. After two visits to the Club, we left with no mishaps.

The Alumnus Emeritus Group (brothers initiated 50 years or longer with APD) met on Thursday afternoon for lunch. I had the opportunity to spend some time with the following men: Brothers Alfred Marzullo, Joseph Miranda, Ralph Ricci, Rocky DePalma, Walter Primerano, Ernest Coletti, Albert Palazzo, Charles Maggio and the newest additions Stan Raffa and Joe Creston. After all the stories and BS, it turned into a Kodak moment.

The Alpha Phi Delta Foundation met during the week and appointed Sam

Galasso and Gary Kosteck as trustees to finish out the terms of Al Yannon and Anthony Mirabile (both of whom resigned due to work). I wish to reiterate to all the brothers the Foundation's goals: funding the Kleos, funding of Leadership Conferences, and funding a paid National Secretary to the fraternity. The Foundation was formed to grant funds to the National Fraternity for all the educational

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President's Message

The rules of the game certainly have changed. Or, have they? George Washington suggested that one should "associate yourself with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company."

This is exactly the tradition of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity. Our Founding Fathers were men of integrity. They overcame many obstacles. Instead of giving up, complaining or seeking some sort of aid from the government, they stood firm together with strong morals and values and created an organization that remains strong eighty-five years later.

At our undergraduate chapters function, it remains an important point for the members of those chapters to remember it is more important to be honorable and to associate with men of honor than being the biggest chapter, the most conspicuous or well known, or the house with the "best parties on campus".

Our recent Summer Convention certainly is proof that the values we all share have real meaning. It was a time for brothers and family to spend time with old friends and to make new friends. The time at Lake George will be most remembered for simple but important things. The time spent sharing a meal, horseback riding with friends or playing cards until the wee hours of the morning will be long remembered and cherished. The Summer Convention is also the time when the fraternity pauses to remember departed brothers and to recognize the accomplishments of our most outstanding members.

The Summer Convention is without a doubt a very unique event and is very responsible for helping establish and reaffirm the bonds that tie us all together. Yet, in recent years it has been less and less attended. Although the Fraternity did not lose money this year hosting the Summer Convention, for several years it has been the norm for the Fraternity to lose money hosting the Summer Convention.

Although there was an increase in attendance this summer, many of those who have been active in the governing of the Fraternity have expressed great concern about declining attendance and have gone so far as to suggest that it may be time for us to give up the Summer Convention.

I am strongly opposed to this. The Summer Convention is one of many, and certainly one

of the most important, aspects that distinguishes Alpha Phi Delta from all the other Fraternities. In an effort to change the trends, a radical move has been made. The 2000 Summer Convention will be in Las Vegas. We have contracted with New York-New York Hotel and Casino. There is something for everything in Las Vegas (see story on page 9). In recent years, the focus of much of the development has been towards family entertainment.

Prices have been set, and Central Office is already accepting deposits. It should be an exciting Convention, and I anticipate good attendance. Higher attendance should quiet those who are advocating ending the tradition. It is important to remember



Tom Carroll
National President

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Award Winner – Pittsburgh Alumni Club

The 1999 **Outstanding Alumni Club Award** was given to the **Pittsburgh Alumni Club**. The Pittsburgh Alumni Club (PAC) has one of the richest traditions in Alpha Phi Delta. Having started in 1933, the PAC has served to foster fraternalism in Pittsburgh and all of western Pennsylvania continuously for over 65 years. With a varied membership from many Alpha Phi Delta chapters, the PAC offers a full social calendar, activities with undergraduates, regular monthly dinner meetings, and monthly newsletters to keep an active line of communication open for our brothers.

Membership in the PAC currently includes brothers from Psi, Nu, Chi, Beta Rho, Beta Lambda, Beta Omicron, and Gamma Delta chapters and ranging in ages from recent graduates to octogenarians. While social activities are concentrated in western Pennsylvania, dues-paying members live throughout the United States maintaining their ties to Pittsburgh.

Monthly dinner meetings are normally held the first Friday of each month at a Pittsburgh area restaurant. Members are informed of the time and place through the monthly newsletter written by longtime secretary Paul Fabrizio. All dues-paying members receive the newsletter, which has a circulation of over 200 each month. In 1998 and 1999, the PAC had over 130 dues-paying members which is the largest alumni group in the fraternity.

Activities for the social 1998-99

year included: a Pittsburgh Pirate outing in June with a tailgate party before the game; a golf outing in July with 60 brothers attending; a dinner meeting in September at Abbruzzi Restaurant with brother Pete Iole, Psi '49, presenting a comedy act after an Italian dinner; a Dinner Dance in November with over 120 people attending at the Highland Country Club and chaired by club vice president Chuck Liberatore, Psi '63; a Christmas dinner party in December; a social night out at the Psi Chapter Valentine Ball February 12th with over 10 alumni couples joining Psi's undergrads for the 29th annual Valentine Ball; the March meeting was a combination dinner and

quet and several monthly meetings.

Club membership includes many brothers who are, or have been, National officers to Alpha Phi Delta. The PAC is proud of its long-standing tradition with the National Fraternity. The PAC has had ten members serve as National President, has won eight Outstanding Alumni Club awards since 1970, and has twelve National Outstanding Alumnus recipients in its membership. In addition, several current members are involved serving the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation, the Scholarship Committee, District Governor and The Kleos.

The PAC's support to national is more than just participation and

involvement. Since the mid-1980's, the PAC has donated over \$30,000 to the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation and Scholarship Funds by endowing the Pittsburgh Alumni Club (\$10,000) and Adam DiVincenzo (\$10,000) Scholarships, and establishing the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation Printing Fund (\$10,000). They encourage all alumni brothers and entities to donate to these worthwhile causes benefit-



PAC brothers enjoying a golf outing.

ing the fraternity and undergrads alike. The PAC continues to contribute to these funds yearly, and in 1999 gave an additional \$1000 to the Scholarship Fund.

Ties are maintained with district chapters with brothers attending initiations and social activities with Psi, Beta Rho and Gamma Delta and our newest chapter at Robert Morris. Undergraduates are always welcomed at PAC events and their attendance is partially subsidized by the club. Undergraduates attended the dinner dance, the golf outing, the awards ban-

quet and several monthly meetings.

Membership in Alpha Phi Delta is eternal. The Pittsburgh Alumni Club promotes the brotherhood of Alpha Phi Delta in western Pennsylvania and is proud to represent Alpha Phi Delta as its Outstanding Alumni Club for 1999.

"Bob's father Sam was also a member of Alpha Phi Delta. He introduced Bob to the Fraternity long before he entered college."

1999 Alpha Phi Delta Award Winners

Outstanding Alumnus – Robert J. Valeriano

Robert J. Valeriano, Psi '72, was selected as the 1999 **Outstanding Alumnus** of the Fraternity. Bob was National Vice President from 1984 to 1986 and National President from 1986-1988. Under Bob's four years as a National officer, the Fraternity changed the National Council meetings from the summer to the winter and was able to get 100% attendance from chapters at several national council meetings. During his term, National expansion significantly grew as the fraternity added nine new chapters between 1984 and 1988.

Including his term as National President, Bob served on the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation for ten years (from 1986 through 1996). While on the board, he served as Foundation Chairman for two years (1994 - 96). He was instrumental in unifying the separate divisions of the Foundation in an effort to increase fund-raising. He also brought in professional help to manage our funds and fund-raising efforts. He is still involved with the Foundation as a consultant in fund management.

Bob is an active member of his church assisting in various fund-raising activities. His church involvement is numerous and includes helping every Friday during Lent at the fish fry his church runs and also helps with his church carnival during the summer. He serves on the Golf Committee at Montour Country Club and also on the Board of Directors at the Carnegie Library. He is also active in the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and serves on its board also.

Bob and his wife Wendy are the proud parents of two young boys, Adam and Justin. Bob's father Sam



Bob, second from left, at the 1999 Pittsburgh Alumni Club Golf Outing.

was also a member of Alpha Phi Delta. He introduced Bob to the Fraternity long before he entered college.

Bob is a successful Certified Fi-

nancial Planner for the Acacia Group as well as being a Certified Public Accountant. He has been recognized in his work as an Outstanding Financial Planner. Bob also received the J. Allen Duffield award in 1996, presented by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association, for service to that group. He also was recognized by the Pittsburgh Alumni Club as its Outstanding Alumnus in 1988.

Bob exemplifies what the Outstanding Alumnus award symbolizes — service and commitment to Alpha Phi Delta on a local and national level for an extended period of time. Bob has been an outstanding Alpha Phi Delta brother and alumnus for 25 years working for our Fraternity and promoting brotherhood as well as being an asset to his community. *(Article submitted by John J. Russo.)*

Outstanding Undergraduate – Todd Cusato

Todd Cusato, Beta Sigma '97, was presented with the 1999 **Outstanding Undergraduate Award** for Alpha Phi Delta. Todd is a senior at St. Francis and will serve as his chapter's vice president this fall after holding the position of treasurer last year. However his bigger office is serving as Vice President for Undergraduate Affairs for the National Fraternity, a position he was elected to last spring after serving as his chapter's delegate at the National Council meeting.

Under Todd's leadership, his chapter hosted the Spring Leadership Conference for National. He has served as chairman for the blood drive for his chapter, is a representative for student government on campus and served as interim president, and vice president of the year book staff.

Todd is also active with the New York Alumni Club and the Beta



Todd, left, receives the Outstanding Undergraduate Award from Felipe Martinez, Executive Secretary, and Matt Vislocky, National Vice President

Sigma Alumni Association as an undergraduate. He is majoring in communications.

(Article submitted by Phillip Zito.)

"Why is it that third and fourth generation Americans say they are Italian or of Italian heritage?"

Being Italian

What does it mean to be Italian? Is there some magical essence to being of Italian heritage? What is the magic bond? Italy was originally a multitude of city states; approximately twelve. Each area had a very distinct personality. Whether we talk about the region of Tuscany in the north, or the region of Calabria in the south, the island of Sardinia, or the Island of Sicily. They are all distinct, all with a specific character and personality. At one time the universities were in the northern part of Italy and the farming work forces were in the south. Sicily in its early years had its kings and queens and great wealth.

Why is it that third and fourth generation Americans say they are Italian or of Italian heritage? This is not as commonplace as with other nationalities; in fact it is rather rare. The first time that I took my wife of 30 years to Italy was for our honeymoon and we stayed at a hotel in Rome, which was modern in design. I particularly dislike modern architecture, but this hotel impressed me immensely. It was modern but yet it had a sense of antiquity to it; beautiful brass beamed ceilings, beautiful wood doors, and an occasional tapestry hanging here and there. I mentioned to our guide that I was impressed with this example of modern architecture and the quality of its construction and design. He said something to me which I will never forget, "Art never dies in Italy." I believe we can begin by looking at the one fundamental building block, Art. And then we realize that those artists have spread out all over the world. In Washington, D.C. you will find that major portions of our capitol were designed and constructed by Italians. In the southern part of the United States, you will find that many of the mansions were de-

By John Peter Curielli, Beta Mu, Vice President, Cultural Affairs

signed and completed by Italian artists; they were actually transported from Italy to do this work. My great-grandfather was one of those artists who had a crew of 400 men from Italy prior to the Civil War. One of the greatest photographers in the world, Scavo, is of Italian heritage. He photographs the most beautiful models in the world and has been at his trade for at least 30 years. He has an eye for beauty, as do all Italian artists.

Even the recent Academy Award winning picture "Life is Beautiful" is an Italian production. It shows the joys and tragedies of life. It is playing in theaters all over the United States in the Italian language. "Art never dies in Italy."

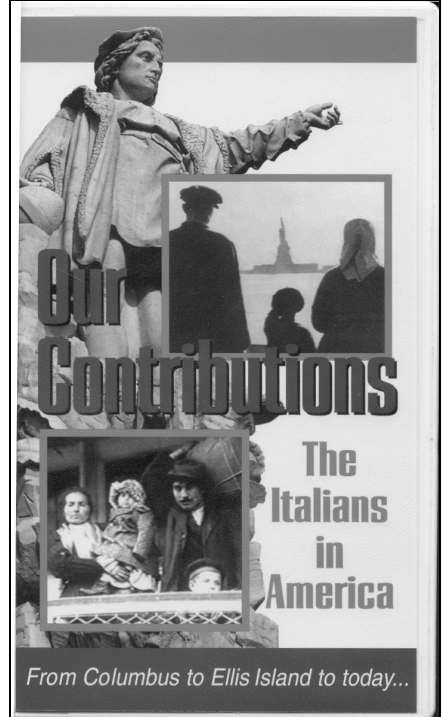
But Art is not the sole characteristic of Italian heritage. Culture in general is, whether it be food, literature, song etc. When a friend visits from out of town, usually the first thing he asks me is, "let's go to one of your good Italian restaurants." What is the most viewed painting in the Louvre in France? No question, the Mona Lisa. What is the most romantic music in the world? Italian of course. What are the most enjoyable operas? Italian operas, of course. They are the most popular and the most attended operas in the world. Magnificence of literature from Italy can not even be numbered from Dante's Inferno to the most current writings of Mario Puzo.

Then there is the primary building block, the family. What nationality in this world has a greater sense of family "blood" than those of Italian heritage. Italian families are noted for getting involved in spirited arguments and debates, but yet if one needs a hand, they will travel thousands of miles to go and help another family

member. The tradition which is still seen in many Italian families is dinner at "Nonna's" (grandmother's) house on Sunday. All of these characteristics come together to make a very unique ethnic profile. It is about a fierce pride in heritage and a fierce devotion to family.

What does it all boil down to? Everyone likes to be associated with the best of the best, and that is what being of Italian heritage is all about. Thank you for once again taking the time to read my thoughts. "Cent'anni a tutti" (a hundred years of life and happiness to everyone of you).

By popular demand, the video tape "Our Contributions: The Italians in America", is being offered as a bonus for all tax deductible donations of \$50 or more made to Alpha Phi Delta Foundation. Send your check to Leon J. Panella, 1027 Center Ave, Ellwood City, Pa 16117.



Relive the 1999 Lake George Convention through photos. Picture yourself in one of these shots next year in Las Vegas.

Convention Photo Album

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needs of the undergraduates.

With this, all the Foundation board members ask of the alumni is to step forward and write that tax deductible check to show your support of Alpha Phi Delta. You can mail your contribution, payable to Alpha Phi Delta Foundation, to Leon J. Panella, 1027 Center Ave, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania 16117. Another way to support Alpha Phi Delta is to use your APD credit card. If you haven't already done so, apply for your APD credit card today.

The Foundation would also like to thank National President Tom Carroll and National Secretary Felipe Martinez for all their hard work this past year and for establishing a good working relationship with the Foundation. They have revived the fraternity with their efforts this year.

In closing, we had an enjoyable convention, thanks to Brother Riccardo and his family, and I hope to see you all in Las Vegas in 2000.



Felipe Martinez, Executive Secretary and Paul Fabrizio at the skeet shooting range.



Neil Anastasia, Theta Beta, rafting on Lake George at the convention.



Top from left: Tom Carroll, National President, Tony Castellano, Frank Riccardo. Sitting: Paul Fabrizio, Stan Raffa and Al Palazzo.



A group of brothers and families at a restaurant in Lake George.



Todd Cusato, Gary Cuda, Tom Carroll and Sam Galasso take a break from skeet shooting.



Al (left) and Dottie Palazzo along with Al Fafara relax by the pool.



Michael G. Zerega, Psi '69, enjoys a moment with his son Giancarlo in a Lake George Restaurant.

Digital photographs provided by Leon Panella.

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Christopher Columbus: Revisited

Seven years ago I wrote an article titled, "Christopher Columbus: Saint, Sinner or Hero?" It was the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. Back then there was considerable debate as to what type of a man Christopher Columbus was and also was he really the discover of America?

At this point, all of the hoopla has died away and we have come back to basics. In fact, I believe the whole country is coming back to basics. Who discovered America? The Vikings or someone else? Does that really matter? Who triggered the development of America is really the question; and, needless to say, it was Christopher Columbus. His spirit of adventure and tenacity in pursuing his dream are what make Columbus such a great man.

Remember when he started his campaign, people believed the world was flat and that he was a madman who would take himself, his crew and his ships off the edge of the world. You may remember that Copernicus was put to death for espousing the theory that the world was round and not the center of the universe. Columbus truly had great courage. He was a dreamer and a visionary, like many Italians. We can go back through the pages of history, whether

*By John Peter Curielli
Vice President, Cultural Affairs*

those pages be as recent as Lee Iacocca or as far back as Michael Angelo. In one of our trips to Italy, I commented to our guide that I did not appreciate modern architecture, but in viewing the modern hotel we were in while in Rome, I was amazed at the beauty and the graceful use of metal and wood to create a true work of art. My guide told me, "Art never dies in Italy."

Columbus is really an Italian icon, a guiding light, someone we can be very proud of. He survived a near mutiny with his crew and ultimately led them to safety. In his time he was not truly recognized for his greatness, but as with many great men, history eventually brought out the truth regarding his courage and foresight.

If there is a Columbus Day parade in your area, do not hesitate to be part of it and to be proud of your heritage. Columbus may have had some faults, but don't we all. We sometimes try to make our heroes into saints and when we then find out that they are only human, we are disappointed. But who brings on the disappointment? The hero or us? As I said seven years ago, don't let anyone try to lessen the brilliance of our shining Italian star, Cristoforo Colombo. Have a great Columbus Day!

National Golf Outing

National President Tom Carroll is conducting a National Council fraternity meeting Saturday, October 9th in Philadelphia. To jumpstart the weekend, the Brooklyn, Pittsburgh and Delaware Valley Alumni Clubs are organizing the First Annual National Golf Tournament on Friday, October 8th in the Philadelphia suburbs. Tee times will be starting at 1:00. Price includes golf, cart and a dinner afterward for a full fraternal day of fun. Foursomes will be mixed up with brothers from all over to insure that camaraderie of a National brotherhood may be shared. The invitation to golf is extended to all brothers wishing to participate.

Details:

- ? Golf Outing, \$65 Alumni, \$40 Undergrads. Prices include green fees, cart and dinner afterwards
- ? Dinner to follow at Michael's Bar and Grill. Dinner price for nongolfers \$20
- ? Choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu, Veal Scallopine, Prime



Rib, Stuffed Flounder

? Reserve and send payment with dinner choice to:

Joe Narciso
136 Woodbine Circle
New Providence NJ 07974
(908)790-0203
(212)469-6082
joe.narciso@db.com

? Joe will send directions and hotel choices to those who reserve. Due to the potential confusion of trying to reserve tee times for brothers coming from several states, your CHECK is your ONLY reservation. We hope to see you there.

? National Council Meeting will be Saturday, October 9th at University of Pennsylvania, Lambda Chapter.

? Dinner Saturday night at Villa D'Roma on 9th Street in Philadelphia.

? Please contact Central Office (contacts on page 2) to attend the Saturday festivities.

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National Convention 2000 at Las Vegas

It's finally time to prepare for one of the most anticipated National Conventions in Alpha Phi Delta history. The site of the 78th Annual National Convention will originate from the New York-New York Hotel & Casino at Las Vegas, Nevada August 7th – 11th, 2000. Although this is a bold move by the fraternity to host a convention on the west coast, several brothers have already contacted Central Office about making their reservations for the convention.

The hotel has replicas of New York City landmarks such as the Empire State Building, Brooklyn Bridge and a Coney Island roller coaster, which soars over Fire Island and around a blushing Statue of Liberty. The casino interior is accented with New York City landmarks such as Times Square and Central Park. The Manhattan roller coaster is an exciting ride that twists, loops and dives around and through the property. There are several nighttime fun spots such as a Broadway theater, Motown Café and nightclubs and plenty of popular New York eateries. Besides many of the amusements the New York-New York Hotel & Casino provides, there are several other nearby hotels, all within walking distance, with equally fun-filled activities.

Each conventioneer will receive the following accommodations:

- ?? Breakfast
- ?? Dinner
- ?? The Banquet Dinner
- ?? The nightly Hospitality Suite
- ?? Hotel Room

The fraternity will also arrange for several activities throughout the week so that you may enjoy Las Vegas.



Price

The price for the convention is as follows:

Single Occupancy

Monday – Friday \$ 450.00

Group Rates

Monday – Friday

Double Occupancy \$ 325.00

Triple Occupancy \$ 300.00

Quadruple Occupancy \$ 275.00

West Coast Special

Thursday – Friday

Attend the Banquet, stay the night and Friday breakfast: \$ 150.00

Making your reservations is easy. If you are traveling solo, then send a deposit of \$100 to Central Office (*address on page two*). If you are making arrangements to stay with other brothers, family members or friends, you must send a \$100 deposit per person. When sending your deposits to the fraternity, please supply us with the names and addresses of the people you are rooming with.

The fraternity will bill each person individually and will mail them their convention packages.

If you have never attended a National Convention, this is surely the one you don't want to miss. If you haven't been at a convention for quite some time, then don't miss this one. Brothers from all over the country will attend this convention with friends and family members.

Viva Alpha Phi Delta. Oops, I mean Viva Las Vegas! See you there!

(Article submitted by Felipe Martinez, Jr., Executive Secre-

President's Message (cont. from page 2)

when you look at the prices that they include tax and gratuity for the room, breakfast each day, dinner two nights and an Awards Banquet. Most importantly, it also includes the use of a Hospitality Suite. The Hospitality Suite will be stocked with beer, soda and munchies. It makes no sense to go to Las Vegas and stay somewhere else and not join us for meals and good times in the Hospitality Suite. The prices are very reasonable, and we are accepting payments very early for this Convention. In that way, once the payments for the Convention are made, people can focus on saving money for the transportation to Las Vegas. I hope you can join us in 2000.

Chapter Chatter

Chapter Chatter from the undergrads took a summer hiatus. Undergraduates and chapters should send news stories and pictures to The Kleos starting in September. The deadline for the next issue of The Kleos is November 1st.

"The notion of going to Las Vegas and not gaming all the time would have been unheard of at one time."

To gamble or not to gamble

Alpha Phi Delta is planning its year 2000 National Convention for Las Vegas, Nevada — the gambling capital of the world. To show that vacationers can visit Las Vegas and find activities besides gambling, Brother Joseph L. Casadonte Sr., Beta Delta '58, wrote the following article.

To gamble or not to gamble — that is the question. The notion of going to Las Vegas and not gaming all the time would have been unheard of at one time. But not today. Today you go to Las Vegas for a lot of reasons, and gaming is just one — and in my scenario, a minor one. My wife Joan and I visited Las Vegas in late 1997 with a few friends. We stayed three days and two nights in LV and then moved on to six additional days in Arizona and New Mexico. What we discovered in LV is that there is a great deal to do beside gaming.

We returned in 1998 for a full nine days. There is a standard number of things to do for all first-time visitors. But first things first. Depending on the date of your visit is how you will pack for your adventure. We chose the Labor Day week, and the weather was still hot. Daytime temperatures were above 100 degrees and nights were in the high 80's or low 90's. We packed casual with one dress up outfit. It was the right call. Daytime was shorts and tops, and nights were long pants and casual tops. We saw almost no evidence of high fashion or sport coat wear.

An air-conditioned car is a must. First-time visitors should go to the Hoover Dam. We visited it for the third time. It is a wonder to behold. We allowed four hours to do this tour, and we easily could have spent more time there.

Also at Hoover Dam, there is a museum area that takes at least a half hour to go through. There is also a

short movie on how the Dam was built. This is a must. It has a new revolving presentation of the history of the Dam.

We went from the Hoover Dam to the Valley of Fire approximately 40 miles north of Las Vegas. This scenic drive gave us a view of red mountains and changing vistas. It was a beautiful drive. We stopped at different overlooks to just take in the views and take pictures.

We spent one whole day on a visit to the Death Valley area. It was a fascinating drive and we stopped at many places. One was the original "borax" site, where the now famous Borax Minerals were mined for making soap. There is also a circle dill road that was used by the 20-mule team of Borax. We drove that road — carefully. On this day we also visited the "Ethel M" chocolate factory. That company wanted to make chocolates with liquor in them; and Nevada was one, if not the only state to allow this manufacturing.

We set aside one day to visit the Laughlin area. This is an up and coming place. There are about seven hotels and casinos. Their backs are on the Colorado River. We spent a full hour on the river taxi that stopped at each hotel. Only *Harrah's Hotel* had a man-made beach with people engaged in water sports. It probably would be a nice destination for a short visit because of its limited attractions. We did notice that there were a couple of good headliners for shows, but not enough to attract us there for a long stay.

We spent two days visiting the various hotels, and each one had it's own theme. There is an overhead tram ride from *Bally's* to *MGM*. We worked that into our tour of the hotels. Other hotels we visited at night were the *Mirage* with the erupting Volcano, *Treasure Island* with full size Pirate

ships doing battle, *The Bellagio* (now open) with an outside water ballet set to music.

New York, New York is a great visiting attraction. *Circus-Circus* is a great stop for families, but we went and saw the short version of the big top show. It was crowded with kids and parents all trying to get a good view of the show. *Caesar's Palace*, perhaps my overall favorite, is just gigantic with so much to see. There are two areas in the mall with moving and talking figures, smoke and lighting effects enhance the performance of these animated giant figures. Both are a must to see. In the mall are very upscale shops worth walking into just for the difference in styles and objects. Their gaming floors are huge and very active even in the afternoon.

Another attraction was the Star Trek Experience. This was a visual and simulated ride in the Enterprise. It was worth the fee. Allow time for the evolution exhibit of the Star Trek series and the other shows that followed it. The memorabilia was really interesting.

We stopped at the *Luxor Hotel and Casino*. The building itself is amazing from the outside and the inside. They have a King Tut exhibit and a simulated ride attraction that wasn't worth the time or money. But the exhibit was.

We saw two shows: Ziegfried and Roy and the Animal/Magic/Light show, and The Danny Gans variety show. One other place we visited was the Liberace Museum. We spent some time at a casino almost every day, but never more than an hour. We came away practically even — no blood.

All in all we stayed nine days in the Las Vegas area, using the hotel as home base, and seeing some of the state of Nevada. We plan to return to Las Vegas and perhaps travel in other

The Founders Day Dinner

On November 5, 1999, the following Alumni Clubs are commemorating the 85th Anniversary of our beloved Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity. Please share this Friday evening with brothers and family for this special anniversary dinner giving thanks to our seven founding fathers. Please RSVP by October 15, 1999. Call a local Alumni Club President for details.

Atlanta Alumni Club Colony

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Brooklyn Alumni Club

Peter Gaudiuso – 914-835-7335

Broome County Alumni Club Colony

James D. Milligan – 607-770-4507

Chicago Alumni Club

John Fiore – 724-845-1847

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Delaware Valley Alumni Club

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Garden State Alumni Club

Edward A. Bopp – 732-765-0885

Genesee Valley Alumni Club Colony

David G. Courman – 716-649-9275

Las Vegas Alumni Club Colony

John P. Gagliano – 702-456-9624

Long Island Alumni Club

Michael Eliseo – 516-433-5017

National Capitol Alumni Club Colony

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New Hampshire Alumni Club Colony

Joshua F. Youssef – 603-528-3842

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Christopher J. Jennings – 919-875-9764

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North Jersey Alumni Club

Kirk A. Shatto – 201-656-5987

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Southern California Alumni Club

Lawrence V. Valente – 619-485-0481

Southern Florida Alumni Club Colony

John-Paul Venanzi – 561-863-5913

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Manuel Rodriguez, Jr. – 718-494-7153

Steubenville Alumni Club

Richard Angelica – 614-535-1830

Youngstown Alumni Club

Daniel Thomas – 330-755-1891

1999 Chapter Award Winners

The 1999 **Outstanding Chapter Award**, one of the most coveted awards, was given to **Chi Chapter** at Penn State University. The highlight of its year was hosting the spring National Council meeting.

The chapter participated in the university's homecoming week festivities and the Penn State Marathon. They placed fifth in the homecoming competition. The events included the float for the parade and special events that test knowledge of the university. They also had great participation in the "Thon" with four brothers dancing, three on the overall committees and four on subcommittees. The chapter raised \$1500 for the Four Dia-

monds Fund and Children with Cancer.

The chapter issues a newsletter for alumni that covers happenings of the fraternity and dates of their events with open invitations to their alumni to join them on campus and at the fraternity house. The chapter participates in intramural sports and had four brothers participate in Greek Sweep. The brothers got involved in the community by helping to clean up the neighborhoods around the fraternity district. Individual brothers were active in the Penn State Blue Band, the cheerleading squad, the Penn State Philharmonic Orchestra and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

(Article submitted by Richard Mastriani.)

Beta Xi Chapter at New Jersey Institute of Technology received the **Most Improved Chapter Award** for 1999. Beta Xi participated in community service projects for the Newark Conservancy (clean up parks in Newark), a canned food drive and a phone-a-thon for the college. They also participated in World Week celebrating Italian Heritage by serving Italian food at their school's culture celebration.

They fostered fraternalism in northern New Jersey by visiting many other chapters and interacting frequently with the North Jersey Alumni Club. The chapter won the District Pledge Bowl twice this year

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Alpha Phi Delta Goes to Florida

With palm trees and a tropical breeze as a backdrop, six Alpha Phi Delta brothers met for a dinner meeting on Saturday, August 21st, 1999 at Zuckerello's Restaurant in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This group was led by Assistant South Jersey District Governor John-Paul Venanzi (Gamma Eta '88). Also in attendance were Jack Consiglio (Psi '74), Ross Oliverio (Pi '52), Austin Porfiri (Beta Nu '49), Vince Verdile (Beta Phi '86) and Delta Pi Chapter President Chad Rawls. Bothers Sal Bologna (Beta Sigma '74), Rocco DePalma (Theta Beta '42) and Brian Murphy (Beta Lambda '87) had also expressed an interest in joining this group, but unfortunately were unable to attend this meeting.

Since all six brothers in attendance were from different



Standing from left: John-Paul Venanzi, Ross Oliverio, Vince Verdile, Chad Rawls, Jack Consiglio; sitting: Austin Porfiri.

chapters and different eras and were virtual strangers to each other prior to the meeting, it made for some interesting conversation and camaraderie. Though small, this group is well on its way to becoming the nucleus of the first alumni club in the state of Florida.

The group has planned a second meeting for November 5th, 1999 (Founders Day) to be held somewhere in the Fort Lauderdale area. Any brother who lives in the South Florida area or will be vacationing there at that time is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, please call John-Paul Venanzi at (561)863-5913

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e-mail him at john_paul_venanzi@fpi.com.

(Article submitted by Vincent Verdile, South Jersey

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Kidz Korner

Something new, “Kidz Korner.” An area devoted to the offspring of Alpha Phi Delta brothers. Get your wives involved and send in some fraternity kid pictures. Please identify the children, their ages and their father's name and chapter. Send or e-mail your pictures to Kidz Korner at the Kleos office (address on page 2).



John Anastasio, Michael Fiore, Tricia Anastasio and Caroline Fiore (children of Neil Anastasio and Charlie Fiore of the Brooklyn Alumni Club) enjoy a swim at Lake George.
Photo by Charlie Fiore.



Marc Iacovelli (8), Dominique Iacovelli (3), Thomas Preite (3), Samantha Narciso (3), Adam Iacovelli (6) hammin' it up for the camera. Children of Brooklyn Alumni Club brothers Mike Iacovelli (Theta Beta '81), Joe Narciso (Gamma Lambda '87) and Ralph Preite (Theta Beta '80).
Photo by Mike Iacovelli.

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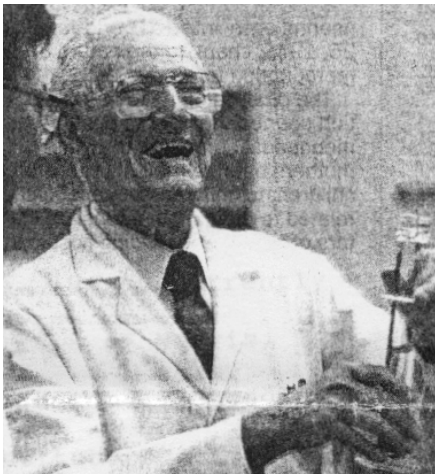
Marinaro, Oldest Prof at College, Gets Award

When Al Marinaro retired at 69, he immediately tried a new career. A chemical engineer most of his working life, Marinaro retired from that field and took up teaching 12 years ago. He is currently the oldest professor at the County College of Morris, New Jersey. And at 81, he recently won an award for outstanding teachers presented by the National Institute for Organization Development at the University of Texas.

by Stanley W. Raffa

Marinaro received his Chemical Engineering degree from Newark College of Engineering (now N.J.I.T.) where he joined a local fraternity called Delta Sigma Theta which was inducted into Alpha Phi Delta as the Beta Xi chapter in 1952. He received his Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering from Columbia University. The son of Italian immigrants, he learned English in school. His mother didn't want him to pick up her accent and would speak no English at home. He was chief executive officer of an electroplating corporation before forming his own company, Marinaro and Associates. He is still consultant for the company and lectures up and down the east coast. "If you sit down, the grass grows between your toes and it tickles," he said.

Married to his wife Gilda for 55 years, they have three children and five grandchildren. He intends to go on teaching and the students love him.



Chapter Eternal

Robert J. "Bob" Palumbo Sr., Beta Theta '49, passed away July 19, 1999 in Steubenville, Ohio. Bob was a former Sixth District Governor and long time supporter of his chapter at Beta Theta as well as an active member of the Steubenville Alumni Club. He was 69 years old and will be missed by his many friends and brothers.

Bob served as an attorney in Steubenville for 40 years serving in private practice and as a former assistant Jefferson County prosecutor. He often used his business office to conduct fraternity events for the local Beta Theta chapter.

George Mastrangelo, Beta Omi-

cron, '61, passed away this summer in New Castle, Pennsylvania. George was 59 years old. A retired school teacher and former administrator in the New Castle School District, George was elected to the New Castle School Board in 1997 and was a member of the Lawrence County Area Vot-tech Board as well.

The Kleos was also informed of the following death notice, but received no details:

Myron Mosti, Psi '46, passed away in Steubenville, Ohio.

In Search of Information on Amerigo A. Rossi, MD Theta Beta '40

My name is Cassandra Felix. My father was Amerigo (Rick) A. Rossi. He was in your college fraternity at Theta Beta Chapter.

My dad died in 1966 when we were 3, 8, and 10. Just recently, my sisters Lisa, Shelli and I went through his things that were in his trunk that he brought with him from New York to California. In the trunk, we came across information that he was in two college fraternities and in the Marines as well as the Army. These were all before my dad and mom met. My mom does not have any information regarding his college days, if he dated anyone, what kind of student he was. Anything like that.

I know it has been many years since your college days and maybe you did not even know my father, I am writing to you in hopes that you might recall some memories of him that you could share with us. If you have any pictures of him, we would love to have copies.

Thank you in advance for any information you can offer us. If you did not know him or remember him, do you know anyone who could help us in our search? God bless you.

Sincerely, Cassandra Felix

My telephone number is 714 523-8126 or my e-mail address is cassiefelix@mediaone.net. My fax number is 714 523-1021.



"I was grateful for the additional \$400 towards my tuition . . . but I was also grateful for the vote of confidence from such a fine organization."

Scholarship News

Scholarship Winners Series:

Where Are They Now?

by Stan Raffa, Delta '49

The letters keep coming in. Here are two more, both from the children of Past National Presidents, A. Joseph Creston and Al Palazzo. Here is what Linda Creston Clarke has to say:

"For as far back as I can remember as a child, I remember Alpha Phi Delta playing a major role in my dad's life, and consequently being a big part of our family life. I remember the annual picnics, the many conventions we attended, the camaraderie among the brothers, alumni and families, and the fun. I also remember my dad's strong commitment to the fraternity, and so we were both especially pleased when I was awarded an APD scholarship as I began my college years at Penn State University in 1979. I was grateful for the additional \$400 towards my tuition (which back then went a long way towards it), but I was also grateful for the vote of confidence from such a fine organization.

"I went on to graduate from Penn State in 1983 with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and immediately after graduation joined IBM in East Fishkill, NY as an Industrial Engineer. Sixteen years later, I am still at IBM enjoying my current position as a business planner for our microelectronics computer products. I've been married for almost 13 years now to an environmental engineer with IBM, and we are very much enjoying our two children - a boy, age 7 and a girl, age 8.

"Writing this letter I can't believe it's been 20 years since my scholarship, but I appreciate the opportunity to think back and thank Alpha Phi Delta for the help in getting me here."

And here's what Albie Palazzo has to say:

"I was fortunate to receive three Alpha Phi Delta National Scholarships while studying for the Ph.D. degree at The Ohio State University. The funds helped to finance my research trips to Britain and Australia which were essential to the completion of my dissertation. I received my degree in 1996. The dissertation was subsequently made into a book which will be published next Spring by the University of Nebraska Press.

"I am now employed as a Research Associate in the School of History at the Australian Defense Force Academy in Canberra, Australia. Recently, I completed my second book "The Organisation of the Australian Army", and I will soon begin another project.

"Actually, the degree and books have been the easy part, the kids are the real challenge."

Albie was the recipient of his scholarship awards in 1993, 1994, and 1995. He and his wife Lissa have just become the parents of their fourth child.

Write to us and tell us what you, as a past scholarship recipient are doing. Send your update to Stan Raffa, Chairman, Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship Division, 17 Essex Place, Dumont, NJ 07628. You can also send tax deductible donations to the scholarship to the same address. Make your check out to Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship and please mail it to Richard Primiano, Treasurer, P.O. Box 8212, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002.

Scholarship Winners

Founders Award \$2250

Suzanne R. Clemente,
George Washington University
John Pasta / LIAC Award \$1500
Elizabeth Butler, Univ. of Dayton

Ernest Colletti Award \$1500

Jonathan M. Sherman, U of Wisconsin

Alpha Phi Delta Award \$1000

Michael S. Spinner, Pace University

Bro. Camillus Casey Award \$750

Ryan Kelly, Eastern Conn. St. Univ.

Frank Cavallaro / 3rd District \$750

Jamie L. Bessich, Cornell Univ.

Carmelo and Carmela Giampiccolo Award \$750

Brandon S. Porterjoy, Philadelphia

College of Osteopathic Medicine

James and Theresa Giampiccolo Award \$750

Thomas W. Simko, Embry Riddle

Southern California Alumni Club Award \$750

Nicole Cerussi, Penn State

Ladies Auxiliary of Steubenville Award \$750

Elizabeth B. Hamilton, Loyola

Pittsburgh Alumni Club \$750

Nicole F. Panico, Pitt. Law School

APDRANY Award \$750

Junior Torres, Syracuse Univ.

Richard Rau Memorial Award \$750

Mark E. Palermo, Gannon

Frank Costanzo Award \$750

Marie E. Sherman, Univ. of Wisconsin

Steubenville Alumni Club \$750

Mario DeGisi, Catholic University

New York Alumni Club \$750

Tim Krofchik, Drexel

Adam DiVincenzo Award \$750

George A. Butler, Penn State

Anthony J. Carfang Award \$750

Christopher Shipley, Duquesne

Stanley W. Raffa Award \$750

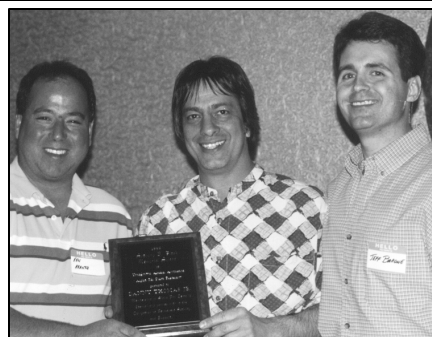
Michael D. Desiere, Seton Hall

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Alumni News



Winners of the 1999 Bocce Tournament held by the Youngstown Alumni Club on May 7th at Mr. Anthony's Restaurant in Youngstown. Holding their trophies from left: Camille Gaia, John Morey, Tony DelBene, Chuck Serednesky, Jr., Jeff Barone, Todd West, Lou Labash. *Photo by Paul Russo.*



Youngstown Alumni Club honors Dan Thomas Jr., Beta Omicron, (center) with the Anthony B. Flask Award as their Outstanding Alumnus for 1999. Presenting the award were brothers Kenny Krantz, left, and Jeff Barone, right.



Beta Omicron Reunion for these brothers from the 1980s who attended the 1999 Youngstown Alumni Club Bocce Night. From left: Todd West, Tim Morey, Tom Davitt, Steve Eschman, Harry Janetti, Tom Campean.

Dr. Anthony Fiorilli, Beta Sigma '69, has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the New Jersey Academy of Optometry. The Academy serves to provide a medium for postgraduate education for optometric physicians and to provide one or more scholarships each year to fourth-year students in optometry school. In the past, Dr. Fiorilli has served as President of the Monmouth Ocean Counties Optometric Society.

Albert "Albie" Palazzo Jr., Theta Beta '75, and his wife Lissa are proud to announce the birth of their newest son. William Joel Benyon Palazzo arrived at 12:32 A.M. on April 14th. The lad weighed nine pounds five ounces and measured 21.5 inches. Albie and family are living in Australia and send their greetings from down under.

DVAC Supports Wheelchair Sports in Philadelphia

"On April 30th, 1999 I chaired the 'Magee Derby.' The derby is an event that raises money to fund the wheelchair sports program at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia. I was a patient twice at Magee, most recently after suffering paralysis during the robbery of my jewelry store in December 1996. I will always be grateful for the help they gave me and wanted to help pay Magee back.

"As chairman of the event, I quickly solicited the support of my DVAC brothers. The club unanimously agreed to be a Gold Cup Sponsor for the event with an outright donation of \$500. I also sent letters out to our club members, which in turn raised almost another \$1000. Brothers Ray Evers and Jack Lipsett attended the event, enjoying the program, as well as the silent auction. The contribution of the DVAC members reached \$2000 and was a big part of the 38% increase in monies raised to support wheelchair sports."

(Submitted by Mark Chilutti, Beta Delta '87, DVAC, Secretary)

"Both alumni and undergraduates stand to benefit from the spirit of networking and information exchange that our workshops foster."

Alumni News

DVAC Holds Golf Outing

On June 26th, the second annual DVAC (Delaware Valley Alumni Club) golf outing was held at the General Washington Golf Club in Audubon, PA. It was organized by Tony Campione. Besides making the arrangements, he arranged for golf balls and tees to be given to each participant. John Carosiello traveled from the Allentown-Bethlehem area to join the group of golfing brothers.

Tommy Vizza had the low score while Harry DiFazio was the runner-up. After the outing the participants enjoyed a buffet dinner that included roast beef, baked chicken, meatballs, baked rigatoni and "all you can drink" soda, beer, and coffee.

Because the temperature was in the midnineties, next year the golf outing will be held during the month of May. *(Submitted by Ed Magliocco.)*

PAC Holds Golf Outing

On Saturday, July 17th, the brothers of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club had time to show off their skill with the golf clubs at the 9th annual PAC Open. Forty-four brothers and friends played 18 holes in 90 degree heat and near 100% humidity. Sylvan Heights Golf Course of New Castle, Pa. welcomed us all, showing their 2,000,000. worth of improvements on the 1st tee.

Brother Costanzo at 88 years young led the way, Joe Creston from the state of Florida made up the second oldest at 74 years of youth. Brothers Ed Magliocco and Sam Galasso from the DVAC came in from Philadelphia to golf and spent the weekend with Leon and Karen Panella. Nick Fortuna and Lefty Armenti never stopped talking. John Hadgkiss was a great host. All that needed was the temperature to drop 20 degrees.

(Submitted by Leon Panella.)



BAC Hosts Super Bowl Party

The 7th annual Super Bowl Party was hosted by the Narciso's at their home in New Providence, NJ. This event is highlighted by the "Table of the Gods", an altar filled with culinary delicacies from our youth (White Castle, Taco Bell, Coney Island Nathan's Fries, imported Brooklyn Pizza, and much more) plus homemade items of spice (hot wings, nachos, etc). Not for the gastrointensinally weak or nasally sensitive. In attendance were BAC brothers and friends from Beta Pi, Gamma Lambda, Theta Beta, Beta Sigma, and Beta Omega, along with future brothers Adam Iacovelli and Sean Palamarik, both set to pledge in the same year.

(Picture submitted by Joe Narciso of the Brooklyn Alumni Club.)

Hudson Valley District Hosts Career Fair

On Saturday, March 6th, alumni and undergraduates of the Hudson Valley District gathered at Pace University in Pleasantville, NY for an afternoon of career-related workshops. Discussions centered around topics such as resume preparation and interview strategies. On hand were alumni from Pace University, Manhattan College, and Marist College, as well as undergraduates from Pace and Manhattan.

As fraternity events such as these grow in popularity, it is apparent that they offer us yet another way to express the brotherhood that we have all pledged ourselves to support. Both alumni and undergraduates stand to benefit from the spirit of networking and information exchange that our workshops foster.

Alumni interested in participating in similar workshops in their area are encouraged to contact their district governor, local alumni group, or central office. Central Office may be reached via the internet at www.apd.org. *(Submitted by*

PAC Announces Dinner Dance

The Pittsburgh Alumni Club will be holding their annual dinner dance on Saturday, November 13th at the Highlands Country Club in Pittsburgh. All brothers and their spouses / companions are invited to attend. Dancing to Brother Vito DiSalvo and the We Three band will provide the music after dinner. For details, reservations, or hotel recommendations, contact Brother Leon Panella at (724)758-6331 or panellaj@bellatlantic.net.

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