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## Epsilon Remembers 1954 in 2004

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The Epsilon alumni brothers of the University of Buffalo are alive and well in Buffalo, New York. Our group consists of about 25 members, some very active and some not so active. We recently celebrated our 50th anniversary at 'The Mansion' in Buffalo owned by one of our very successful brothers Peter Fiorella. Peter is one of the top five matrimonial attorneys in Buffalo. There were 36 people in attendance and Peter picked up the entire tab.

Recently 13 brothers attended a stag reunion in Batavia, New York. Our group consisted of brothers living in Rochester, Batavia, Niagara Falls and Buffalo. This past summer we traveled to Toronto (Canada) by bus to see the Yankees play Toronto.

I (Robert Saglian 1954) am a past president of a senior alumni group and currently

by Robert Saglian, Epsilon 1954

historian. The current president is Robert J.

Tronolone (1959). Current active brothers include the following: Joseph Calabrese (1957), Victor M. Colonna (1960), Carl Deni (1956), Sam Carocci (1959), Al DiGiulio (1962), Peter Fiorella (1960), past president; Daniel M. Gregorio (1959), Dr. Richard LoTempio (1957), Joseph Mancuso (1959), Honorable Glenn Morton (1950), Joseph Oliverio (1961), Raymond Paolini (1960), Anthony D. Parone (1957), Richard Pieri (1956), Vincent Tibollo (1957) and past presidents Michael Rose (1954) and William Naples (1955).

Professionally, our alumni consists of a surgeon, radiologist, attorneys, judges, financial advisors, insurance agent, teachers, insurance adjustors and many other professions.

(See *Epsilon* continued on page 10)



Epsilon Alumni: Seated left to right: Charles Martello, Dan Gregorio, Robert Saglian, Robert Tronolone, Carl Deni, Anthony Parone, Vincent Tibollo. Standing left to right: Victor Colonna, Michael Rose, Al DiGiulio Jr., Sam Carocci, Ray Paolini, Glenn Morton.  
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# Lunch Bag Notes For APD

*The Kleos is pleased to offer a new column for our brothers. Al Parisi, Beta Eta 1973, is a newly published author. His book "Lunch Bag Notes" was chronicled last year in The Kleos. "Lunch Bag Notes" is a series of notes of encouragement that Al wrote to his teenage daughter Ann Marie. The Kleos editor asked Brother Parisi if he might offer some encouragement to our readers.*

### What Is Truth?

Remember when the truth was "the truth and nothing but the truth?" Remember when "right was might?" Remember when we could easily discern "right from wrong?" Like many of our innocent childhood pleasures these simple but fundamental concepts now fall in the category of nostalgic memories and in its place—a pernicious obscurity of truth.

The reasons for this obscurity can be blamed on the inability or disinterest of "hearers" to listen (to what is), primarily as a result of the will having replaced intellect as the organ of intelligence and of what we accept as true. The politicization of reality that takes as its criterion what we want, not what is true, is also responsible for much of this ambiguity, as are the many "voices" clamoring for one's attention. The greatest concern however, is the fact that truth has been made relative even in many of our universities.

Moral relativism, the theory that "right and wrong," as well as, morality and truth are all relative—a matter of individual choice, lurks behind all the moral rhetoric of the day. It argues there are no objective moral values or truths that transcend cultures. Moral

## What Is Truth?

by Albert Parisi, Beta Eta



relativism proclaims, the individual decides what morality is, what truth is, and that you don't question the morality or truth of another. The buzz phrases we hear are "truth is what works," "truth is what we can sense," or "truth is what I feel."

What can we do to reverse this perverse trend? We begin by accepting the Truth

and nothing but the Truth. It sounds simplistic but having been conditioned by the rhetoric of the day, we often succumb to peer pressure and higher authorities, like college professors, for the all too obvious reasons. It's incumbent upon you then to always speak the truth, maintaining and explaining the truth and why you believe it without regard to consequences. This is called integrity. Why is this important? It's because we have spent thousands of years searching for the truth and moral absolutes. It's because we are a nation founded on truth and justice. It's because "truth is what sets us free." It's because truth is absolute.

Remember too that Moses came down the mountain with The Ten Commandments not The Ten Suggestions.

*Ed. Al is proud to report as a former cancer patient that he is ten years cancer-free. He has been married for 26 years and has two children. Al grew up in Brooklyn, attended Brooklyn College, pledged Beta Eta in 1973 and moved to California after college. He has been a successful businessman in several endeavors including Mr. Mom for ten years and has redefined the CEO position of his family. He has served as a religious teacher and a coach.*

# Open Letter to Our Brothers

The reason that I have decided to write this missive is twofold. First, I think it is time for brothers to step up and be leaders in Alpha Phi Delta. Second, I also feel it is time for those brothers in leadership roles to take their responsibilities seriously and be accountable.

There are two alarming facts that if not rectified could have a negative impact on our brotherhood for years to come: Not enough brothers stepping forward to take on leadership roles and brothers taking on leadership roles because no one else wants them. If we are unable to cultivate capable leaders from our membership, what does it say about our fraternity and what does it mean for our future?

I am asking our current leaders to be part of a mentor program to teach our future leaders. During my time as Vice President for Expansion, I created a standing committee and drafted brothers from different regions to take an active role in Expansion. It served two purposes: It allowed for up close and personal support to the colonies and it brought new faces to leadership roles.

In addition, during my time as District Governor, I encouraged those that wanted to know more about the workings of the fraternity to ask questions and learn. One person that took advantage of that is Felipe Martinez. I can't say enough about how well that worked out.

This approach should be taken with all of our committees because it allows brothers to get their 'feet wet' when it comes to fraternity politics and it helps them become better leaders. Along with mentoring, this can allow for the success of our future leaders. I would implore any brother currently in a leadership position to mentor a brother that is not. Allow this brother to 'shadow' you in your duties and be present during meetings or whatever other functions that come about due to the scope of your responsibilities. Allow him to see how the position works from the inside. Be-

*by Evan Sottosanti, Beta Eta '88  
Executive Vice President*

cause one day, he will be a leader and this will make for a smooth transition. This approach benefits everyone and the fraternity at large.

The next thing I want to address is the lack of accountability by some of those in leadership positions. I am not addressing this to point people out or to make people feel bad about the job they are doing, but more to the point, I want them to step up and take control in the areas that they are responsible for.

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Many District Governors complain that they don't get the cooperation of the chapters. If this is the case, it needs to be brought to the executive leadership's attention immediately so that we can help out. Many District Governors feel that their whole job entails presiding over inductions and not much else. This is not acceptable. District Governors need to hold regular meetings throughout the year to assess their entities' well being and to disseminate information to the chapters and alumni clubs in their district. They need to handle issues that come up and learn how to deftly deal with them. They need to be the liaison with their entities and the Executive Committee.

I cannot possibly emphasize enough how important the District Governor's role is within our fraternity. He is the closest link to National that the chapters and alumni clubs have. If we have a weak District Go-

ernor, we have a weak district and that is bad for all of us. So if you are thinking of running for District Governor, take it seriously and be accountable for what is happening within your district. There are many chapters that are clamoring for a strong District Governor who will give them guidance. Be that District Governor.

The District Governor's position is vital to the success of our fraternity. Being that these are all volunteer positions does not mean that you don't have to do anything because you were the only one to volunteer. Once you accept the position, you accept the responsibilities and duties that come with it.

Many of us can be leaders without having the title; so don't let that stop you from volunteering to help out. As our Dokime states, "Membership in Alpha Phi Delta carries with it the obligation of permanent activity and support." I hope these are not words that you just memorized because you had to, but that you take them to heart and live by it.

Finally, I want to say that National President Manny Rodriguez has been doing a wonderful job of bringing the brothers together and sharing information with the fraternity. This is a renaissance of sorts for us. Let's take advantage and step up and be proud to fill leadership roles in Alpha Phi Delta. I welcome any brother to come to me if they are interested in learning more about how the government of Alpha Phi Delta works. I offer you the chance to sit in on some of our standing committees even if it is just to be a passive onlooker to learn the nuances of committee and group dynamics. In addition, if you have any ideas that could help things run better or you know of a better process to get things accomplished, feel free to share it. We are here to help one another and for the greater good of Alpha Phi Delta.

I hope to see more of you at National and District events. Come up and introduce yourself! I always enjoy meeting new brothers.

# Undergraduate Scrapbook



The four new inductees of **Gamma Omicron** pose with Chris Mancusi, Vice-President for Undergraduate Affairs, who performed the ceremony on November 21, 2004.



**Gamma Omicron** chapter gets together after celebrating an induction ceremony for the fall semester.



The brothers from **Beta Eta** get together after an induction held at the restaurant of bBother Rafi Issman. Chris Mancusi administered the ceremony.

*Photos above submitted by Chris Mancusi, Vice President for Undergraduate Affairs.*



**Psi Chapter**, Duquesne University, initiated its 999th member on November 18, 2004. Robert J. "Bobby" Ricci was the sole member of the fall pledge class but he was a special one. Bobby is a legacy and the first three-generation Psi brother. Joining him on his initiation night were his dad Ronald, Psi 1969, and his grandfather Gene, Psi 1946.



**Delta Iota** brothers from Kings College took a visit to Penn State's Chi Chapter on November 20, 2004.

## Bridging the Gap in Delta Iota

A major issue that the active brothers wanted to address this semester was involvement. This a broad term but it has deep meaning in many respects. For years, the alumni of our chapter felt left out and disinterested in our chapter. Part of the reason they were not happy stemmed from the fact that they did not know what was going on in the chapter. So, the active brothers knew this was true and decided to do something about it. The first thing that the chapter did was try to contact as many alumni through email as possible. The chapter had an outdated list that quickly became updated with a weekly email. By the fourth week, we had alumni responding to the emails that the chapter had long forgotten about. Involvement by the alumni soon followed through encouragement, suggestions, and finances. Our alumni were thrilled and wanted to show it in any way possible.

*(See **Delta Iota** continued on page 10)*



**Gamma Kappa** chapter celebrates with three new inductees. The ceremony was presided over by Todd Cusato, New York District Governor, and Chris Mancusi, V.P. for Under-Graduate Affairs on December 5, 2004.



**Gamma Sigma** chapter got together Thanksgiving Eve and made approximately 100 turkey sandwiches for the homeless. Thanksgiving Day, Chris Mancusi, chaplain, delivered the sandwiches to Project Hospitality to be distributed at the evening's dinner.



**Gamma Rho** welcomes new brothers Kevin Ham and David Chan to its chapter during an induction ceremony held on Staten Island.



**Gamma Sigma** chapter on campus after it held its 2005 elections.



On November 12, 2004, **Gamma Sigma** chapter proudly inducted Joseph Sciaffro and Gregory Wilton Jr. as its Zeta Class. The ceremonies were performed by Todd Cusato, New York District Governor, and Mike Juliano, Assistant. District Governor.



The Alpha Class of the re-activated **Gamma Sigma** chapter pose with former pledgemaster Felipe Martinez, Executive Secretary, at the 2nd Annual New York City Christmas Banquet. It was hosted by the New York Alumni Club at Concetta's Restaurant in Brooklyn and drew over 50 people. Music was provided by Nesor Vera, Gamma Kappa.

## Florida News

The Fall, 2004 semester is one that none of us in the Florida District will ever forget. An unprecedented four major hurricanes in a six-week time span, kept everyone on edge. I am happy to report that everyone came through safe and sound. A few of the brothers in the northern part of the district suffered damage to their homes and property, but the repairs are coming along fine. The Delta Pi Chapter had the largest setback, bearing more of the worst of the storms. I guess that's the price that we pay for living in paradise.

Despite the late start to the season, the South Florida Alumni Club did manage to have a few events. On Saturday, November 6th, we held our annual Founder's Day Dinner at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Boynton Beach. It was well attended by both the alumni and undergraduates. The pledges from Delta Psi were also in attendance. They were later initiated on December 5th.

Our big event for the year was our annual Christmas/Hanukkah Party which occurred on December 11th at the home of Jack (Psi 1974) and Yarra Consiglio. Jack and Yarra have been gracious enough to open up their home to us for the past four years. They are fantastic hosts, and I can't thank them enough for their hospitality. This event also coincides with our annual toy drive. We have been collecting toys for the past several years, which SFAC Secretary Steve Platkin (Beta Omega 1988) delivers to Providence Place. Providence Place is a homeless shelter for battered women, which is run by the Archdiocese of Miami. This year's collection was larger than usual due to the Delta Psi Chapter collecting toys on campus, and Greg Platkin (Gamma Rho 1992) collecting toys at his office. It was an extremely well attended event, with many brothers, wives, girlfriends, and family members enjoying the festivities. The following picture from SFAC Vice President Tom Scali (Eta 1958) shows the brothers who were in attendance. We had a great time, and in the spirit of the holidays, were able to help out those less fortunate than ourselves.

The future looks good for the SFAC, but we could always use new members. If you're interested in joining, please feel free to call me at 954-568-5629. Ciao.

*Fraternally submitted by Vince Verdile, Beta Phi 1986*



## National News

Central Office has moved from Brooklyn to Indianapolis, Indiana—the city that is headquarters to many national fraternities. Our new address and phone numbers are shown on page 2. Felipe Martinez is still our national secretary working out of the new location.

National President Manny Rodriguez was deployed to Iraq in December. Manny is a captain in the National Guard and his unit was called up to serve in the Iraq conflict. Manny will be in touch with the fraternity via email, and expects that National Vice President Evan Sottosanti will handle any day to day issues in the fraternity until the National Council convenes in April. At that time, elections for national president and vice president will be held. Manny will be unable to run for his second term. The Kleos wishes Manny a safe return. May God bless him as he dutifully serves our country.



**Manuel Rodriguez**  
*National President*

## Brooklyn Challenge

As more of our children reach or near college age, the skyrocketing costs to send one, two, or more children to the college of their choice is a daunting challenge! To help a deserving brother or relative ease this burden, the Brooklyn Alumni Club is attempting to endow a new scholarship award at the highest award level to date: \$40,000. We hope to be able to make a difference for some young man or woman who deserves the same opportunities we had to further our education.

This is a very aggressive goal—however, it is one that we feel that we can achieve over a three year period. With very limited initial word of mouth solicitations, we have raised \$10,000 within the first month of this effort—though we still have a long way to go.

We are seeking contributions of all amounts with a target deadline of March 31, 2005 for the official formation of the initial scholarship. We are hoping that brothers would commit whatever they could to a one-time or a three-year recurring amount. No contribution is too small. Also, no contribution is too big (we have one at \$5,000).

If anyone would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Committee Chairperson Mike Iacovelli at [miacovelli@comcast.net](mailto:miacovelli@comcast.net), send a tax deductible check payable to the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation to his attention at 40 Delwick Lane, New Providence, NJ 07974. For more information on the Scholarship Foundation, see [www.apdscholarship.org](http://www.apdscholarship.org). For more information on the Brooklyn Alumni Club, visit [www.leaguelinup.com/apd](http://www.leaguelinup.com/apd).

## Scholarship

Georgia Derrico, daughter of Dr. George M. Santangelo (Eta 1934), has established a fellowship honoring her late father at her alma mater Johns Hopkins University. Mrs. Derrico and her husband established the George M. Santangelo fellowship to benefit one student enrolled in the graduate program at the School of Advanced International Studies in Bologna, Italy. At inception for the 2005-6 school year, the six-figure gift is expected to cover approximately one-third of the annual tuition for the one-year program.

The terms of the gift require that any Alpha Phi Delta brother or family member who applies for the award will be given a preference for the grant. This is the first such specialized scholarship in the history of Alpha Phi Delta. Scholarship Chairman Charles Fiore (Theta Beta 1973) said that "We are honored to be associated with Johns Hopkins University's Bologna Center for Advanced International Studies. The graduate program which provides for a year of study in Bologna is a perfect example of our continuing commitment to the promotion of Italian culture in the modern world."

Anyone interested in applying for admission to the program can get more information at [www.sais-jhu.edu](http://www.sais-jhu.edu).

The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Bologna Center, is a full-time graduate school that offers the only international relations program in Europe under the American system. Established in 1955, the center has promoted an international composition of faculty and staff, representing as many as 30 countries during the academic year. Nearly 5,000 graduates of the center now work in more than 90 countries around the world. The Bologna Center offers an interdisciplinary program of studies, with an emphasis on European studies, international economics, politics and history.

### Anthony Barbieri Establishes APD Scholarship in Honor of His Parents

Anthony V. Barbieri, Beta Beta 1959, of Alpine, New Jersey made a generous contribution of \$10,000 to the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation Scholarship Division. His support enables Alpha Phi Delta Foundation to continue our tradition of scholarship for students in perpetuity. The scholarship fund will be named "The Anthony and Stella Barbieri Award Established by Brother Anthony and Rosina Barbieri in Honor of His Late Parents." Foundation Trustee Anthony Carfang told Brother Barbieri, "Anthony, this is truly a great memorial to your parents. We hope to hold up your generosity as a model for other fraternity brothers to follow."

The APD Scholarship Fund was established in 1973 and is nearing \$400,000 in assets. The principal is invested and the interest is awarded to students annually. Last year 22 students received grants totaling in excess of \$20,000.

## Summer Convention 2005

*The annual family summer convention of Alpha Phi Delta is being held in Hershey, Pennsylvania over a four day weekend—August 4th through the 7th. Be a part of APD fraternalism this year.*

### Details:

August 4 to 7, 2005

Lodging at the Harrisburg Hershey Holiday Inn  
Special APD family rate of \$135 per night (plus taxes).  
Call the hotel to make reservations. 1-717-469-0661  
(ask for Alpha Phi Delta group).  
Check out the hotel at <http://www.stayholiday.com>.  
Rooms must be reserved by July 4th.

### Agenda

*Thursday Night, August 4th*  
Renew acquaintances gathering.

*Friday, August 5th*  
Family outing to Hershey Park.  
Sightseeing

*Saturday, August 6th*  
Fraternity and foundation meetings.  
Sightseeing, golf.

*Saturday evening*  
Annual memorial mass followed by Awards Banquet.  
Dinner \$40 per adult, \$30 per child.

Alpha Phi Delta private hospitality room nightly.

**You must make your dinner reservation and dinner payment to Central Office before July 4th.**

**See address on page 2.**

Sign up now and put your email address on the convention mailing list.

### Local attractions:

Hershey's Chocolate World  
Antique Automobile Museum  
Hershey Gardens  
Hershey Park  
Hershey Museum  
Zoo America  
Gettysburg National Cemetery

Contact Central Office for more details  
or email [Kleos@apd.org](mailto:Kleos@apd.org)

# Curielli's Corner

## Truth, Fiction or Tall Tale; and Does It Matter?

When I was about ten years old, my father told me the story of how his father came to America and how he learned of the story. My father told me that one night in the 1930's he was walking in downtown Chicago with a young lady after a dinner dance for his law school. They came to a tavern on the first floor of a hotel. He told his date that the name sounded familiar and that he believed his father had had a partner by that name years ago. They went inside and behind the bar was a man with a great mop of white hair and a large white, handlebar mustache. The man turned to my father and said, "You're John Peter Curielli!" My father said, "No sir, I'm Peter John Curielli; my father was John Peter Curielli." The man then said, "Close the cash register, bring up the best champagne from the basement—this man's father made me a wealthy man!"

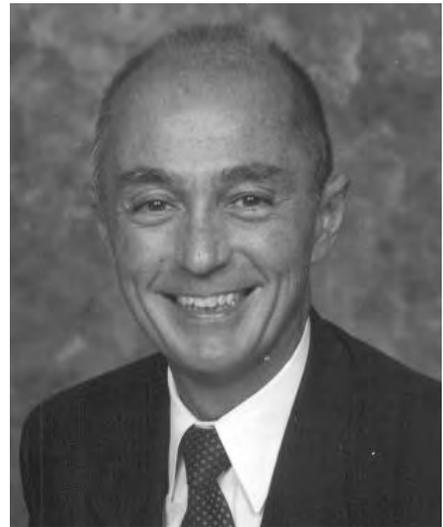
He explained to my father that my father's grandfather had come to America with a crew of workmen from Italy to do the stone work in the southern mansions. The Civil War broke out and when great grandpa Curielli tried to go back to Italy, he was informed that there was an embargo on the coast and there were no boats back to Italy. In fact they said, "Boy, you have 400 men with you. We're making you a colonel and you're going to fight for the Confederacy."

Great grandpa Curielli did that and was killed in the battle of New Orleans. Several years after that, his son who had been born around the time he left for America was put on a cattle boat to find his fortune in America, the country where the streets were supposedly paved with gold. Grandpa Curielli arrived sometime in the late 1880's. He spoke no English but wound up friends with a Greek peddler who sharpened knives. The Greek peddler taught him the trade of knife

sharpening and he had a horse that pulled the grinding wheel up and down the tenement streets of New York where they sharpened knives. One night the peddler died in his sleep and the police, who were quite corrupt at that time, took the horse and threw the young Italian boy and the grinding wheel out onto the street and they kept the horse. They claimed that there was no way that the boy could pay the rent and that the horse would go towards back rents owed by the Greek peddler.

Grandpa had spotted a name on a map when he was back in the old country; the name was Chicago. It was an Indian word he was told and he decided to make his fortune in Chicago. He pulled the grinding wheel strapped by ropes to his back cross country. The wheels on the cart fell off somewhere in the area of Detroit and he physically carried the wheel the rest of the way to Chicago. When he arrived in Chicago, he came to a tavern owned by the man with the white handlebar mustache. He entered the tavern and asked if he could sharpen some knives. The gentleman, feeling sorry for him, gave him some knives which had recently been professionally sharpened. When grandpa Curielli went out into the sunlight, he saw that these were well honed knives which he could add nothing to. He brought them back in and told the man that he couldn't improve on the job that had been recently done. The man responded with, "Kid, sit down at the bar here and have some spaghetti; you look like you're about to fall over." The boy did go to the bar, sat down and had some spaghetti, but then told the man, "I don't take charity."

He picked up a broom and began to sweep the floor. The man told him he needed a porter and that he could make himself a sleeping room above the bar. It turned out that my grandpa was a financial genius and shortly after the turn of the century, he had



**John Peter Curielli**  
*Vice President for Cultural Affairs*

made the man and himself quite wealthy. The man with the white handlebar mustache said that he had more than he ever dreamed of having and that grandpa Curielli wanted to go on to bigger and better things. They parted ways at that time.

Grandpa Curielli made and lost several fortunes around the turn of the century. It seemed that there were several depressions prior to 1929; namely in the first ten years of the century wherein many men made and lost fortunes. Grandpa Curielli's life ended in a somewhat unusual way. He and grandma Curielli were traveling back and forth to Italy, building a chapel in memory of his parents. There was a small olive tree that stood in the way of the new foundation. Several workmen were digging furiously, but couldn't seem to get at all of the roots in order to remove the tree. Grandpa Curielli was a short man, but very muscular. He went over to the tree, grabbed it and ripped it out of the ground with a strong heave ho. He then went over and laid down under another tree and died of a massive coronary.

Again, truth, fiction or tall tale; and does it matter?

It certainly is inspiring to know that we can come from nothing and make great successes of ourselves, but more importantly, that we can fall down and pick ourselves up more than once in life.

# Youngstown Outstanding in 2004

I've been an Alpha Phi for 70 years." The words of Brother Mike Julian hit you upside the head like a *sciaff* from your old man for cracking wise about the texture of your Mom's meatballs at Sunday dinner.

Dapper and proud at 86, Brother Julian stood before a room full of brothers from all over the country at the Spring 2004 Annual Convention's Saturday night dinner, recognized for being a guiding force in establishing Beta Omicron Chapter at the then Youngstown College in 1953.

It is hard to imagine as a pledge being able to someday make that statement as participating in alumni activities is the farthest thing from your mind as you are winding your way through college. It usually hits you in your mid-30's to finally get up and go to your first alumni club meeting/dinner and once you relive those fraternal bonds of brotherhood you find yourself looking forward to the next alumni club event.

The Youngstown Alumni Club is no different than any other alumni club in the Alpha Phi Delta family in that respect. Its members include those who pledged in the class of '53 right up through the last pledge class of the '90s. The oldest active Alpha Phi Delta Alumni Club, Youngstown was recognized as the Outstanding Alumni Club in 2004 at the past summer's National Convention held in Baltimore.

There were a few things this year that set them apart and earned them this award. Admittedly, the YAC had been very quiet in National Alumni affairs since the mid-1970's, but has become very active in the past few years recognizing that the path to the future flows through the past. The YAC offered to host the 2004 Spring Convention at Youngstown State University and put together a weekend program, in conjunction with National President Manny Rodriguez and Executive Secretary Felipe Martinez that helped energize Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity.

by Danny Thomas Jr.  
Beta Omicron 1974

The Spring Convention will be viewed as a watershed event in the history of APD in years to come. Beginning with a Bocce Night held at Brother Anthony Saadey's Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center and culminating with Saturday night's dinner there, the brothers of YAC put out the red carpet for the over 100 brothers in attendance.



Brother Mike Julian reflecting on 70 years of brotherhood in a speech at the Youngstown National Council Meeting in March 2004.

The YAC has dedicated itself to reestablishing the Beta Omicron Chapter at YSU in recent years. To further that end it formed a LLC and purchased a house on campus for the undergrads and donated close to \$20,000 in remodeling and refurbishing it. Alumni club members did the bulk of the work and the house now stands as a testament to its commitment to bring APD up to its former stature on the campus of YSU.

The brothers of the YAC take their commitment to one another just as serious as they do their commit-

ment to their fraternity. This was very much in evidence when heavy rains flooded a restaurant owned by one their brothers, causing him to lose over \$300,000 that was not covered by insurance. To help cover some of his loss the franchise corporate office decided to put together a fundraiser. They had secured a band and a hall for the evening and it was at that point the word got out to a few of the brothers for their assistance. It didn't take long for the phones to start ringing, "What can we do to help?" was the first question everyone asked. It was never a matter of "Well, gee, I don't know..." Those in town were given tickets to sell, with many brothers asking for more than just the couple they were given. Letters were sent to brothers who lived out of town soliciting any donation they could send to help a brother in need. The generosity of the brothers was overwhelming. The corporate office did a nice job of selling tickets and making the other arrangements, but when you walked into the hall on the night of the dance it looked like an APD affair! Alumni Club members and undergrads alike filled the hall and brought friends and family with them in support of one of their own.

The fraternity motto is "Faciamus," Latin for "we do." We do for one another, our brothers. The Youngstown Alumni Club exemplified the meaning of "to do" by living up to its commitment to Alpha Phi Delta in ways big and small. It was in this spirit that Brother Julian was so proud to stand before his brothers and make his grand statement. Every Alpha Phi should be fortunate enough to be able to someday say that.

*Postscript: After cleaning up, remodeling and replacing virtually all appliances, the restaurant was reopened. Despite assurances from the landlord that necessary changes were made to ensure the building would not flood again, the restaurant was flooded out again within a few months, causing it to close permanently.*

## Gamma Pi Reunion



Thirty-five brothers of the Gamma Pi chapter gathered for a groundbreaking reunion on Saturday, December 4, 2004. The Greek System at Ramapo College was formed in 1989, and the college has never sponsored any fraternity or sorority reunions until Alpha Phi Delta's. Many brothers reunited for the first time in as many as 15 years. The Ramapo Alumni Association hosted the event, which included dinner, drinks, and a tour of the newly constructed Bill Bradley Sports and Recreation Center. Festivities lasted well into the evening and the party migrated to the Mahwah Bar & Grill. Brothers laughed about the old times, and discussed future events as well.

*Submitted by Rob Dente, Beta Beta 1987,  
Gamma Pi Founder*

*(Delta Iota continued from page 4)*

By getting our alumni involved we all learned through action that involvement in Alpha Phi Delta is truly "eternal and carries with it the obligation of permanent activity and support." One suggestion we took from the alumni was to visit fellow brothers in different chapters. The actives of Delta Iota visited Delta Theta (Marist) and Chi (Penn State) on numerous occasions.

One of the biggest events we took part in this semester was when we went down to Chi for their initiation. This was a special time for us because alumni brother Sean Thornell's biological brother was being inducted. Through our vast networking and emailing, we were able to get ten brothers down to the initiation. This was truly a special event for us because not only did we bridge the gap between ourselves and the alumni, we were able to create new bonds with other chapters that will last a long time. To the brothers of Chi, we look forward to seeing you at King's. To our alumni, thank you for the support you have shown. To our actives, we are getting closer to our goal. And to those who have not yet been found, hopefully you'll read this article and realize that Delta Iota is still here and wants you to come back.

*Submitted by D.J. Pizzani*

## Epsilon Reunion

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Now, let's travel back in time to 1954, a kinder and much gentler era. I am but one of tens of thousands of Korean conflict veterans, not to be called a war, as war was never declared. To those of us who are veterans, under the GI Bill we received \$110 a month for nine months to cover books and tuition. Flash forward slightly: My father upon being advised that I am entering the University of Buffalo suggested I look up a friend of his, Charles (Chickie) Fiorella. This meeting is to largely alter my life. Fiorella introduces me to Alpha Phi Delta and becomes my 'big brother.' I am soon to learn the real meaning of brotherhood. When I complete my pledge period presiding president Joseph Abati puts his arm around my shoulder and advised me that I am making friends I will have for a lifetime. How very prophetic! The next pledge class I selected Chickie's younger brother Peter to become my 'little brother.'

Quote from the 35th Annual Dinner Dance Saturday May 5, 1956, "Our active on-campus membership has increased from 29 to a startling 54." We participated in stunt night where I portrayed the prima ballerina, choreographed by brother Raymond Paolini. When I asked for directions, Brother Paolini tells me "to dance as though you are in ecstasy." My chorus consists of the largest members of the fraternity, members of the varsity football team in tutus, wigs and sneakers. We participate in the ugly man contest, Mr. Formal, and other social events. We jumped scholastically from 13th to 2nd place on campus.

Brother Chickie Fiorella, Peter Fiorella, Victor Colonna and national known disc jockey Epsilon alum Joe Rico introduce the campus to big bands. We bring in Count Basie and Joe Williams. Special guest, light heavyweight champion of the world, Archie Moore. Other activities: the brothers kidnap the pledges and drop them off in the onion fields to find their own way home. The pledges, of course, retaliate instantly by kidnapping the pledgemaster and dropping him off at parts unknown. The brothers attempt to kidnap pledge Robert Saglian in Hayes Hall but he astutely observes them hiding behind the door, races to the rear of the aud, climbs to the top of the ladder to the projection booth and proceeds to soundly pummel brother Anthony Muscarella about the head and shoulders. Another victory for the pledges.

Let's take a look at 1954 on a national level. . . President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Vice President Richard Nixon. 1954 annual income \$3960, new car \$1700.00, new house \$10,250, loaf of bread 17 cents, gallon of milk 92 cents, gallon of gas 22 cents. Minimum wage was 72 cents per hour.

During the summer, I, along with many other brothers, worked for laborers local 210 (courtesy of brother Vince Pantano and his father Sam Pantano) for \$2.65 an hour and all overtime was double. Other national personalities and events in 1954 include the following: Joe DiMaggio marries Marilyn Monroe; Hollywood Best Picture of the Year, "On The Waterfront;" Best Actor Marlon Brando; Best Actress

Grace Kelly; Boxing heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano. First bout beats Ezzard Charles, second bout ko's Ezzard Charles. Other outstanding Italian American fighters: Willie Pep, Rocky Graziano, Jake LaMotta, Joey Maxim, Carmen Basilio and Heisman Trophy Winner Alan (The Horse) Amici.

Favorite things and places to go off campus: Listen to Frank Martin croon his signature songs, Grenada and That's my Desire. Favorite bars: Coles, Brunners, Towers, Everglades. Favorite Restaurants: Andy's on the Terrace, Como (in Niagara Falls), Club 31 and Victor Hugo's (owned by the DiGiulio family). Big Band dances at Crystal Beach Ballroom to see Glen Miller Band, and Stan Kenton with Julie Christie. Town Casino to see Andy Williams, Al Martino, Pat Boone, Johnny Ray and Carmen Cavarello introducing a very young Johnny Mathis.

I have attempted to portray what life was like in a much more innocent time in 1954. These are memories I will value the rest of my life and hope the reader finds some measure of enjoyment in my telling this tale of Brotherhood and Friendship.

# Beta Phi Reunion



On November 12, 2004, thirteen brothers from Beta Phi Chapter at Rowan University had a reunion in Summit, N.J. In attendance were five chapter presidents: Tom Kilvington, Bob Previdi, Vince Indelicato, Joe Cassano, and Howard Beder. Also attending were Mark Weber, Tom Mayer, Brian and Kevin Daly, Rich and Joe Petrocelli, Rich Lynch, and Rich Primiano.

We did our best imitation of the college days, ate and drank as much as possible and told old stories until my cheeks hurt from laughing. Most of this group went to school about twenty years ago. The chapter was at a high point with over fifty brothers, had the best parties and the brotherhood was very close. It's reassuring to find that even the maniacs from Glassboro become mature, successful businessmen after twenty years. Well, let's not get carried away here.

There were lots of discussions about planning a reunion of all the Beta Phi brothers, which hasn't been done for quite a while. It was suggested that May in Atlantic City might work. If anyone would like to get involved, you can send an email to [largerichp@verizon.net](mailto:largerichp@verizon.net).  
*Submitted by Rich Primiano.*

## A Night to Remember: Beta Phi Reunion Pictures



# Alumni News

Many brothers and readers were interested in brother **Steve Esposito** who served in Iraq in 2003 and 2004. The Kleos wrote to Steve to ask how he was doing. Steve responds: "How are you and all the brothers at APD? I am fine and recovering from neurosurgery I had on September 9, 2004 for the removal of a benign brain mass at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in D.C. I hope to be released from active duty and return to the Army Reserves before the year is out and return to my civilian life again. I want to thank all of the APD family for keeping me in their thoughts and prayers while I was over in Iraq for a year. Take care and God Bless."

Fraternally,  
Steve, Beta Beta '81  
Major Steve Esposito  
US Army, Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Nick Milovich**, Delta Phi 2003, was married to the former Lauren Hunt on October 9, 2004. The couple is living in South Bend, Indiana.

**Sal Bologna**, Beta Sigma 1974, and his wife Lisa relocated to Merrit Island, Fla. He recently debuted on national TV with Bravo's show "Miami Slice."

**L. Donald Rizzo**, Beta Xi, has been working in the executive recruiting business for 25 years placing engineers, marketing, manufacturing and scientific people. He is living in Manasquan, New Jersey.

**Ben Cerrone**, Beta Pi 1959, has written a book called "Why Jewish Men Don't Marry Jewish Women Anymore, and Why Jewish Women Don't Marry Jewish Men Anymore." It's a funny, hilarious and penetrating look at the Jewish American looking for love. Ben is a veteran producer, having directed hundreds of corporate films and TV commercials and well known for his marketing expertise. He is collaborating on a new book, "Why Italian Men Don't Marry Italian Women Anymore and Why Italian Women Don't Marry Italian Men Anymore."

**Averell Golub**, Beta Eta 1985, is a Jury Clerk with the Kings County Clerk's Office in New York City. He is also a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves assigned to selective service system.

**Anthony Falconite, Jr.**, Beta Eta, is a New York City firefighter living in Staten Island.

**Stanley W. Raffa**, Delta 1949, PNP, writes to The Kleos: "I want to thank the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation for recognizing me as an alumnus emeritus. It has been an honor and pleasure to receive the award in what has become the September of my years." Stan has written a book of his experiences with the 106th Division during World War II where he was taken as a prisoner of war during the Battle of the Bulge. He was captured

and imprisoned for 106 days. The book is entitled "The Hungry and Sick." He hopes to circulate his book among the brothers soliciting donations for the Foundation Scholarship Fund. The cost of the book is \$21.95. For any brother who would like a signed copy of Stan's book, Stan is seeking donations above the cost of the book to forward to the Scholarship Fund. Contact Stan at 17 Essex Place, Dumont, NJ 07628.

**Dr. Guido Schiavone**, Xi 1936, is living with his daughter in Waldo, Fla. He celebrated his 90th birthday in March 2004 and is happy to report that he is still driving.

**Frank M. DeBellis**, Theta Beta 1948, is living in Mobile, Alabama and is a US Administrative Law Judge.

**Marc Rutolo**, Delta Tau 1996, is living in Belmar, N.J. and is the project manager of Asbury Park Waterfront Redevelopment.



On October 10, 2004, at the Delaware Valley Alumni Club's Raymond De Luca Communion Breakfast, Philip Scaglione and his son Philip A. Scaglione were recognized as honorary DVAC members, Philip Scaglione survived the landing in Normandy's Omaha Beach on D day, June 6, 1944. During WWII he was awarded two Purple Hearts, one of which was for the wounds he received after the landing on Utah Beach and entering France. After returning to the front lines, he was shot by a German sniper which again qualified him for a Purple Heart. Brothers Sam Galasso, Mario DiGiuseppe, Al DiBona, Nick D'Alessandro and Ed Magliocco met Philip Scaglione while on tour in France visiting the Normandy beaches during the 60th anniversary of the D day landings, June 2004.

Pictured above: Ed Magliocco, Philip Scaglione, Sam Galasso, Philip A. Scaglione, Judge Alfred DiBona. Submitted by Ed Magliocco.

**Salvatore Coppola**, Delta 1945, volunteers as president of his local AARP chapter in Putnam County, N.Y. He is enjoying retirement and his eight grandchildren. He and his wife Gloria have been happily married for 55 years and have four children.

**Carlo Ippolito**, MD, Eta 1938, has been retired for ten years and is keeping young and active digitalizing his family slides, movies and pictures to display as CDs for his children and grandchildren.

**Hon. Anthony J. Garramone**, Beta Iota 1958, is a retired Chief Judge of the Utica City Court (New York). He is an adjunct professor of law at Utica College and Mohawk Valley Community College.

**Nicholas A. Ferro**, Beta Iota, is living in Locust Grove, Va. He is retired as Commander in the US Navy and as Foreign Service Officer.

**Norman Castello**, Zeta 1949, retired in 1990 from General Electric. He has been married for 50 years with two children and six lovely grandchildren—one of which received a scholarship last year.

**Frank Sicilia**, Beta Chi 1978, writes that he is the owner of four Denny's Restaurants and a golf course.

**Anthony Sorrentino**, Delta 1950, is retired but still active as a consulting engineer. He remembers his days at Delta chapter in the 1950s when wonderful Stan Raffa was their leader.

**Roland Ciccone**, Beta Lambda 1951, is retired from a civil engineering firm. He also worked at the Wooster City Schools. He is presently living in Johnstown, Pa.

**Dr. Victor Columbini**, Sigma 1940, retired from Ohio State University (Lima Campus) in 1959. He writes that he had serious medical problems in 2004.

**Matthew G. Nizza**, Esq., Beta Kappa 1949, recently retired from his own law practice (Nizza and O'Brien) where he worked from 1963 to 2003.

**James Butsback**, Beta Mu, was surprised to see his name among the missing brothers list. He writes: "I am currently a property manager for a 152 unit apartment complex in Tucson near the University of Arizona. I have

been married to Mary Sue for 21 years and we have two children. Melissa is 16 and Frank is 15. I am also involved with the Knights of Columbus, having served as Grand Knight of my Council and was Grand Knight of the Year for the State of Arizona for 2002-2003. I am presently a District Deputy overseeing four other councils and reporting to the State Deputy. I was also elected to the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Youth Camp which is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and is located just outside Flagstaff, Arizona."

**Arthur Rachiele**, Psi 1940, is president of Physician's Financial Planning and recently moved to Scottsdale, Ariz.

**John Zarlengo**, Beta Theta 1978, is proud to announce that he and his wife Julia celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 31, 2004. His daughter Rachel is a former APD scholarship winner and is in her second year of medical school. He and Julia have five other children and a three-year-old grandchild. They are living in Chicago, Heights, Ill.

**John Yocca**, Psi 1951, is proud to announce that he is a great-grandfather for the first time—a baby girl named Katlan Lorraine. John is living in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Fr. Brian Cavanagh**, TOR, Beta Theta 1966, has a book being re-released from Paulist Press. The book is "The Sower's Seeds," and has been revised and expanded. Brian added 20 more stories to it since it was originally published 14 years ago. Check out his website "Apple Seeds"® <http://www.appleseeds.org>.

**William J. Wills**, Beta Lambda 1961, is a free lance writer living in McKeesport, Pa.

**Anthony Campanella**, Beta Rho 1961, is president of Ameripac Industries in Erie, Pa.

**Joseph Venti**, Sigma 1948, is a retired romance language teacher living in Woburn, Ma.

**Jason Kuhns**, Delta Xi 1994, has been married for one year and recently completed his Master's Degree in Special Education. He is currently a history teacher at Beeton Regular High School in East Rutherford, N.J.



Beta Omicron celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2003 with several of the original founding members reuniting on the campus of Youngstown State University in front of the new chapter house. Left to right: Jerry Zupp, Joe DeRosa, Angelo Pezzullo, Donald "Red" Nolfi (first president), John Masucci, James "Duke" Verlotte and Lou DeMarinis. *(The Kleos apologizes for the lateness of this photo—it was tucked away in the wrong file.)*  
*Photo by Danny Thomas, Jr.*

**Robert Ruby**, Beta Lambda 1995, is a branch manager and financial advisor with Merrill Lynch in Allentown, Pa. He is married and has a two year old daughter.

**Hon. Peter R. Palermo**, Chi 1938, is a senior judge with the U.S. Courts Southern District of Florida. Judge Palermo resides in Pinecrest, Fla.

**Pat Cipriani**, Pi 1964, is a Claims/Risk Manager for Catholic Mutual Group in Follansbee, W.V.

**Charles D. Fatica**, Xi 1953, is enjoying his 15th year of retirement as a teacher from the Wickliffe, Ohio City Schools. He keeps busy by driving the Wickliffe Senior Citizens Bus and volunteering at the Senior Center.

**Carl L. Deni**, Epsilon 1953, is living in Amherst, N.Y. and is retired as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist. He still conducts part-time psychologically evaluations and consultations.

**Charles P. Mirarchi, Jr.**, Beta Delta 1941, was a senior Judge with the Commonwealth Court of Pa. He retired on December 31, 2004. He has a son, Charles III, who is a brother of Alpha Phi Delta from Beta Delta.

**Ralph L. Raimond**, Ph.D., Beta Eta 1947, has been certified by the American Board in Homeland Security of the American College of Forensic Examiners International. He is certified in Homeland Security, Level III. Ralph is living in White Mills, Pa.

**James V. Masone**, Beta Pi 1961, retired from the New York City Fire Department and has returned to school to become a chiropractor. He is living in Miller Place, N.Y.

**Paul Loiacono**, Gamma Pi 1989, is president of Montgomery Capital Corporation in Parsippany, N.J.

**Eugene A. DiMonte**, Beta Mu 1957, reports that he is 68 years old and still working fulltime for his firm, DiMonte and Lizak. He is living in S. Barrington, Ill.

**Andrew Terzuoli**, Beta Eta 1935, reports that he celebrated his 90th birthday on October 4, 2004. Andrew resides in Brooklyn, N.Y.



Renewing fraternal acquaintances: John, Psi 1956, and Janet Liotta of Pittsburgh were vacationing in Las Vegas in 2004. While visiting the gambling Mecca, they looked up Tom, Chi 1970, and Mary Noschese, who moved from Pittsburgh several years ago. The picture was snapped at Trumpets Restaurant overlooking the Strip in Vegas. Tom and John were active members and officers of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club. Above: John, Tom, Mary, Janet.

**Christopher Vieth**, Beta Lambda 1984, was recently appointed vice president and chief financial officer of Dow Jones & Company. Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Vieth had been vice president, finance, since March 2001 and comptroller since he joined Dow Jones in July 2000. He was responsible for the Company's general accounting, business-unit finance, budgeting, financial planning and analysis, internal and external financial reporting, and accounting-services activities.



Before joining Dow Jones, Mr. Vieth had been vice president and corporate controller of Barnes and Noble since May 1999, responsible for the company's retail and distribution accounting functions. He joined the company in December 1995 as director of finance and was named director of finance and operations in 1998. He also worked for the Amerada Hess Corporation in a number of financial positions in the company's refining, marketing and retail divisions from 1987 to 1995.

Chris received a bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Francis University, and is a licensed certified public accountant. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New Jersey Certified Public Accountants.



John Peter Curielli, Beta Mu 1966, was honored by the Chicago Alumni Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International. He was presented with a plaque for "Outstanding Devotion to Phi Alpha Delta" on November 14, 2004. His dear friend Judge Sam Amirante was Master of Ceremonies and presented him with the award. There was a dinner in his honor. Past International President, Jack Miller was in attendance and remarked on John Peter's 36 years of labor for the fraternity. John Peter is also quite involved with Alpha Phi Delta as he has been Vice President of Cultural Affairs for many years. Pictured in photo from left to right: John Peter, Judge Amirante, and Alumni Chapter President, Roy Berg.

**James Compton**, Gamma Nu 1990, is currently serving in Korea flying helicopters for the U.S. Army. The Kleos wrote to James about his experiences. Brother Compton writes: "I am currently in the U.S. Army stationed in South Korea with the 542nd Medical Evacuation Company where I fly Blackhawk helicopters. We fly medical evacuation, which is similar to a life flight helicopter, taking injured personnel to the hospital. This is my second tour in Korea, this time since June 2004, and I look forward to returning to the United States and my next assignment in Washington, D.C."



Brother Compton with news reporter Ted Koppel

"I have also deployed with the 3rd Infantry Division for Operation Iraqi Freedom in January of 2003, flying the Commanding General and Ted Koppel throughout the war. I plan on leaving the military when my current tour of duty is up in two years, most likely to pursue federal law enforcement."

"I'm sure there are quite a few brothers who are serving or have served in the armed forces, I appreciate every one. I look forward to returning to the states and participating in alumni events again. Hopefully I'll have the opportunity to join the Washington D.C. alumni club."



James Compton with the Blackhawk helicopter that he flies.

**Frank A. Romano**, Delta 1940, has been retired since 1986 and enjoying it. He moved to West Palm Beach, FL, after a career as a water treatment engineer and mechanical engineer for electrical and nuclear plants.

**Frankie Hernandez**, Delta Epsilon 1992, has been deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a national guardsman attached to the 1st Cavalry Division. He wrote that he is working in the northern sector of Iraq helping the indigenous people and looking for explosives.

**David D'Eramo**, Psi 1961, retired on October 1, 2004 as President and CEO of St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center (Connecticut) and is now serving as President of the St. Francis Foundation. D'Eramo held the post for 16 years and is the first lay administrator to head Saint Francis.

Since 1988, Dr. D'Eramo has led Saint Francis through an era of rapid evolution in the health care industry. The primary focus of this evolution has been the transformation of Saint Francis from a single hospital into an integrated system of care. Chief among his accomplishments were the historic affiliation and subsequent merger with Mount Sinai Hospital, the construction of the Patient Care Tower, which essentially rebuilt Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, and the construction of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Connecticut and the Burgdorf-Fleet Health Center on the Mount Sinai campus.



Founded in 1897, Saint Francis is licensed for 617 acute inpatient beds and 65 bassinets and is the largest Catholic hospital in New England.

Brother D'Eramo has been asked by President Bush to serve on the President's Commission for Faith Based Initiatives.

## In Memoriam

**Lou Linarelli**, Psi 1956, passed away November 8, 2004. Lou graduated from Duquesne University in 1959. He went on to the University of Pittsburgh to get his M. D. and specialized in pediatrics in LaJolla, California for many years.

**Louis J. Schiambi**, Beta Delta 1937, died on March 3, 2004 from complications of a broken hip. He was born in 1917 in Manhattan, N.Y. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Temple University before entering the U.S. Army and serving in World War II. During the war, he was awarded the Bronze Star and the European African Middle East Service Ribbon. After the war, he began a career as a chemical engineer working for several major corporations. His expertise was in gold plating and was the holder of three patents. Lou was an active and beloved member of the Delaware Valley Alumni Club of Alpha Phi Delta.

**Perry M. Roseto**, Psi 1944, passed away February 16, 2004.

**Charles A. Adonizio, Jr.**, Psi 1935, passed away in Pittsfield, Pa. on October 26, 2003. He was 88.

**Sylvester Lombardo**, Beta Xi, died on October 7, 2004.

**Ralph Tucci**, Psi 1957, passed away March 12, 2003. He was living in Bally, Pa. and is survived by his wife MaryAnn.

# The Last Word—Fraternity Renaissance

I was inducted in 1972 and have experienced many activities in Alpha Phi Delta since that time. I have attended dozens of district and national conventions and many national council meetings both of the summer, winter and spring variety. Over the years, our fraternity has had its ups and downs like most organizations. There was a changing of the guard some 20 years ago when our older alumni used to run the fraternity in Central Office and held most executive officer positions such as National President. Somewhere along the way, our older alumni gave way to young alumni in their 20s who stepped up and offered their services as leaders.

In the old days, our alumni officers were successful men who had started careers and families and found time to volunteer. Somewhere, the career and family activities became too heavy, and volunteerism from our older alumni dwindled.

In their place, stepped younger alumni who were not far removed from graduation. They found time to give to the fraternity. The fraternity has had to adjust during the past two decades. In addition to young leadership, we have seen increased problems in chapters, a rise in the need for insurance that didn't exist prior to 1990 and an escalating cost to maintain it. The past 20 years has seen a decrease in fraternal activities compared to the era prior to 1984.

But the year 2004 has been a renaissance in Alpha Phi Delta. I have seen a resurgence in brotherhood in our fraternity and experienced several of the finest gatherings of Alpha Phi Delta in recent years.

In March, our oldest chapter, Psi at Duquesne University, celebrated its 75th anniversary—and 75 continuous

*by John J. Russo, Psi 1972  
Kleos Editor*

## **Alpha Phi Delta is alive and well and rebounding**

years of brotherhood. Its reunion was attended by 125 brothers and was an affair that was so special it was hard to put in words. It was one of those events that will be long remembered by everyone in attendance. An event that brought out smiles and good feeling from everyone in attendance.

Then, a week later, Alpha Phi Delta had its annual National Council meeting in Youngstown, Ohio. The meeting weekend was hosted by the Youngstown Alumni Club and its president Danny Thomas, Jr. It was one of the classiest council meetings ever. But it had more than class. The meeting was led by National President Manny Rodriguez, and was one of the most fraternal and gracious meetings this writer has witnessed. It was well-attended by over 100 brothers, a majority of whom were undergrads.

In August, the National Summer Convention was held in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The summer convention has been diminishing in both attendance and prestige in the past decade. After last year's poorly attended and poorly organized convention in Niagara-on-the-Lake, in Ontario, Canada, the convention tradition was about dead. But then fraternalism abounded in Baltimore, and the convention stepped back in time a decade or more. This was the best attended convention in ten years, and perhaps the most fraternally enjoyable since the 1980s.

Alpha Phi Delta is alive and well and rebounding. Be a part of it in 2005. Support your national officers and attend an Alpha Phi Delta event in 2005. You may recapture part of your youth and experience a collegiate memory again.

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