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Convention  
in 20 Years!

## Convention 2006—Hershey Part 2

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TOP PHOTO: Part of the 160 attendees at the 2006 Convention gather for the awards banquet. RIGHT: Ten Past National Presidents were in attendance at the 2006 convention: from left, Al Fafara, Manny Rodriguez, Santo Barbarino, Joe Creston, Al Palazzo, Mike Zerega, Tony Carfang, Rich Primiano, Joe Rahtelli, and Bob Valeriano. BELOW: Extended families renewed friendships from conventions past during fun activities.

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## LUNCH BAG NOTES

### Reflections on Our History

BY ALBERT PARISI, BETA ETA 1974



My family and I have just returned from a 16-day vacation in Italy (and a one-day stop-over in London on that infamous day when *terroristi* threatened once again to blow up U.S. bound planes). Such a trip evokes many different emotions: pride, nostalgia, spiritual rebirth and a longing for more of "things Italian."

One of the first things I did upon returning home was to reacquaint myself with the early history of our wonderful fraternity. It literally gave me tingles (much like an artful rendition of the Ave Maria) to once again read the annals of Alpha Phi Delta's (APD) genesis. The feelings of nostalgia grew deeper as the names Nicholas Frunzi, Cesedio A. Guarini, H.J. Ubertini, Anthony Frascati, Ferdinand F. DiBartolo, Joseph Cangiamilia, Dominic T.

Ciolti and Otto Gelormini flashed before my eyes and as I "found" myself, in the midst of their company, at a meeting of "Il Circolo Italiano." (Don't know what that is, look it up.) Many of us have forgotten the debt we owe to these APD luminaries and thus I suggest this October, when chapters celebrate the 92nd anniversary of this historic inaugural meeting, a special toast be made to their memory, and a prayer be said for all deceased APD members as well.

Regarding things Italian, it seems, wherever we drove in Italy, especially in the Mezzogiorno," (south of Rome) there was a festa going on honoring a parochial saint or "La Madonna di paese." Towns separated by nothing more than a church bell (campanellismo) each celebrating their own saint. Many Little Italy's continued this custom when they came to America and most continue to do so. The feast of San Gennaro, (whose feast day is September 19th) is probably the most famous because it is celebrated in New York City's "Little Italy" and is a huge celebration in Los Angeles, California. My family and I attend the la festa each year. These celebrations evince strong feelings of faith, camaraderie and Italian pride. (Needless to say the pizza, sausage and pepper sandwiches, svingi, zeppolli and gelati are a huge inducement.) These feasts are a strong reminder of our Italian heritage. Attend them and experience more of "all things Italian."

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## Reflections on Convention

**Wow!** That is the first word that comes to mind when I reflect back on this year's Summer Convention at Hershey, Pa. This year we had over 160 brothers and their families come together to enjoy a long weekend of food, sport, recreation and each other's company. This is one of the most successful Summer Conventions that I have ever been to and from what I have been told, one of the largest in quite some time. Each year, I feel the same way, but John Russo manages to outdo himself each and every time. Based on our ever-increasing number of attendees over the last 3 years, I have put forth the challenge to have more than 200 attendees at our next Summer Convention in Tannersville, Pa.

I have to say that one of the more enjoyable moments for me, other than watching our Past National President, Manny Rodriguez, corkscrew himself into the ground on some whirlwind strikeouts was to sit in our hospitality suite each night and enjoy the company and stories from some of our alumni from back when they were undergrads. Besides the stories and storytellers themselves being completely fascinating was the fact that as some things change over time, some things still remain the same regardless of era. This is one of the things I look forward to at each of these events when we gather.

The Summer Convention was a great way to kick off my second full term as President of Alpha Phi Delta and it has given us the momentum we need to implement the many changes and improvements in the way we do business.

The Executive Committee met to discuss many items including revamping our database and website to become a better tool for Central Office and our membership. Our plans are to make the site more informational and easier to navigate. We will also be automating the database feature to update information on our brothers via electronic forms. These forms will eventually replace our current paper forms and help us to become truly paperless while reducing errors. The increased efficiency and speed will allow Central Office to concentrate on servicing the brotherhood and the needs of Alpha Phi Delta.

We also discussed our insurance policy. It is time to renew our insurance and an old broker has put a very competitive quote together that will now give us a choice of vendors for our insurance. This can only be a positive thing for Alpha Phi Delta and it is something that I wanted to do with all of our contracts. We



*Evan Sottosanti  
National President*

should be in the driver's seat when it comes to doing business with vendors. We have a sizeable membership and we should seek to do business with vendors that appreciate that and are willing to work with us. Any opportunity that we can get to lower our costs without a decrease in value or service, will be entertained.

Finally, we have some new officers taking office on September 1st. That includes Doug Sundo, our new Executive Vice president. I am looking forward to working with Doug and to trade on his skills to help our Fraternity as a whole. He will bring some fresh ideas to the table while helping us achieve the goals that we have set forth. We also have some new District Governors taking office, which includes Nate Barnes, Dustin Matern and John Lallo. It is great to see some new faces taking an active role in Alpha Phi Delta.

We have turned a corner as a fraternity in that it appears that our financial issues are behind us and with good fiscal management, we can actually start saving money, lowering dues and giving back more to our members. I didn't think it would come this quickly, but through the hard work of our officers, the understanding of our brothers and the financial support of our alumni, we were able to pull it together quicker than I could ever have imagined. It just shows you what true teamwork and brotherhood can do. If we continue on this course and my successors follow this path, we should be able to set up Alpha Phi Delta for a long time to come for success.

It is a pleasure to finally concentrate on member education, a revamping of our Risk Management Policy and streamlining Central Office. These are but only a few things that we will be working on this year to make Alpha Phi Delta more efficient, more service-oriented and more responsive to the needs of our brotherhood. I hope you notice the difference and feel free to let Central Office or any of our Executive Committee members know how you feel about the changes.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Sottosanti'.

Evan Sottosanti  
BH '88

## Collegiates work hard on campus

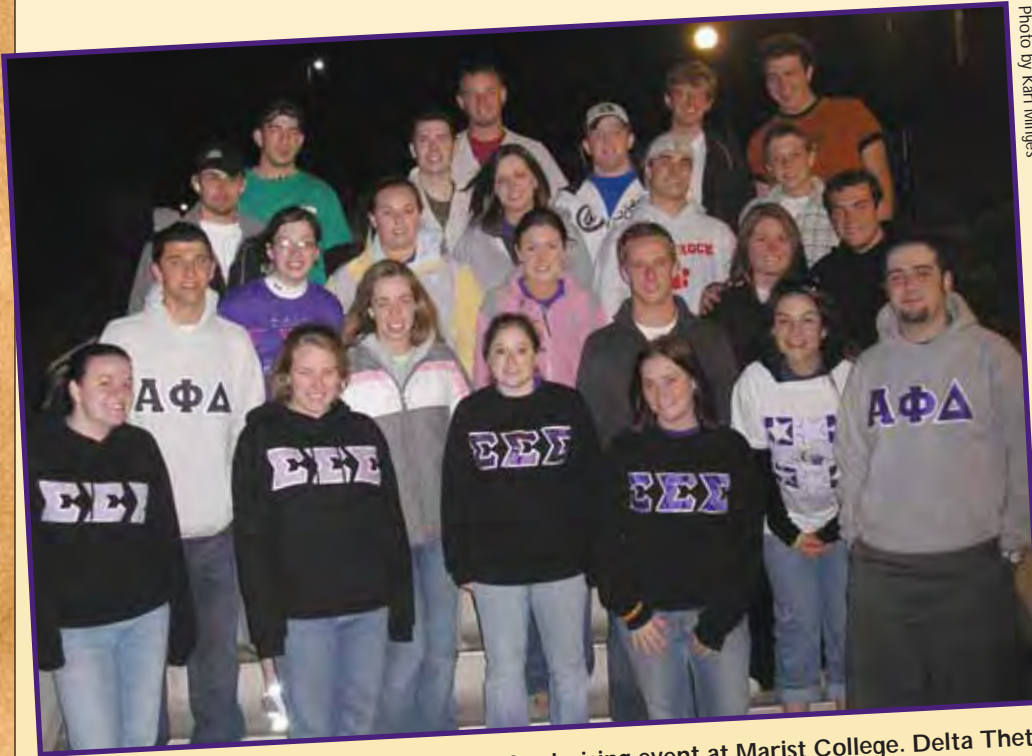


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Brothers perform community service in fundraising event at Marist College. Delta Theta brothers and sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma are seen above posing at the all night fundraiser, Relay For Life, which supports research for cancer. The co-sponsored team raised more than any Marist organization with over \$8500.00.

## Alumni share family time together

Photo by John Russo



Theta Beta brothers John Palamarik, left, and Mike Iacovelli, right, shared some time this summer as their sons (Sean and Adam) were teammates in a Babe Ruth League. Both Sean and Adam are die-hard Yankee fans, but ended up playing for the Mets team and beat the Yankees for their championship.

The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held its 17th annual golf outing on July 29th at North Park in Pittsburgh. After golf, family members joined the golfers for a picnic.





Photo by Bill Damico

TOP: Beta Omicron (Youngstown State) chapter brothers met with National Chaplain Fr. Jim Lentini and National Secretary Danny Thomas, Jr. in April. Fr. Lentini was visiting Youngstown to help new secretary Thomas organize Central Office, which moved this spring. LEFT: Brothers from Gamma Pi (Ramapo) and Delta Xi (Seton Hall) had a combined spring formal on April 30th at the Hasbrouck Heights Hilton. Left are the chapter presidents from the two schools—Matt Mazza on left, of Gamma Pi, and Ryan Karas right, of Delta Xi.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

Fordham University, Rosehill Campus reactivated! On Friday July 14, 2006, Josh Samples and Richard Toscano were welcomed into the Alpha Phi Delta family. With their crossing, the dormant Gamma Upsilon chapter has been re-activated. There was an outpouring of support in the New York City area with brothers from Beta Eta, Beta Pi and Gamma Sigma as well as the NYAC, BAC and Gamma Sigma AA. A special thanks goes to Nicholas Farago (Beta Pi) who worked diligently to secure the lead to the school. The induction was administered by Manny Rodriguez, PNP. Thanks also goes to Alex Franki for once again lending us his office therefore making it known as "NYC Induction Headquarters!" Also participating in the ceremony was Adam Rossello, VP for Undergraduate Affairs.



Photo by John Hadgkiss

Beta Rho brothers Len Oddo, BP '67; Richard Muchard, BP '66; Robert Pacci BP '67 and John Hadgkiss, BP '66 at the June 12 Gannon Golf Scholarship Golf Outing at Sewickley Heights CC in Pittsburgh.

Delaware District held a spring meeting on April 29th with undergrads and alumni. All entities (Gamma Mu/Stockton, Delta Delta/Wesley, Epsilon Beta/LaSalle and Delaware Valley AC) showed up. In addition, National President Evan Sottosanti attended, as did past Del-Mar-Va District Governor 1993-1996, Tim Spence. In total there were about 20 attendees. The meeting was held at Madeline's Italian Restaurant in Wilmington, Delaware. Evan gave a report on the National Fraternity. Evan also received a certificate of gratitude from the district, along with some other district items. Each chapter received a framed composite that pictured every undergraduate brother in the district; composite miniatures were given to every attendee. Also given out was a glossy 12 x 19 map of the National Fraternity showing every chapter. District Governor Fr. Jim Lentini was unanimously re-elected for another term.



Photo by Ryan Pratta



# National Award Winners 2006



*Ryan Pratta, center, accepts the Most Improved Chapter Award on behalf of his chapter, Gamma Mu at Stockton College.*



*These brothers of Gamma Rho, Baruch College, were on hand to accept the award for Outstanding Chapter. Joseph Iglesias, holding plaque, also received the Outstanding Undergraduate Award.*



*District Governor Chris Mancusi, center, receives the new Outstanding District Award on behalf of his district. This was the first year this award has been given. National President Evan Sottosanti is on right and award presenter Al Fafara is on left.*

## 2006 National Awards

### Outstanding Chapter

Gamma Rho, Baruch College

### Outstanding Alumni Club

New York

### Outstanding Community Service

Epsilon Beta, LaSalle University

### Outstanding Alumnus

Fr. James Lentini, Beta Sigma 1981

### Outstanding Undergraduate

Joseph Iglesias, Gamma Rho 2003

### Outstanding District

New York City

### Most Improved Chapter

Gamma Mu, Stockton College

### Lifetime Achievement Award

Albert Palazzo, Beta Theta 1946



*Fr. James Lentini, receives the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Fr. Lentini served as National Secretary, District Governor and is currently the National Chaplain.*



*Albert Palazzo, PNP, receives the Lifetime Achievement Award for 60 years of service to the fraternity.*

*Outstanding Alumni Club Award honors went to the New York Alumni Club. Pictured from left: Alex Franki, Chris Mancusi, Manny Rodriguez, Todd Cusato, Al Palazzo, Rob Landi, and Al Fafara.*





Photo by Chris Mancusi

## NYC District Awards Banquet

BY CHRIS MANCUSI, DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The New York City District has officially completed its 180-degree turn-around from mediocrity to fraternal excellence. A year ago, morale was low and there was little “district activity.” With the help of chapter presidents who were full of energy; the district is now a strong force for the future.

During the winter Abdul Gaibi (Long Island AC President) and I spoke about ways to close the fraternal year with a big event. We decided to have a grand banquet and distribute awards for the district based on the national classifications. While I was busy working on promoting the event and setting up the criteria for the awards; Abdul Gaibi worked on the venue—Domenico’s Restaurant. We decided to have the Long Island AC host the event for the inaugural year. Samantha Gaibi produced a beautiful program and obtained gifts for a raffle during the dinner.

Due in large part to the rejuvenated spirit in the district; the undergraduate turnout was amazing. The undergraduates actually outnumbered the alumni at this event! The evening started with a heartfelt convocation from National Chaplain Rev. James Lentini. At the conclusion of the prayer, Joe Randazzo presented a “Third District Banner” which was a gift from Marie Raffa (deceased PNP Stan Raffa’s sister.) The “baby chapter” on the banner was Beta Sigma, founded 1962. National President Evan Sottosanti and Executive Vice-President Abdul Gaibi distributed brotherhood pins to the 2005–2006 inductees. Seventy-three proud brothers were initiated this year.

The awards presentation started with the “Brother of the Year” awards. Each chapter presented an award to a brother from their chapter. The winners: Delta —Anthony Genova, Beta Eta—Ralph Marucci, Beta Pi—Khemraj Kiwari, Beta Sigma—Andrew Dunn, Gamma Kappa—Alfonse Cognata, Gamma Omicron—Nick Marrone, Gamma Rho—Joe Iglesias, Gamma Sigma—Frank

Chiofalo. District Governor Chris Mancusi presented “Past Chapter President” pins to these chapter presidents during the 2005–2006 year: Dean Fazio (Gamma Sigma), Nick Marrone (Gamma Omicron), Alfonse Cognata (Gamma Kappa.)

Before the district awards were distributed; Joe Randazzo (Eta '34) spoke before an attentive crowd of his days in Alpha Phi Delta. It’s amazing that in his 72 years in the fraternity at points he might’ve attended a convention sitting across from our founding fathers! He spoke about his nine-month pledge period and re-uniting with his pledge brothers once a year. “Alpha Phi Delta is life,” he concluded.

The district awards were then presented: Outstanding Alumnus (Anthony Saraceno,) Outstanding Alumni Club (NY Alumni Club,) Outstanding Undergraduate (Joseph Iglesias, GR.) The Most Improved Chapter Award could’ve been awarded to many chapters as so many chapters doubled and tripled their numbers. In the end, Gamma Sigma-SJU (SI) was the victor. The Outstanding Chapter Award went to the brothers from Gamma Rho at Baruch College.

The LIAC presented their annual “Man of the Year” Award to Capt. Manuel Rodriguez, Jr. “Manny” was noted for his significant contributions to our country by his two deployments to Iraq. He has also served as a past District Governor, Past National President and last year’s “Outstanding Alumnus.”

This clearly was a phenomenal event for all who attended. With the success of this event; the district now moves on to improving the resurrected “Third District Christmas Dance.” At its peak, the dance drew over 500 people and was held in Manhattan’s most elegant hotels. The journal ads from the event alone netted almost \$12,000 for the undergraduate chapters. The Dance is set for Sat December 2, 2006 in Brooklyn, NY. All those interested in attending or taking an ad out should download a flier off the NYC District website: [WWW.APDNYC.ORG/APD](http://WWW.APDNYC.ORG/APD)



# Hershey

The 2006 National Summer Convention was held August 3rd through 6th in Hershey, Pa. Attendance of 160 was the largest since the early 1980s.

RIGHT: A jubilee luncheon was held for brothers having 50 or more years in the fraternity. Pictured are the 11 jubilee alumni who attended, the largest such gathering in several years.

Brothers' children enjoyed the Saturday banquet. Some of these children have attended many conventions and enjoy renewing friendships annually.



Ned (Psi 1963) and Camile Cash and Theresa and Tony Scotti socialize in the hotel lobby. Tony was the oldest conventioner in Hershey, class of Nu 1942 (University of Pittsburgh). RIGHT: The Psi pledge class of 1956 celebrated its 50th anniversary in Hershey. Nine brothers and their wives reunited, some for the first time in over 40 years. All had a great time.



Two softball games were played at the convention. The brothers from Brooklyn played all others in the fraternity game (players shown on right) as Brooklyn won 11-9. That was followed by a family game (shown on page 9) with many participants. All in all, about 60 brothers and family members showed up to play or watch the games.





# Part Two

BELOW: Al Palazzo, Past National President and long-time fraternity officer, received the Lifetime Achievement Award as he celebrated his 60th year as a brother. Al and his wife Dottie are surrounded by their family. Al's family is truly a fraternity family: his three sons Albert, Vincent and Danny are all APD brothers and his only daughter, Gerrienne, married brother Artie Pizza of Beta Xi Chapter.



ABOVE: Pat Hussey and Ron Repak from Psi chapter enjoyed the convention along with numerous undergrads from other chapters.

A large contingent of brothers from Pittsburgh (TOP) and New York (ABOVE) swelled attendance and promoted fraternalism. BELOW and LEFT: Brothers and their families enjoy participating in two softball games.



Photos courtesy of Chris Mancusi, Teresa Russo, John Russo.



*Philip Scaglione (left) was selected as an honorary brother of Alpha Phi Delta two years ago. He is a member of the Delaware Valley Alumni Club and a veteran of World War II. He met several brothers of Alpha Phi Delta at the 60th anniversary of D-Day in 2004 where he was befriended by them and nominated for honorary membership. He was recently chosen as the Grand Marshall of the 2006 Memorial Day Parade in Midland Park, N.J. and prepared this speech on his remembrance of his WWII service.*

When I was 24 years old, I learned through a family friend I knew at the local Draft Board, that I was about to be drafted, about one week before my official notice was due to arrive. With this in mind I enlisted in the Army with the hope of being a mechanic in the Army Air Corps or in the Army's Motor Pool, since in civilian life I was an automobile mechanic. At the time the Army needed qualified mechanics for the various pieces of equipment needed to execute its battle plan. Unfortunately for me, the Army had other ideas. Very few men were drafted into jobs that had anything to do with their previous experiences.

After basic training and being shipped overseas to England, I was assigned to "M Company," 115th Infantry, of the Army's 29th Division. This was a Heavy Weapons company slated for the first wave, "H-Hour," of the invasion of Normandy.

On June 4th, 1944, two days before the invasion, after being on the troop transport ships for almost a week, we were off-loaded into LCI's (landing craft infantry). These were the boats that would take us onto the beaches that were originally designed to hold an entire company of men (about 250) for a period of only a few hours, with only two toilets. As luck would have it, after being put on these boats, awaiting the orders to "GO," the weather turned stormy and the invasion was delayed for two days.

Finally, sometime after midnight on June 6th, the weather forecast called for clearing skies and better weather. General Dwight David Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander of the invasion forces, made the final decision to start the invasion at dawn on the morning of June 6th. At around 5:15 A.M. we began to head for the beaches. Still several hundred yards from the beach, enemy fire began zeroing in on our boats. To make matters worse, our own Navy destroyers and battleships, which were supposed to be firing their huge guns toward the enemy positions hiding in the cliffs above the beaches, were actually falling short resulting in a lot of "friendly fire" casualties.

Along with my squad, we also had a Navy liaison officer who was supposed to direct the Navy artillery fire, and a Stars & Stripes reporter responsible for documenting the first minutes of the invasion.

I was supposed to be the first sergeant to lead my squad off of the first LCI to hit Utah Beach at H-Hour. We were under heavy machine gun and artillery fire when we finally made it to the beach. When we were in close enough for our men to get off, the ramps were lowered. The ramps were designed to off-load the men into waist deep water. As soon as the ramp on my side hit the water it was blown off by an artillery shell.

At the time I weighed one hundred and eighteen pounds and was carrying over ninety pounds of equipment. Since the ramp was gone, there was no alternative but to jump into the water which was well over our heads. I jumped in and immediately sank to the bottom and felt myself beginning to drown, not being able to move with all of that heavy

equipment which was now water logged. Lucky for me a sailor saw me go down. He dove into the water and dragged me all the way to shore where I could finally stand. I have no idea who he was, and I never got a chance to thank him for saving my life.

As soon as we made it onto the beach, the Navy liaison officer and the Stars & Stripes reporter were killed by enemy fire along with hundreds of our soldiers.

With the death of the Navy officer, there was no one to direct our destroyer's artillery fire, which continued to fall short. This, combined with the heavy German artillery and machine gun fire, contributed to pinning us down on the beach for more than six hours. We finally broke through somewhere around 12:00 noon, and began our advancement toward our first objective which was St Lo.

After two days of continuous hedgerow fighting we were attacked by several German tanks. They surrounded us, and began a barrage of heavy fire from their huge guns. Everyone in my company was either killed, or wounded from the waist down and couldn't walk, including all of my squad members. I was wounded by shrapnel in my right arm, and was the only one able to walk and make it to an aid station. On my way to the aid station, I told a couple of medics what happened and they went in to help the wounded.

After bandaging my right arm, I went back to check on my men, and found that all of them, including the medics, were executed with a bullet to the back of their heads.

I then tried to catch up with other units to continue our push forward. Since I was now a sergeant with no squad, a major ordered me to lead a squad of men I didn't even know, for a reconnaissance mission. We were looking for a large German artillery encampment about twenty miles behind enemy lines. We were in about eighteen miles when a huge German convoy of heavy trucks, tanks, halftracks, horse-drawn artillery and lots of German soldiers closed in on us. We jumped into a ditch on the side of the dirt road we were on, and since night had fallen, they didn't even know we were there. When the last piece of equipment was going by, one of my men panicked and began to fire his rifle at the German soldiers. The last piece of equipment was a halftrack, with a searchlight on the front and a machine gun on the rear. They turned the searchlight and machine gun on us and fired for what seemed like an eternity. They finally left after they were convinced we were all dead; they never came to check us. After playing dead for about fifteen minutes, I finally raised my head to make sure they didn't leave anyone behind. My entire squad was killed, again with me as the lone survivor.

I made it back to our front lines but couldn't talk for several hours from being in shock. I was finally able to tell the officers where we were and what happened. This information was passed on to the Air Force and the German position was destroyed.

On somewhere around D-Day plus 9, I was again in Hedgerow fighting. The Germans were on one side and we were on the other. I took a bullet right through the top of my helmet. I was never so happy to be short. Later on that day, I was climbing over another hedgerow, when a German sniper pointed his rifle right at my face. As I tried to turn to get out of the way, he fired and again hit me in my right arm.

I never saw combat again after this wound. I was sent to a hospital in Cardiff, Wales. I was operated on twice over a period of five months, but the wound never healed correctly. I was then sent back to the States for a final operation.

Shortly after being released from the hospital, I received a Purple Heart Medal and was honorably discharged.

I don't regret a single moment of service to my country. I am extremely pained and saddened by the tremendous loss of life on both sides. I hope all of you will remember the sacrifices made by everyone who lived, fought and died to preserve the freedom that we enjoy today.



# Alpha Phi Delta, Eta Chapter Florida Reunion—March 2006

BY LEN FARANO, ETA 1956

What began as an idea raised at a mini-reunion of some Eta Chapter brothers who met in Florida in March of 2005 became a reality on the weekend of March 17–20, 2006 as ten brothers and their wives met at the Marriott Island Hutchinson Resort in Stuart, Florida to enjoy a spectacular event in truly glorious weather.

Since the previously mentioned mini-reunion, a few Eta Chapter (CCNY) brothers, led by Brother Tom Potenza, began the task of gathering current information and whereabouts of Eta brothers initiated during the 1955–1960 era. As a result of their digging, a distribution list and database of thirty brothers was created and planning for a larger reunion in 2006 was begun. By a process of elimination through email surveys, the time period, location, duration and venue of the next reunion were arrived upon.

On Friday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, the brothers began arriving from various parts of the country including New Jersey, New York, Virginia and California. They were joined by brothers currently making their homes in South Florida.

The weekend could be paraphrased with words akin to many weight loss ad claims: "Lose 45 years in 3 days!" Many of the brothers attending had not seen each other in 45 years yet the time gap dissolved within minutes as they recognized and greeted each other with warm embraces.

On Friday evening, the entire group enjoyed a wonderful Italian dinner at a nearby restaurant in Stuart. Everyone wore a touch of green to show that even Italian's could be a little bit Irish on St. Paddy's Day. The group enjoyed the finest SuperTuscan wine brought as a gift all the way from California by brother John Brincko and his lovely wife Debbie.

Saturday found the brothers and their wives engaged in a variety of fun activities from playing golf and tennis to enjoying the beach (including a yoga class) and pool amenities of this luxury resort. On Saturday evening, the group celebrated more formally with a private cocktail party and sit down



Photos by Len Farano

*ABOVE: Eta reunion attendees: standing (from left) Tom and Nancy Scali, Larry and Ginny Valente, Ron Bovè, Joe and Rose Marie Panebianco, John Gerardi, Terri Potenza, Len Farano, John and Debbie Brincko, Tom Potenza, Chuck Caputo. Seated (l to r) Bea Bovè, Gloria Gerardi, Marie Farano, Barbara Caputo, John and Louise Barbaro.*



*RIGHT: Alpha Phi Delta Songsters: (left to right) John Brincko, Len Farano, John Gerardi, Chuck Caputo, John Barbaro, Ron Bovè, Tom Scali and Tom Potenza.*

dinner in the elegant Osprey Room at the hotel. The pre-dinner ritual included toasts to all the brothers who couldn't attend this reunion and included memorials to brothers who have passed on. Following dinner, there was dancing to the sounds of the '50s as the partiers showed they hadn't forgotten how to boogie. The highlight of the evening came when the brothers joined in a spirited singing of the "Alpha Phi Delta March" and then celebrated their spouses with a poignant rendition of "Fraternity Sweetheart." The group then pushed all their dinner tables together and began trading stories, jokes and heartwarming recollections of their college days.

Sunday began with the group attending mass at a beautiful church in the area. A second active day of diverse outdoor activities was followed by another great dinner in a private room at a nearby seaside restaurant. The evening concluded with the

group taking over the hotel lobby until midnight and playing lots of fun-filled games provided and hosted by Bea Bovè, Brother Ron Bovè's wonderful spouse.

Monday brought its tearful Ciao-Ciao's as the couples left on their homeward journey's promising to keep in touch on a more regular basis.

Before parting the group agreed to begin planning the next Eta Chapter Reunion in Spring 2008 at a venue on the West Coast. The brothers hope to double the size of the attendance by reaching out to more and more Eta Chapter alumni.

Kudos were extended to Brother Joe Panebianco and wife Rose Marie and Brother Len Farano and wife Marie for the efforts they put forth in planning and organizing the reunion. Additional thanks went to Brother Tom Scali for taking and sharing many professional quality photos of the group enjoying the event.

**Mark Schmidt, Delta Kappa 1993** (*Binghamton University*), is living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is an attorney with Godfrey and Kuhn.

**Carl P. Izzo, Sr., Psi 1951** (*Duquesne*), is pleased to report that he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November 2005 in Pittsburgh.

**Phillip R. Arlia, Psi 1959** (*Duquesne*), is still going strong. He is in his 38th year working at his own pharmacy in Pitcairn, Pa.

**Matthew G. Nizza, Beta Kappa 1949** (*Long Island University*), is retired from being an attorney/CPA. He is still active in many organizations in Lynbrook, N.Y.

**Steve Boldish, Beta Omicron 1971** (*Youngstown State*), has been married for 21 years and living in Medford, Oregon since 1990. He is a licensed real estate broker specializing in commercial and investment properties. He has a 19-year-old daughter living in Europe and a 15-year-old son. He enjoys golfing.

**Dr. G. Vincent Amico, Theta 1938** (*NYU*), received an honorary doctorate in science from the University of Central Florida in December 2004. He is living in Orlando, Fla.

**Michael A. Rose, Epsilon 1958** (*University of Buffalo*), is semi-retired, but still practicing law with his son-in-law in Rochester, N.Y.

**Alfred H. Pagano, Mu 1949** (*Cornell University*), retired from DuPont after 36 years. He is living in Newark, Del. and doing part-time environmental consulting for DuPont. He is traveling and enjoying his sons and grandchildren.



Photo by Mike Iacovelli

**Joseph Narciso, Gamma Lambda 1987**, was honored in May by Xaverian High School in Brooklyn, N.Y. as its Outstanding Alumnus for 2006. Many of his fraternity brothers and fellow members of the Brooklyn Alumni Club were on hand for his honor. Joe is seen and heard in many television and radio commercials. Pictured from left: John Palamarik, Mike Iacovelli, Peter Gaudiuso, Non Brother, Steve Palermo, Joe Narciso, Ron Lumachi, Len Plantemoli, Tony Pizzino, Ralphie Parmegiani.

**Robert K. Ruby, Beta Lambda 1995** (*St. Francis of Loretto*), is a branch manager and wealth management advisor at Merrill Lynch. He relocated from Allentown, Pa. to Williamsport, Pa. He and his wife Wendy have a two-year-old daughter, Briella.

**Frank J. Romano, Delta Kappa 1938** (*Binghamton*), is a financial advisor in the Bronx.

**Professor David J. Gustafson, Beta Rho 1966** (*Gannon*), is the chairperson of the biology department at Gannon University. He was recognized in his 35th year of service with the Distinguished Professor Award.

**Joseph Vilardo, Epsilon 1957** (*University of Buffalo*), moved to South Carolina in 2005 to be closer to his grandchildren. He plans to start a new career there this year.

**Joseph J. Scaglione, Mu 1942** (*Cornell*), celebrated his 83rd birthday in January. Highlights for him are reunions and spending time with his family. He and his wife are living in Hornell, N.Y.

**Anthony Campanella, Beta Rho 1961** (*Gannon*), is president of Ameripac Industries and living in Erie, Pa.

**Nicholas A. Ferro, Beta Iota 1974** (*Utica College*), is a retired naval officer and foreign service officer living in Locust Grove, Va.

**Mark Palermo, Beta Rho 1998** (*Gannon*), is an orthopedic surgery resident at Memorial Hospital in York, Pa.

**Anthony Marturano, M.D., Beta Delta 1950** (*Temple*), is retired and enjoying life in Los Angeles.

**Thomas Williams, Beta Chi 1998** (*S.U.N.Y. Utica*), is a traveling nurse working in New York with his wife of three years.

**James Paccione, Eta 1937** (*C.C.N.Y.*), turned 90 years old in January and is living in San Diego.

**Jeffrey Zancovsky, Psi 1993** (*Duquesne*), married Krysia Olshanski in 2000. The couple had their first child, Cooper, in October 2005. Jeff is working for PNC Industries as a securities compliance consultant in Pittsburgh.



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The Brooklyn Alumni Club softball team had a farewell dinner for Doug Awn, Theta Beta 1982, who is moving from Brooklyn to Charlotte, N.C. Pictured are Joe Narciso (2B), Mike Manniello (C), Peter Gaudiuso (CF), Len Plantemoli (LF), John Palamarik (3B), Doug Awn (1B), Mike Iacovelli (P), Matt Cioffi, Ralph Preite. The parens denote position on the softball team



**John Artale, Beta Beta 1949 (Manhattan)**, has been retired for ten years and lives in Jackson, N.J. He would love to hear from other Beta Beta brothers who may be living in the same area.

**Judge Charles P. Mararchi, Jr., Beta Delta 1941 (Temple)**, retired from law after serving 34 years on the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia County and the Commonwealth Court of Pa. (general trial court). Prior to becoming a judge, he was a practicing attorney for 23 years. He retired as a senior judge and is 81 years old.



Photo by Ryan McCaw

*Delta Chi alumni of the University of Colorado reunited in May for a barbecue and alumni meeting and an excursion to downtown Denver.*

**Allen Cavalluzzi, Beta Beta 1982 (Manhattan)**, is proud to announce that he welcomed a new daughter, Annie, into the world in August 2005. He also has a son. He is a partner in a heavy highway electrical contracting firm serving the metropolitan NYC area. Allen and his family reside in Scarsdale, N.Y.

**Marco Minasso, Mu 1961 (Cornell)**, is still selling wine in the metropolitan NYC area. He lives in Yonkers and would love to be of help if anyone is looking into entering the wine business.

**Frank M. DeBellis, Theta Beta 1948 (NYU)**, is still serving as a U.S. Administrative Law Judge in Mobile, Ala. He had the pleasure of attending the Theta Beta reunion last year in White Plains, N.Y.

**Michael Anthony Palermo, Beta Rho 1995 (Gannon)**, currently residing in NYC with his wife Christine Ann. He is a past scholarship recipient and recently made a contribution back to the fund as it was a big help when he received it as an undergrad.

**Ralph L. Raimond, Beta Eta 1947 (Brooklyn College)**, is a member of forensic examiners—certified as a level III in Homeland Security.

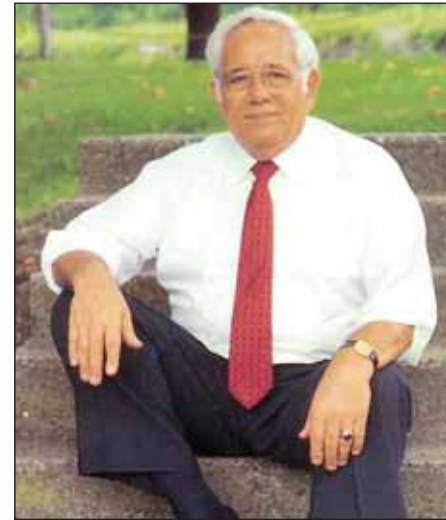
**Andrew V. Siracuse, Beta Iota 1952 (Utica)**, retired from the Supreme Court bench in December 2004. He is currently practicing law in Rochester, N.Y. Anthony Bucci, Sigma 1947 (Boston), is retired and enjoying life in Providence, R.I.

**Anthony Suraci, Beta Beta 1937 (Manhattan)**, is retired living in Smithtown, N.Y. He is happy to report that he celebrated his 92nd birthday.

**Michael J. Desiderio, Lambda 1938 (Pennsylvania)**, retired in 1980 and is living in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. After graduating from the Wharton School of Business, he enjoyed a successful career as an executive in the paperboard manufacturing business.

**Daniel Butterfield, Mu 1964 (Cornell)**, is enjoying life in catfish farming. He is an owner and operator of a highly successful 93-pond catfish farm in west-central Alabama.

**John Peter Curielli, Beta Mu 1966 (DePaul)**, now serves as a Trustee on the Kiwanis International Foundation.



*Joseph M. Minard, Pi 1953 (WVU) is a state senator in West Virginia serving as Chairman of the W. Va. Senate Banking and Insurance Committee since 2000. He resides in Clarksburg, W. Va. and is also chairman of Minard's Spaghetti Inn, Inc.*

Kiwanis International is a global organization of 750,000 members currently in 95 countries serving the children of the world. He is also serving as a Trustee of the Endowment Board of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International. Also he is a Director of the Past Masters Committee of the Medinah Shriners organization, which has 24 hospitals in North America that provide free medical services to crippled and burned children.

**Col. Robert Cursio, Jr., Beta Omicron 1978 (Youngstown)**, has relocated to Brandon, Fla. He offered, "If any of our brothers ever need assistance with their children and ROTC or Active Duty information please have them contact me at this email address: *robert-cursio@us.army.mil*."

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*Brothers Anthony C. Saraceno, Pawel Jasioneck, Rob Landi and Daniel Watts of the Gamma Sigma Alumni Association gather for a picture on the top of Mt. Washington in New Hampshire along with girlfriends and family after a five-hour hike. Mt. Washington is the tallest mountain in the northeast standing at 6,288 feet.*

# Scholarship Award Winners

## Alpha Phi Delta Award (\$2,400)

Established by the Scholarship Trustees in honor of all of the members of Alpha Phi Delta who have donated so generously to scholarship

**Christina DiCarlo**, *Washington and Jefferson College*

Her application was proudly supported by her great uncle, Xi Chapter alumnus Albert Yannon.

## Anthony Carfang Award (\$1,800)

Established by 36th National President Anthony Carfang.

**Christopher Fornataro**, *Carnegie Mellon University*

He is the grandson of Nu Chapter alumnus Augustine Fornataro.

## The Ernest Coletti Award (\$1,800)

Established by the Mohawk Valley Alumni Club in honor of long time Utica District Governor Ernest Coletti.

**Melissa LaVenía**, *The University of Delaware*

She is the daughter of Eta Chapter alumnus Peter LaVenía.

## Stanley Raffa Award (\$1,800)

Established by 30th National President Stanley Raffa

**Ryan Carlisle**, *Gannon University where he is a member of Beta Rho Chapter.*

## Pittsburgh Alumni Club Award (\$1,500)

**Stephanie Hadgkiss**, *The University of Pittsburgh School of Law*

She is the daughter of Beta Rho alumnus John Hadgkiss.

## Long Island Alumni Club John Pasta Award (\$1,500)

Established in honor of 7th Grand Consul.

**Drew Tomafsky**, *Seton Hall University where he is a member of Delta Xi Chapter.*

## Anthony & Stella Barbieri Award (\$600)

Established by Brother Anthony & Rosina Barbieri in honor of his late parents.

**Jean Joseph**, *A member of Beta Beta at Touro College.*

## Brooklyn Alumni Club Award (\$600)

**Christine Grimaldi**, *The George Washington University. She is the cousin of Theta Beta alumnus Bryan Grimaldi.*

## Brother Camillus Casey Award (\$600)

**John Lallo**, *A member of Delta Psi Chapter at Lynn University*

## Fabrizio Family Award (\$600)

Established by Paul Fabrizio and family.

**Ronald Repak**, *A member of Psi Chapter at Duquesne University.*

## Frank Cavallaro Award (\$600)

Established in honor of 22nd National President Frank Cavallaro

**Krista Going**, *The College of New Jersey. Her application was sponsored by her Grandfather Frank Leanza a member of Theta Beta Chapter initiated in 1945.*

## Frank Costanzo Award (I) (\$600)

One of two awards established by 23rd National President Frank Costanzo

**Meredith Calfe**, *Bucknell University. She is one of three granddaughters of Anthony Iole, Psi, to be awarded Alpha Phi Delta scholarships.*

## Fabrizio Costanzo Award (II) (\$600)

One of two awards established by 23rd National President Frank Costanzo

**Gina Mazzotta**, *The University of Pittsburgh.*

She is the daughter of Dominic Mazzotta Jr. a member of Psi Chapter.

## A. Joseph Creston Award (\$600)

Established by 34th National President A. Joseph Creston

**Marissa Calfe**, *Dickinson College. Granddaughter of Anthony Iole, Psi.*

## Adam DiVincenzo Award (\$600)

Established in honor of 21st Grand Consul and long time National Secretary.

**Jacqueline Steiner**, *Carnegie Mellon University.*

Granddaughter of Anthony Iole, Psi.

## Eta Chapter Memorial Scholarship/Armand DeRosa Award (\$600)

**Bernadette Sperrazza**, *Pace University.*

Bernadette was sponsored by her brothers Stephen and Nick who are members of Beta Eta Chapter at Brooklyn College.

## Carmelo and Carmela Giampiccolo Award (\$600)

Established by our late brother James S. Giampiccolo in honor of his late parents

**Marissa Mazzei**, *The College of Saint Rose.*

Her application was sponsored by her father, Beta Chi brother, Vincent Mazzei.

## James S. and Theresa Giampiccolo (\$600)

Established by our late brother James S. Giampiccolo and his wife.

**Dustin Matern**, *University of Indianapolis where he was a member of Delta Phi Chapter.*

## New York Alumni Club Award (\$600)

**Patrick Boyd**, *Marist College where he is a member of Delta Theta chapter.*

## Richard Rau Scholarship Award (\$600)

Established in honor of the late Richard Rau who died while attending college at St. Francis College by his fraternity brothers from Beta Sigma Chapter.

**Mary Dalton**, *Rutgers University.*

She is the sister of Gamma Pi brother Marty Panariello.

## Alpha Phi Delta Resort Association of New York Award (\$600)

**Charles Blauth**, *William Paterson University where he is a member of Gamma Nu Chapter*

## Southern California Alumni Club Award (\$600)

**Ryan McCaw**, *The University of Colorado at Boulder.*

Ryan is a charter member of Delta Chi Chapter.

## Steubenville Alumni Club Award (\$600)

**Megan Mullaney**, *University of Virginia.*

She is the daughter of Beta Theta alumnus Michael Mullaney.

## Steubenville Ladies Auxiliary Award (\$600)

**Daniel Vuchenich**, *Purdue University.*

He is the son of Beta Theta alumnus Milan Vuchenich.





Photo by Ed Magliocco

The Delaware Valley Alumni Club held their 12th annual Man of The Year dinner in April. Eleven of the 12 recipients were in attendance: Kneeling: Don Luciano, Tony Campione, 2nd row standing: Mario DiGiuseppe, Judge Al DiBona, Ed Magliocco. Last row standing: Joe Ziccardi, Joe Casadonte, Joe Manzo, Sam Galasso, Fred Bovoso, Charles "Max" Mancini. Missing: Al Angelo (deceased).



Photo by Bob Saglian

Epsilon Reunion 2006 (left to right): Dr. Sam Rivoli, Al Di Giulio, Bob Tronolone, Hon. John Rivoli, Joe Oliverio, Dr. Bill Arnone, Tony La Bruna, Bob Saglian, Chuck Martello, Gene Zinni, Bob Docherty, Vince Pantano, Joseph Abbate, Hon. John Patti, Dr. Anthony Pellerite, Dr. Sam La Mastra, Sam Carocci, Vince Tibollo, Dr. Richard Lo Tempio, Victor Colonna, Anthony Parone, Peter Fiorella, Nate Bliss, Frank Guido, Dr. Frank La Mar, Carl Deni, Joe Calabrese, Dick Pieri, Ray Paolini. Attending, not shown: Michael Rose and Dr. Frank Graziano.

## EPSILON REUNION 2006

BY BOB SAGLIAN, EPSILON

Epsilon chapter, University of Buffalo, alumni from the 1950s and 1960s reunited again at Sunny's Italian Restaurant in Batavia, N.Y. on June 6th 2006. Most attending brothers were from Western New York, with Past Epsilon Chapter President Joseph Abbate flying in from California to reunite with many brothers he had not seen in over forty years. Many of the younger brothers were meeting some of the older brothers for the first time, having only heard about them. Four hours of great stories and laughter were shared as we recalled college days and honored all brothers who have passed by reading their names aloud and sharing memories of them.

Once again Epsilon Chapter offers a challenge to all chapter alumni to reach out to one another again and rekindle the eternal flame of brotherhood. Pick up the phone, get on the internet and reunite. You will be amazed at the response even after decades. We are truly a "Band of Brothers."

Vincent M. Cantella, *Sigma 1936 (Boston University)*, passed away May 4 at the age of 89. in Boston, Mass. He was the founder of Cantella and Co. of Boston.

Francis J. Pascucci, *Delta 1933 (Brooklyn Poly)*, passed away December 13, 2004 in Holmdel, N.J.

The Kleos received word that Francis E. Peruggi, *Beta Beta 1935 (Manhattan College)*, passed away October 3, 2003.

David Bruce Kirkpatrick (known to his brothers as Scratchy), *Beta Phi 1989 (Rowan)*, passed away on June 23rd. He was only 35. In 1993, David graduated from Rowan University with a BA in Economics. He was employed by Mid Atlantic Capital, in Marlton, N.J. as a mortgage loan processor. He is survived by his wife Natalie.

Lawrence G. Fitzpatrick, *Beta Lambda 1968 (St. Francis)*, passed away November 28, 2005. He was living in DuBois, Pa.

Lee C. Beardsley, *Mu 1967 (Cornell)*, died from an accident May 10th in Phoenix, N.Y. He was 58. His family wrote that he had enjoyed the Mu reunion with his fraternity just several years ago.

Robert J. DeSanto, *Beta Mu 1957 (DePaul)*, passed away in July in Arlington Hills, Ill. Bob was long time president of the Chicago Alumni Club.

Anthony J. "Fox" Roscetti, *Beta Omicron 1961 (Youngstown State)*, d July 21st in Clearwater, Fla. He was 65. He was a retired yardmaster for the CSX railroad with 35 years of service.

Matthew Amato, *Beta Mu 1956 (DePaul)*, passed away June 10th in Chicago. He was an active member of the Chicago Alumni Club. He was 67 years old.

Elio Scala, *Delta 1940 (Brooklyn Poly)*, passed away June 8, 2006. Elio was a long time member of the Long Island Alumni Club.



*John Russo, Psi 1972*

## Reliving Our Past

The fraternity convention this year was like going back in time. The 2006 National Summer Convention was the biggest and best attended since the early 1980s. Just three years ago, the convention had last rites in Niagara Falls with only about 30 attendees. But like Lazarus, we have come back from the dead.

After changing the format from a Monday through Friday event to a Thursday through Sunday (long weekend), attendance has steadily increased. In 2004, the group went to Baltimore's Inner Harbor and attracted about 100 people. The keynote event was a night at a Baltimore Orioles baseball game, but the hotel did not quite have enough amenities for the unexpected size of the group. In 2005, we went to Hershey (Pa.) and attracted over 120 people. The keynote event was a day at Hershey Park with our families, and the hotel facilities accommodated the group nicely. So much so that a return was merited in 2006 to try to bolster attendance by having word of mouth enhance it.

This year we had activities to attract brothers and families of all ages. Opening night, the convention had a welcome barbecue party. On Friday, we had a golf outing at a nice course, a day outing to Hershey Amusement Park and dinner at an Italian Restaurant. On Saturday, we resurrected an old fraternity favorite—a softball game for undergrads, alumni and families. All in all, over 160 people were at the convention.

The summer convention is one of my favorite fraternity events. It is a longstanding tradition in Alpha Phi Delta's history. Dating back to the 1920s, the convention was an annual gathering to conduct fraternity business. From 1920 to 1950, it was usually held in a major city over Labor Day weekend. In 1951, the format changed to a week at a resort. Business was still conducted, but the convention was a fraternity and family vacation. It peaked in attendance in the 1970s with a hotel sell-out year of 500 in 1974. There had been a gradual decline in attendance ever since. In the

late 1980s, the fraternity decided to not conduct its business at the summer convention any longer. The convention became an annual reunion of sorts for brothers and their families.

I first attended a convention in 1973 and was impressed at the fraternalism that abounded—brothers ranging in age from undergrads to some of the first national presidents from the 1920s. It left such an impression on me that I continued to go as a young adult and started bringing my family as my children were born. My three daughters age from 16 to 23 now, but they were in attendance this year as they have for much of the past 20 conventions. They have made friends of children of other brothers whom they see only annually at Alpha Phi Delta conventions. It's a special part of life with its own memories. This year, the children of brothers from around the country had a great time.

Also this year a number of brothers who were initiated at Psi Chapter (Duquesne University) in 1956 made the national convention their opportunity to have a reunion. The brothers and their spouses had a great time reuniting with each other along with meeting brothers from other chapters and families of all ages. It was great—something that should be repeated in the future by other brothers who want to celebrate a 25th or 50th year reunion with their pledge brothers or classmates.

So what's in store for the future of an APD tradition? For one thing, it has a future again which looked bleak just three years ago. Next year's convention has already been scheduled—August 2nd through 5th in the Poconos (The Chateau Resort in Tannersville, Pa.). You can assure the future of the convention by making plans to be part of it in 2007. Look for details in the next *Kleos* or check the website at [www.apd.org](http://www.apd.org).

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