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LUNCH BAG NOTES

Who's Listening?

BY ALBERT PARISI, BETA ETA 1974



One of the nicest things we can do for others is simply to listen and show genuine interest in what they have to say. So many people in today's 'Me Generation' listen with their own 'agenda,' as if to say, 'I have something far more important to say, than whatever it is you are saying.'

Listening is integral to learning. The great Greek philosopher Socrates invented what has come to known as the Socratic Method. Socrates went around asking questions of everyone and then he listened intently at the answer(s). He never interrupted the speaker and absorbed every word. Afterward he would ask another set of questions to make certain he had a correct understanding and/or confound his speaking partner.

Doctors, sales professionals, police, judges and lawyers would be at a huge disadvantage if they were not good listeners. TV's inimitable 'Perry Mason' won his cases because late in the episode, he would recall something incriminating a witness or the accused had said earlier, that only after additional questioning/listening could be proven to be false testimony. (Perry has that coy little look, the music gets loud and we go to a commercial.)

Listening well requires that you not try to advance what you have to say but rather grasp what is said. How can a student progress without the ability and desire to listen? Socrates was a student and advocate of 'the art listening.'

Listening is also a necessary component of dialogue. The first two letters of the word dialogue, 'di,' means two. How can there be a dialogue unless both parties are listening to each another?

The next time you watch a crime drama, pay attention to the questions asked and observe the inquisitor's attention and the follow-up questions asked.

There is a clear discernible sequence, isn't there. Why? The inquisitor was listening, that's why.

For more on listening and other related topics email me at info@lunchbagnotes.net or visit my web site www.lunchbagnotes.com.

On the Cover:

TOP PHOTO: Delta Theta brothers at Marist College pose in front of their house after a Greek Week barbecue on April 8. BOTTOM PHOTO: The brothers from Gamma Rho welcome six new brothers to their chapter. Kaushik Bhatta, Sal Flagiello, Dennis O'Leary, Joe Puma, Stan Sorokan and Mike Valenti took the oath of brotherhood on Sunday, April 9, 2006. The ceremony was administered by Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor and Dave Averack, Asst. District Governor.

Editor's Note:

The next Kleos will be out in October. Alumni and undergraduates: please send your news and pictures to Kleos@apd.org by August 1st for inclusion in the next issue.

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Faciamus: Time for Change

I want to start off by saying that the National Council meeting up in Ramapo College of New Jersey was a very successful meeting in many ways. We were able to go through and complete a stacked agenda and we did so with respect for one another. Many decisions were made at this meeting that will effect changes for the new year.

Some of those changes include splitting the Eastern Pennsylvania District in half. We have moved Beta Iota and Delta Kappa into the newly formed Upstate New York District. The council also decided to change the way we collect fees from the undergraduate membership. We will go back to Chapter Assessment, which will be a constant dollar amount regardless of the size of the chapter. For those chapters under 10, it will remain as a per capita fee but at a reduced rate from last year. This should spur chapters to grow since they will not be penalized for this growth.

There has been a new award added to our current awards. This new award is called the Outstanding District Award and the criteria that have been stated will allow for all districts to compete for this award regardless of district size.

The Council meeting was a rousing success with a great turnout and a lot of input from undergrads and alumni alike. It appears that more people are willing to take an active role in the fraternity and it showed at the meeting. I am hoping the enthusiasm from this meeting will springboard Alpha Phi Delta to a very successful year and many more to come.

I want to thank Tom Ammazalorso and Gamma Pi chapter for the wonderful job they did putting this meeting together and hosting the event. It should be a model for any future meetings that a chapter wants to host.

Since my last letter, I had the wonderful opportunity to go on a road trip with Chris Mancusi (NYC District Governor) and Rob Landi (VP for Member Education) to Indianapolis in order to move Central Office. The trip brought me back to my days as an undergrad when I used to go on these road trips to visit other chapters. It was very nostalgic and it gave me the opportunity to visit with our brothers at the University of Indianapolis as well as our brothers from Youngstown State University.

Brothers from both chapters were extremely instrumental in facilitating the move and we enjoyed ourselves during our 72-hour marathon. It is a trip I will never forget and I think our young leaders will never forget either. I am sure you can read more about our trip in detail in the latter pages of this issue. I encourage all of our undergrads, at one time or another, to visit Central Office in Struthers, Ohio. It will be an educational experience that one will hold on to forever.



Evan Sottosanti
National President

Danny Thomas, Beta Omicron 1974, has been gracious enough to volunteer his time and services as Executive Secretary with no compensation. Many of you have already experienced the fast turn around on requests and inquiries. That is just an example of the service and professionalism Danny brings to the job and as he gets acclimated, it will get even better.

I want to thank the National Council for having the confidence to elect me for a second term as President. That vote tells me that you believe in what I am trying to accomplish and support me in that endeavor. I will continue to serve you with the same tenacity that I have last year and I have in my prior positions. As I stated at the National Council meeting, I will not aspire to mediocrity, nor will I let Alpha Phi Delta or its officers. We will continue to strive to be the best and give you the services that you have come to expect in the past. We will be fiscally responsible and continue to hold our officers and brothers accountable.

I will continue to seek advice from our past National Presidents as I have been doing during my term as President. They are an incredible source of wisdom, experience and advice that one cannot duplicate. It would be a mistake to not include them in the decisions that are made and to respect their opinions.

Finally, we need to thank all of those National officers and those brothers that might not hold a position in name, but have been instrumental in the decision-making process and then implementing the changes. Without them, this would not be possible. The true spirit of Alpha Phi Delta has been at work here the last few months. Many alumni have stepped up to the plate when they heard my call for financial support and have donated money. It couldn't have come at a better time and will go a long way toward digging us out of the debt we have. They should be acknowledged for their support. Times like these really renews my faith in our brotherhood and reminds me why I pledged this great fraternity in the first place. I hope it does for you as well.

Our motto is Faciamus or 'Let's Act' and I believe my administration has lived up to that motto to the letter. We have acted on everything that has come our way and will continue to do so with prudence and good judgment. We will also be proactive to situations and issues and not always wait to react to them.

Let me finish this missive with the thought that this is the beginning of an upswing for Alpha Phi Delta, which will bring with it a renewed sense of brotherhood, teamwork and respect that we can all feed off of and use to make Alpha Phi Delta what it has been and what it will be, THE BEST!



Photo by Chris Mancusi

Alpha Phi Delta chapters do well in rush.

Beta Rho chapter at Gannon University inducted six new brothers in March. The chapter is shown here celebrating with old and new brothers.



Photo by Scott Walters

The brothers from Beta Sigma rebound with a second pledge class last Fall. They initiated three new brothers after losing their initial fall class for the semester. The ceremony was conducted by Robert Landi, VP for Member Education, and Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



On Friday, April 7, 2006, Gamma Omicron held an induction for Joseph Brunner, Vincent Gelardi, Syed Haq, Carlos Jimenez, Anton Pagi, Daniel Plachta and Victor Rodriguez. The Stony Brook roster now stands at 24, which makes them the largest chapter in NYC. The ceremony was administered by Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor and Rob Landi, VP for Member Education.

RIGHT TOP and BOTTOM: John DeLuca, Nicholas Farago, Stephen Pavia, Frank Ross and Sean Swearman were initiated into Beta Pi chapter on Saturday, April 8, 2006. These five new brothers increased the chapter membership to 20.



Photo by Chris Mancusi





Delta Xi's Beta Zeta pledge class was inducted on March 26 by Governor Steve Schmid.



Beta Iota chapter with the Gamma Mu pledge class of Stockton College on February 16. From left to right: Tyler Caswell, Dan Burns, Bryan Valesquez, Eric Dueanas, Kevin Bachman, Ferdinand Rodriguez.

Chapters help others



The brothers of Beta Omicron (Youngstown State) gathered this semester for a bit of philanthropy at the second harvest food bank in the city of Youngstown, Ohio.



On Sunday, April 2, 2006, the NYC District held its Pledgebowl. Traditionally held each fall, this was the first time in many years that the district had enough of pledges to do one in the spring. Pictured are the Spring 2006 New York City District pledges.



Beta Eta "67" narrowly defeated Gamma Sigma for the NYC District Pledgebowl crown. Initiations in New York City-Academic Year 05-06: Great Job to these chapters: Beta Eta-15, Gamma Rho-15, Gamma Sigma-14, Gamma Omicron-14, Beta Pi-12.



These Psi chapter brothers are dressed in their formal tuxedos as they hosted the 36th annual Valentine Ball at Duquesne University. In addition to hosting a dance, the brothers raised and donated \$3500 to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). They have raised \$12,000 for ALS in the past four years.

Road Trip National-Style

BY CHRIS MANCUSI, GAMMA SIGMA 2002



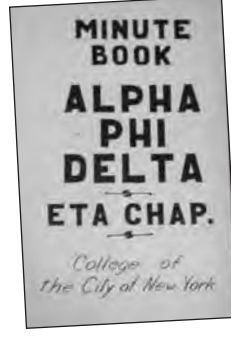
Rob, Evan and Chris pose at one of their many gas stops

Thursday, March 2, 8:15 PM. Evan Sottosanti, Rob Landi and I met at Evan's house in Middletown, N.J. to start the road trip of a lifetime. The Executive Committee recently approved Danny Thomas as Executive Secretary so Central Office needed to be moved from Indianapolis to Struthers, Ohio (a suburb of Youngstown). Thus began 26 hours of driving in two days.

Mapquest suggests that the drive out to Indianapolis should take two days; they must not know the drive of Alpha Phi Delta brothers! We set out Thursday night and figured to arrive early Friday morning. We had plenty of time to talk about our undergraduate days, the fraternity as a whole and our visions of the future. We took two ten minute coffee breaks on our way out to Indianapolis. Evan, the "Travel Nazi" as we called him kept us focused.

We, three National officers, were out on our journey. Evan (National President) Rob (VP for Member Education) and myself (NYC District Governor) doing nothing more than following the leaders of our past. You can't help but think of imitating the other legends of Alpha Phi Delta that have criss-crossed the country for the fraternity such as: Stan Raffa and Al Palazzo and Adam DiVincenzo and Joe Scotti to name a few. It's funny because one of the most used lines for undergrads is "What does National do for me?" Well, hop in the car.

Once arriving in Indianapolis at approximately 8:30 AM, Rob and I figured that we would head to a hotel to rest before we started emptying Central Office. No breaks! Evan had us planned to pick up the fraternity "History Books" from a local publisher, and by the time we got our U-Haul we were ready to load up. We arrived at the NIC (the home of Central Office for the last year) to meet the charming face of Shelly. Shelly is the secretary at the NIC and has been tremendous for us during our stay at the NIC. She gave us a brief tour of our office space which included two rooms and one conference room.



In one room, we found the "file cabinets." These cabinets featured Central Office records that date back to the first days of Alpha Phi Delta. As a matter of fact, we got to read the first "History of Alpha Phi Delta," which was written in calligraphy. We also saw the Eta Chapter's book of minutes dating back to 1935. We read the minutes of a meeting that was run by Joe Randazzo, a brother who is still very much involved in the Long Island Alumni Club over 70 years later. It was amazing to see the evolution of this *Kleos* magazine to the present time, which are published today by John Russo. I was astonished to realize that over 90 years of history were in our hands.

Just as we approached our 24 hour mark without sleep, we were happy to see four brothers from the Indianapolis area. Blair Hanni, Neil Dunaway, Scott Moore and Dustin gave us a shot of adrenaline to finish packing up the office. We had it down to a science in our assembly line system.

After our U-Haul was packed up we decided to get a lunch at a local Ruby Tuesday's. We met some other Indianapolis brothers as well as a few pledges. What a treat it must've been for a pledge to meet the National President. Typical of our fraternity, we once again met to break bread. I joked with one pledge that in Alpha Phi Delta: we don't beat you, we feed you!

On full stomachs and with more energy we headed back to the office to meet with the Vice President of the NIC, John Williamson. There we spoke about ways to expand the fraternity specifically in the Mid-West. John has been a great friend to Alpha Phi Delta, and we were appreciative that he would take time out of his busy day to help us once again.



Brothers pose with Shelly, the NIC secretary, in Indianapolis. From top left Blair Hanni, Dustin, Neil Dunaway, Evan Sottosanti (National President). From bottom left Scott Moore, Chris Mancusi, Shelly, Rob Landi



Evan was gracious enough to give us a few hours of sleep before we went out for dinner. We once again went back to Ruby Tuesday's and I chose to eat the same meal that I ate for lunch hours before. We met the Indianapolis guys downtown where we got to see landmarks such as the RCA Dome (home of the Colts) and the Conseco Fieldhouse (home of the Pacers). While with the guys, we were told our money "was no good around here." They treated us like royalty but more importantly like family, the Alpha Phi Delta Family.



The brothers pose with the packed U-Haul in Indianapolis.

be "He-man." After maybe 45 minutes, the truck was empty, partly due to the unnatural strength of He-man! The new office is probably a little bigger than the three rooms we had at the NIC put together. As we all helped Danny situate his new home, you couldn't help but look into Danny's eyes and see the true amazement. He looked like a little kid on Christmas morning. Danny now would be carrying on the tradition, which dates back to Otto Gelormini. Evan seemed to interrupt Danny's moment by reminding him that there is a lot of work to do before this year's National Council Meeting. "I think the move to Struthers will prove to be a good one for our fraternity. If nothing else, we have almost twice the space for less than half the money," said Danny. He added, "I'm looking forward to serving our fraternity in this capacity because I like the direction Evan has us headed in, and I truly believe that before the year is out we will have turned our fraternity around and we will have a firm foundation on which to build on."

In the Alpha Phi Delta tradition, work was followed up with some food. There we busted each others chops and updated the guys on our stay in Indianapolis. Once again on a full stomach we bid the brothers farewell and headed back home.

Sunday 1:30 AM. We dropped Evan off at his New Jersey home and we all had the "I can't believe we just did this" look on each of our faces. It seemed the entire weekend was a constant grind to push ourselves to the next step. Said Evan on the trip, "This trip was a great chance to bond with Chris and Rob as well as get the opportunity to meet many of our undergraduates in Indianapolis and Ohio." The "Journey" totals—1,600 miles, 26 hours of driving in 48 hours, 75 gallons of gas for our Buick rental car.

Well, it wasn't quite over—Rob and I did a baptism for our own chapter that Sunday night! It's all part of the daily grind of a national officer, for the love of our fraternity! ■



and I took our rental car. Since I was dozing in and out on our way to Indianapolis, I elected to drive the car to Ohio. On our drive to Ohio, Rob and I spoke about the NYC District. Being such a young governor, I have always been critical of the work I have done, and Rob has been right there to support me. As an undergrad, I was always interested in what was going on in the National Fraternity. I was the VP for Undergraduate Affairs during my senior year. As I made my travels to other districts and entities, Rob was always sitting shotgun. A year later, he is now the VP for Member Education. We currently sit on the Executive Committee as the youngest brothers, pledge brothers as well. We just drove on and dreamed of where we wanted to see Alpha Phi Delta in the future. We called ourselves the next "Stan Raffa and Al Palazzo" and wondered if my '97 Grand Am would become a part of Alpha Phi Delta history.

Six hours later, we were greeted by Danny Thomas, the new Executive Secretary. He welcomed us in his home as we waited for the Youngstown undergrads to arrive. He happily showed us "his room" which was covered in Yankee pictures and memorabilia. This obviously made us NY guys proud. The Youngstown guys came and we were ready to move in.

Three minutes later, we were at our new office. It is literally down the block from Danny's home. Danny works across the street and the post office is down the block. Is this not the perfect location for our office? And to top it all off, one of our brothers is the mayor of the town, Dan Mamula.

The Youngstown guys: Billy D'Amico, John Taylor, J.T. Willis, and pledge Bobby Miles were a big help in unloading the U-Haul truck. Pledge Bobby Miles and I muscled the filing cabinets up to the second floor. I told the Beta Omicron guys that his pledge name must



The road trip arrives in Youngstown where the Beta Omicron undergrads arrive to assist with the unloading.



Evan Sottosanti, left, National President, passes off central office to new executive secretary, Danny Thomas, Jr.





Photo by Pete Caudluso

LEFT: The brothers of the Brooklyn Alumni Club and their families at the annual Summer Pool Party. Every year in August, they gather at the home of Ralph "Zeke" Parmegiani who ensures that the water temperature is at least a refreshing 90 degrees.

BELOW: The Western Pa. District held a meeting in Pittsburgh on Saturday January 28. All the chapters (Duquesne, Youngstown, Steubenville and Gannon) attended the meeting that was led by District Governor Doug Sundo.

Brothers and families active at all ages

As we learned in *The Dokime*, brotherhood is eternal. Activities in Alpha Phi Delta abound in undergrads and alumni of all ages.

Photo by Bill D'Amico



Photo by Chris Mancusi



Robert Landi, VP for Member Education, moderated a leadership conference in New York City on Saturday January 28, 2006. It was well attended, and the undergraduate brothers enjoyed talking about how to make their chapters stronger. National President Evan Sottosanti also added to the discussion. The event was hosted by Gamma Sigma (St. John's University).



Photo by Bernard Mendez

The annual New York District Christmas Dinner was held December 18, 2005 at Concetta's Restaurant in Brooklyn. Some of the attendees are pictured above.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

A joint alumni dinner was held in honor of the Fraternity's 91st birthday at Puglia's Restaurant in Little Italy. Brothers from the Beta Sigma AA, Gamma Sigma AA and New York Alumni Club were in attendance.



The Brooklyn Alumni Club fielded a foursome at the annual golf outing at the 2005 Summer Convention in Hershey. Pictured above are Pete Gaudiuso, Marc Iacovielli, Mike Iacovielli and Joe Narciso. If you want more information about the Brooklyn Alumni Club or would like to become a member, contact President Pete Gaudiuso (pgaudiuso@msn.com) and check the club's website, www.leaguelineup.com/apd.



Photo by John Russo



These Psi alumni reunited in the summer of 2005. Dave Cech, Psi 1971, Claude Neidlinger, Psi 1970, and Bob Lepore, Psi 1969 holding his son, met in Marietta, Ohio, home of brother Cech. Neidlinger came in from Minnesota and Lepore from New Jersey. They were classmates and roommates at Duquesne University in the early 1970s and have tried to remain in touch over the years and distances.

The Youngstown Alumni Club held its 12th annual bocce tournament April 21st at Mr. Anthony's Restaurant in Boardman, Ohio. The Youngstown brothers were somewhat surprised as the tournament was won by a group of brothers from the Pittsburgh Alumni Club (pictured above). The event was a great success with more than 70 graduate and undergraduate brothers from surrounding states in attendance.



Benjamin J. Roseto, Psi 1932, celebrated his 92nd birthday recently. Ben is pictured with his daughter Lucinda, who claims that Ben has a great memory and is aging well.

Robert Stadulis, Mu (Cornell) 1964, retired in 2004. He is living in Kent, Ohio, and is professor emeritus at Kent State University. Even though he has retired, he is still teaching, advising, and doing research on his own time schedule.

Carmen DiGiacomo, Psi (Duquesne) 1960, writes that his three granddaughters are helping him to enjoy retirement. He is doing scenic photography and he enjoys traveling. Carmen is living in Pittsburgh and is an active member of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club.

Jeffrey C. Breen, Gamma Sigma (St. John's) 1989, recently moved to Garwood, N.J. from Staten Island. He earned a master's degree of telecommunications management from Steven's Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.Y. He has also been appointed as Vice President of Public Relations for Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity.

Edward M. Gabriel, Beta Rho (Gannon) 1972, gave the keynote address to the Gannon University graduating class in the December 2005 commencement. Gabriel is the former ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

Keith Bernard, Psi (Duquesne) 1965, has taken a position at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. in the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis.

Robert G. DeMartini, Beta Sigma (St. Francis) 1997, and girlfriend Teresa Marcotrigiano were engaged on February 12th. Rob is the president of the Beta Sigma Alumni Association as well as a member of NYAC, LIAC, and the BAC. Six years ago Robert wrote an article that

is now the closing passage in the recent history book entitled "What brotherhood in Alpha Phi Delta Means." He is currently working as a healthcare manager for Hunter Green Healthcare Services in Lower Manhattan. The wedding date is set for March 28, 2008.

Anthony (O.J.) Thomas was recently elected as a trustee of the Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship Foundation. He was initiated into the Beta Omicron chapter at Youngstown State University and graduated with a B.S. degree in 1973. He is a member of the Youngstown Alumni Club (YAC) and has served in many capacities including President and Social Chairman. O.J. has been instrumental in the rejuvenation of the YAC, raising funds for local housing and the Youngstown Alumni Club Scholarship Fund. O.J. is a professional real estate appraiser. He and his wife Karen were married in 1977. Their daughter Leanna is a graduate of Notre Dame University. Their son Matthew attends the University of Dayton.

Edward R. Wasielewski, Gamma Zeta 1992 (Villanova), is an attorney in Pennsylvania. His practice specializes in the representation of sports and entertainment clients. He is living and working in Philadelphia.

Jason Jasinski, Delta Xi 1994 (Seton Hall University), is a software engineer at Prudential in Newark, N.J. He resides in Nutley, N.J.

Carlo Lucatino, Gamma Xi (Southern Connecticut State University) 1991, is married with two sons—ages 3 and 7. His wife is expecting their third child. Carlo is working for Leapfrog Enterprises and owns his own real estate company in Hamden, Conn.



Lieutenant Kevin J. DiFalco received his wings from the United States Air Force on March 3, 2006. He will be assigned to fly the F-16 Fighting Falcon, which is quite the name for a "DiFalco," and has been assigned to Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, Arizona. Kevin was one of the founders and a charter member of the Delta Chi chapter of Alpha Phi Delta at the University of Colorado. That chapter began in 2002 and has been very successful over the last few years, winning the Most Improved Chapter Award and then the Outstanding Chapter Award for two successive years. Kevin graduated from the University of Colorado in 2004 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. He may not be the first Alpha Phi Delta to fly at supersonic speeds, but he probably is the most recent.

Psi Chapter Memorabilia Needed

Dick Mellick, Psi 1955, is collecting Psi chapter memorabilia such as composites, ball books, dinner dance programs, chapter yearbooks, undergraduate photos, etc. Dick is the historian for the Pittsburgh Alumni Club and is working in conjunction with an archivist at Duquesne University to share our fraternity history with the university. Please send any memorabilia you are willing to part with to Dick at 1021 Waterdam Plaza Drive, McMurray, PA 15317 or contact him at 724-941-5068.

Carfang Feted by Duquesne

Anthony J. Carfang, *Psi (Duquesne) 1969*, was honored by Duquesne University on March 23rd as a Distinguished Alumnus of the School of Business. Tony also gave the keynote address on success to the members of the 2006 graduating class from the business school. He is a Past National President of Alpha Phi Delta (serving from 1980 to 1982) and was a founder of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation.

Tony received an M.B.A. from Northwestern University following his B.S. in Finance from Duquesne University. After obtaining the position of Vice President at First National Bank of Chicago, Tony founded Treasury Strategies in 1982, a management consulting firm serving corporations and financial institutions in treasury, liquidity,

payments and working capital management.

Tony and his wife Carol, whom he met at Duquesne, have four children and live outside Chicago. They have donated \$30,000 to the Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship Fund as an investment in educational assistance to the next generation of leaders. Tony is still currently involved with the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation as an investment advisor as well as maintaining the website and database for alumni. He is also a specialist in Italian genealogy.



Anthony J. Carfang, left, is honored by Duquesne University President Dr. Charles Dougherty



Tony Carfang is honored by numerous fraternity brothers in attendance at his distinguished alumnus presentation. From left, Cal Shipley, Tony Carfang, Don Reddinger, John Russo, Ned Cash, John Hadgkiss, Jerry Smulski, Paul Fabrizio.



These Beta Rho brothers reunited at the annual Pittsburgh Awards Dinner on April 7 at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association. From left: Dan Morgado, Rich Gagliardo, Len Oddo, Dean Manna, John Hadgkiss, Chuck Tabone.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL 2006

The 2006 annual convening of the fraternity's National Council was held on March 25th at Ramapo College in Mahwah, N.J. Approximately 120 brothers were able to attend and conduct the business of the fraternity. Among the business conducted was the election of officers—Evan Sottosanti, Beta Eta 1988, was re-elected for a second term as National President while Western Pa. District Governor Doug Sundo, Psi 1975, won the election for Executive Vice President over incumbent Abdul Gaibi. In other matters, the annual budget was approved with the reinstatement of a chapter assessment replacing the per capita system. A new alumni club was chartered in the state of Indiana as well as a new alumni association for Gamma Sigma (St. John's University).

Brett McCorkle, Beta Rho, was elected Vice President of Alumni Affairs and Adam Rosello won the corresponding office for undergraduates. Danny Thomas, Jr., Beta Omicron 1974, was appointed the new National Secretary with Central Office moving to his home town of Struther's, Ohio (see associated story in center).



These brothers were on hand as members to receive their charter as the Gamma Sigma Alumni Association.

Two chapters had to be closed due to lack of activity and members at their respective schools: Tuft's University in Boston and Embry Riddle in Florida.



Photo by Brett McCorkle

The National Council is not just for undergrads. These alumni were in attendance also.



Doug Sundo, newly elected Executive Vice President, Evan Sottosanti, returning National President and Tom Ammazalorso, host organizer of the 2006 Council Meeting



Most of the 120 delegates at the 2006 National Council took time out between the morning and afternoon session to take this group picture. Brothers ranged from undergraduates to seniors with Past National President Al Palazzo joining the group as the senior brother in attendance for this year.



Photo by Danny Thomas Jr.

The Youngstown Alumni Club held its annual polenta dinner at brother Nick Petrella's Boulevard Tavern on January 23rd. It was their first meeting of the year where they elected officers and voted to endow a new scholarship with the Foundation. In the picture, going down the left side: Jerry Zupp, Red Nolfi, Johnny Catheline, Sam Rogers, and (partially hidden) Pete Chila. On the right side: Rocco Mediate, Frank Tavalaro, the late Sam LaLama, and Joe Irilli. Jerry Zupp and Red Nolfi are from the chartering class of 1953 at YSU.

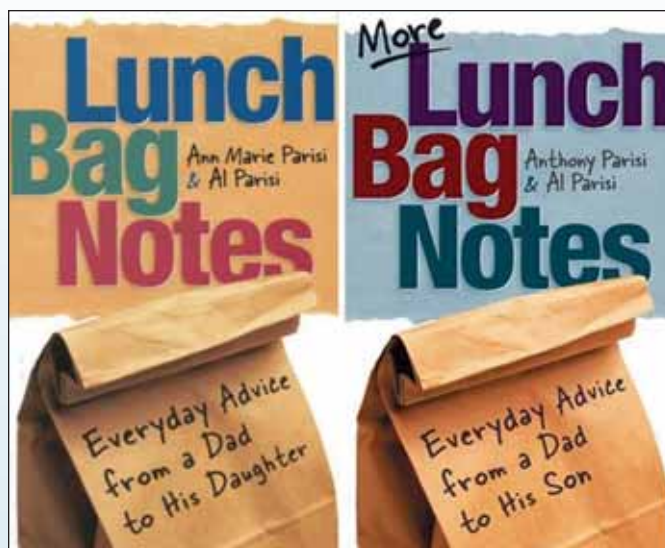


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Brothers of Epsilon Beta (LaSalle University) with Fred Bovoso of the DVAC being handed a giant check for \$2,000 to assist them with their bills. (L-R: Rob Nevitt, Andrew Capone, Fred Bovoso, Dina Petralia, C.J. Sullivan, Fr. James Lentini.)



The North Jersey Alumni Club held a Boys Night Out event at Arthur's Restaurant on February 10th. Rich Calbi, Gamma Pi 1988, Joe Galesi (Beta Xi 1988) and Chris Mann (Beta Xi 1989) are shown enjoying themselves. This annual event, organized by Glenn Small, attracted 17 brothers.



Lunch Bag Notes and More

Albert Parisi, Beta Eta (Brooklyn College) 1974, had his second book published in 2005, *More Lunch Bag Notes—Everyday Advice from a Dad to His Son*. Al is a regular columnist for *The Kleos* offering advice to our brothers.

This sequel to Al Parisi's *Lunch Bag Notes: Everyday Advice from a Dad to His Daughter* follows the same winning, folksy format as the original, presenting actual daily notes that Parisi tucked into his son's lunch bag. Much of the advice is pragmatic and motivational: Parisi tells his son to be persistent and have a positive attitude, to get plenty of rest and to learn a new word every day. He also explores ethical and theological themes, drawing from catholic belief and practice in ways that will welcome, and not alienate, readers from other faith traditions. As Parisi's epistles carry his son through the tumult of a sophomore year in high school during which the boy learns to drive, breaks up with a girlfriend and juggles heavy responsibilities, parents will come to see the importance of communication and daily connection with their teens. Every other page provides questions for reflection or discussion, along with space to journal.

From **New Man** (an Evangelical Protestant periodical): Families are busier than ever. It seems nearly impossible for dads to make those special daily connections with their sons. You know, the kind of fishing-hole experiences Andy Taylor used to have with Opie on *The Andy Griffith Show*. That's what authors Anthony and Al Parisi hope to rekindle with *More Lunch Bag Notes: Everyday Advice from a Dad to His Son* (Loyola Press). This title invokes a classic style that presents fatherly advice and inspiration in the form of daily notes left in a son's lunch bag. Written from a Catholic perspective, these nuggets transcend faith traditions, and will surely connect to fathers and sons everywhere.

Our Culture at the Crossroads

BY THOMAS AMMAZZALORSO, GAMMA PI 1993, VICE PRESIDENT FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS

As the new Vice President for Cultural Affairs for Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, I believe my first order of business is to say THANK YOU to the former VP of Cultural Affairs Brother John Peter Curielli. Brother Curielli has now moved on to tackle other projects in his life but his contributions to *The Kleos*, to our culture, and to the very fabric of our fraternity shall always be held in the highest honor.

As we approach the Summer of 2006, I believe the time has come to take an in-depth look at the culture of Alpha Phi Delta. What is our culture? Where did it come from? And, most importantly, where is it going? If our origins matter less than our destinations, then where we are going needs to not only be contemplated but discussed in greater detail. However, in order to answer all of these questions, we need to take a look at the history that created our culture of brotherhood in Alpha Phi Delta.

As all of you know, Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity was established as an Italian-American Heritage fraternity in 1914. For the next five long decades (1914–1964) Alpha Phi Delta remained an exclusive organization, open only to those of Italian-American heritage. But in 1965 a very brave group of brothers came to the realization that the time had come to expand our culture and to strengthen the fabric of our fraterni-



Thomas Ammazzalorso

ty. So, beginning in 1965, our fraternity opened to young men from all walks of life, regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity. And for a little more than four decades now, we have inducted young men whose families come from all over the world. By taking such steps we have strengthened the culture, the very fabric of the common bond that unites us in brotherhood.

So, the question now becomes, where do we go in this new century? How will the culture of Alpha Phi Delta evolve as we become more uniquely American? I believe the answer is simple. As brothers, we all live for the future, but we must take our inspiration from the past and use the nearly ten historical decades of our fraternity to expand a culture that continues to promote the highest and noblest traits of man. These were the ideas set forward by seven young men nearly 100 years ago and these are the guiding principles that will keep us steady on the challenging road of the 21st century.

How we continue to evolve and meet the challenges of tomorrow is not going to be easy. The decade in which we now find ourselves presents as many challenges as it does possibilities. Our continued debate in regards to the culture of our fraternity is going to be a good one and I welcome all of the discussions we will have in the years ahead. *Faciamus!*

Two New Scholarships Endowed

Youngstown Alumni Club Honors Founder

The Youngstown Alumni Club recently voted to endow a scholarship through the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation. They kicked off their fund with a \$3770 donation and expect to reach their initial \$10,000 goal in two years time.

Its scholarship will be named after Donald "Red" Nolfi, the first chapter president of Beta Omicron. "Red" was not only one of the founding members of the Youngstown State University chapter in 1953, but has been active in the Youngstown Alumni Club since his college days ended. Brother Nolfi was one of a group of alumni that has kept the YAC going when it looked as if it was to the point of falling apart several years ago.

He is still active today in the YAC and its many activities. "We wanted to honor a deserving brother and "Red" certainly is



Donald "Red" Nolfi

deserving," said Danny Thomas, Jr., YAC President. "He's meant a lot to the history of our chapter here at YSU and to our alumni club over the years."

Paul Fabrizio Honors Parents



John and Virginia Fabrizio

Paul Fabrizio, Psi 1963, and his wife Charlene endowed a \$10,000 scholarship to honor Paul's recently deceased parents, John and Virginia Fabrizio. The elder Fabrizios both passed away in 2005. Paul is the chairman of the APD Foundation and a trustee on the Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship Committee. He is a former national treasurer and is a long-time member of the

Pittsburgh Alumni Club along with being its newsletter editor for the past 20 years.



Dr. Rex Gatto, Psi 1967, received the 2006 Adam DiVincenzo Award for community service. The award was given to him by the Pittsburgh Alumni Club at their annual awards dinner on April 7 where 53 brothers were in attendance.



Chris Mancusi, Alex Franki and Nick Franki enjoying the New York District Christmas Dance last December.



Leon Panella, Dick Mellick and John Russo, all Psi alumni, were representatives at the spring Alumni Greek Council meeting at Duquesne University. Duquesne is promoting the new alumni group to support and strengthen the undergraduate fraternities and sororities on campus. It is a positive endeavor to promote a bond between the university and the Greek fraternity system. Many American universities recognize that fraternity and sorority alumni support their alma maters more than non-Greek alumni.

Frank A. Sloss, *Gamma Tau 1989*, died in 2004 from brain cancer. He had just completed his Doctorial Thesis, recently remarried, and was recruited to head an R & D department for a local pharmaceutical company. He was a former pipe-fitter who returned to college on a re-training grant.

Ivan Sevillano, *Psi 1996*, was killed in January by a drunk driver in his home area in Puerto Rico. He had stopped on the side of the road to help another motorist when he was hit and killed.

Francis J. Principe, *Mu 1927*, passed away May 3, 2005. His memory will live on as his community in Queens, N.Y. renamed a municipal park in his honor. His death was reported by his son Lee, also a brother from Mu 1958.

Anthony Mondella, *Gamma Kappa (College of Staten Island) 1991*, died February 2, 2006 of a brain tumor. Anthony was 35. He was an actor who appeared in several off-Broadway plays and in several New York theater productions. His performances included roles in Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Dante's "Inferno," all off-Broadway. After graduation from C.S.I., Anthony attended the prestigious Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute. For 16 years, he worked at Lifespire, which provides myriad services to developmentally disabled individuals.

Paul Arleo, *Theta Beta 1947*, passed away February 14, 2006.

Samuel Lalama, *Beta Omicron 1956*, succumbed March 15 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Sam was an active member of the Youngstown Alumni Club and was the recipient of the National Outstanding Undergraduate Award in 1960.

Robert J. Wahrer, *Beta Zeta 1946*, passed away June 23, 2005 in Nokomis, Fla.

Rudolph L. Yannitto, *Chi 1942*, passed away November 14, 2005 after a four year illness. He was a graduate of Penn State with bachelor's and master's degrees in education. He taught and worked in the Pennsylvania education system for 30 years before retiring to Florida in 1979.

Judge Frank DeBellis, *Theta Beta 1948*, died February 23, 2006 in Mobile, Ala. He was an Administrative Law Judge for the United States serving since 1990. Frank was a native of Circello, Benevento, Italy and a long-time resident of New York where he attended New York University and earned degrees in accounting, business administration and law. He had served as an attorney for 19 years in Pelham, N.Y. and was an adjunct professor of law at St. John's University.

Steve Trybus, *Beta Rho 1988*, passed away May 27, 2003. He was residing in Fombell, Pa.

Eugene Milie, *Psi 1950*, passed away November 28, 2005 in Vandergrift, Pa.

The Kleos received word that **Howard Hancox, *Beta Rho 1968***, passed away.

James D. Trovato, *Psi 1948*, of Venetia, Pa., passed away April 1, 2005.

Frederick Paesano, *Psi 1954*, passed away in March. He was residing in Long Beach, Calif.

James S. Giampiccolo, *Theta 1940*, passed away February 27, 2006 at age 85. Jim was a graduate of New York University, a Life Member of APD, and a member of the Southern California Alumni Club. Jim and his wife Theresa had generously endowed the "Carmelo and Carmela Giampiccolo" and "James and Theresa Giampiccolo" Scholarships with the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation. They were one of the earliest wholly endowed funds 20 years ago.

SUMMER CONVENTION 2006

The annual family summer convention of Alpha Phi Delta is returning to Hershey, Pennsylvania over a four-day weekend—August 3rd through the 6th. Be a part of APD fraternalism this year.

Details

August 3 to 6, 2006

Lodging at the Harrisburg Hershey Holiday Inn
Special APD family rate of \$144 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 3rd

Welcome barbecue party
Dinner \$20 per adult, \$10 per child under 10

Friday, August 4th

Family outing to Hershey Park
Golf outing
Dinner at Cantone's Italian Restaurant

Saturday, August 5th

Softball game 10:00 A.M.
Fraternity and Foundation meetings
Alumnus Emeritus luncheon

Saturday Evening

Annual memorial mass followed by Awards Banquet.
Dinner \$40 per adult, \$30 per child/student

Sunday, August 6th

Breakfast and departure

Alpha Phi Delta private hospitality room nightly

You must make your dinner reservation and dinner payments before July 4th.

Local Attractions:

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

Contact Central Office for more details
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