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ON THE COVER:

Gamma Omicron Chapter held its induction ceremony on November 20, 2005. The six new brothers bring its current membership to 17, which makes Stony Brook University the largest chapter in NYC!

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LUNCH BAG NOTES

Secrets on Setting Goals and Strategies for Achieving Them

BY ALBERT PARISI, BETA ETA



Webster's Dictionary defines goal as the end toward which effort is directed.

Do you have goal(s) in your life? Have you reduced your goal(s) to writing? Studies have been done by respected universities which indicate 90% of us never set goals; of the 10% who do, only 3% actually write them down. This latter group consists of some of the most successful people in all fields of endeavor.

Goal setting requires first of all specificity. In other words "to be a success" is not a valid goal. Rather goals should sound like this: "By 2010, I will have my own Carvel Franchise in Brooklyn's Bensonhurst section" or perhaps: "By next year this time I will have completed my first novel and submitted the manuscript to 10 publishers."

Goals need proper maintenance, small adjustments that build on the main goal. Immediately and audaciously begin to take action. Refine your goal(s) more and more. Post visual images of your goal in prominent locations, like your bathroom mirror, your pillow, refrigerator, your work area, your car, your brief case, and anywhere else you might regularly eye it.

Write down the benefits of achieving your goal: I will be happier, healthier, wealthier, etc. when I achieve 'your particular goal.' Act as if you have achieved your goal and are just filling in the details of how you got there. Keep a smile on your face. Reward yourself for each positive step you take, and don't beat your self up over miscues/minor failures. They are a part of the 'rungs of the ladder' that lead you to the top.

Consider every obstacle you might encounter along the way. Develop strategies for handling each circumstance. Common obstacles you are likely to confront are naysayers, lack of capital, small failures, digressions, competition, poor time management, etc. Know beforehand how you will overcome any obstacle that comes your way.

Gain as much knowledge as you can about your goal. If your goal is to be an Indy car driver, learn every detail about the car, the track and the competition. If your goal is to be a sports agent, learn every detail about your competitors (fees they charge, who their clients are, what their shtick is, where they hang out, when and how they approach clients).

Develop support groups/mentors, who can provide you honest advice and counsel, help you overcome obstacles and keep you motivated.

Construct a plan of action, and meticulously work the plan. A popular adage says: "People don't plan to fail, they fail to plan." One common error is mistaking activity for accomplishment.

Be committed. To paraphrase W. H. Macy, don't be committed like a kamikaze pilot on his 12th mission.

Seek and seize opportunity. The mass of men call this luck; they believe success is serendipitous. As Zig Ziglar says: "Arise each morning when the 'opportunity clock' sounds and greet God boldly with the words: Lord we are going to have a great day." Who could be a better partner than the Lord?

Remember you have the same number of hours in a day as any doctor, lawyer, entrepreneur, or for that matter, your average billionaire like Bill Gates. Use those hours wisely, "Age quod agis"—"do what you are doing," always remaining focused. Understand you aren't making sacrifices by giving up some habits and activities you enjoy, but rather that you are now investing your time and talent in yourself instead.

Don't sit around waiting for things to happen. Make them happen. Ed McMahon isn't going to knock on your door. If you want to succeed you must proceed without hesitation. Until you are truly committed and begin the journey to success, there is a good chance you may draw back. Don't! Move forward and "seize the day."

If you would like more information or personal assistance on setting and achieving goals contact Brother Parisi at info@lunchbagnotes.net or visit www.lunchbagnotes.com.

Passing of a Past National President

Stanley W. Raffa, 1925–2005

Alpha Phi Delta Giant for over 50 Years

The following is excerpted from the eulogy by Ron Sme, Beta Sigma 1964, read at the funeral of Stanley Raffa.

You can't think of Stan Raffa without remembering his love for classic movies. I can recall many summer evenings watching Stan's classics on reels, well before VCRs were invented to say nothing of DVDs. I can vividly recall a movie marathon that Stan held as a fundraiser many years ago. He rented a church hall in Brooklyn and charged admission. It began at 8:00 in the evening and ended the next morning with breakfast at the home of (Past National President) Al and Dottie Palazzo. That was the first time I saw the now legendary "It's a Wonderful Life." Now it's somewhat commonplace, but then it was generally unavailable for viewing due to copyright laws or whatever. Stan was very proud to show it. As you know, the central plot revolves around what would happen if George Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart, had never lived.

Where would Alpha Phi Delta be today if Stan Raffa had never lived?

I first met Stan when I was an undergraduate at my first convention. Stan had recently returned from the West Coast and he was proudly showing off galleys of his monumental "History of Alpha Phi Delta." There have been updates since then, but unless Stan started the process and laid the foundation, there would be no "history."

In 1970, when Stan assumed the presidency of the fraternity, Alpha Phi Delta was crumbling. Chapters had no national spirit, they never saw National officers. Stan changed all that. Even as early as the spring of 1967, I remember Stan—he was editor of The Kleos at that time, taking me and a few other Beta Sigma undergraduates to Pittsburgh to attend an Executive Council meeting. He introduced me to the likes of Adam DiVincenzo and Joe Scottie, Joe DeGuglielmo and Carlo Vannicola, Steve Rubino, Dr. Macedonia, and Ernie Colletti—a veritable rogues gallery of fraternity personalities. That trip launched me on a journey of fraternal activity that continues to this day. And you know what? That trip didn't cost me a dime—but I was so enriched by the stories he



Stan Raffa with his dog, Buttons, in a recent photo.

would tell on that long, long ride to Pittsburgh in his infamous Chevy convertible. To me, and so many others of my generation, he was The Godfather, and this was before Francis Ford Coppola. And later as Executive Secretary, with Al Palazzo in Central Office, they criss-crossed the country as the living embodiment of the spirit of Alpha Phi Delta, setting the scene for expansion, expansion that had gone a full eleven years without a new chapter. We now take expansion for granted.

For 15 years as Chairman of the Scholarship Foundation, Stan worked tirelessly to help raise funds for scholarship. His last project, the publishing of his book, relating his wartime experiences as a prisoner of war, *The Hungry and the Sick*, has its profits earmarked for scholarship. Literally hundreds of undergrads over the years have received financial aid from Alpha Phi Delta

because of Stan's efforts.

Stan not only held more different positions in the fraternity than anyone else, but he did something in those positions. In the history of Alpha Phi Delta, he is a true giant. No, he is THE giant.

But you know, he could be very difficult, very difficult. He could be very stubborn and very demanding. I can recall as a young alumnus looking forward to New York-Brooklyn Alumni Club meetings. Getting Stan and Joe Derrico and Frank Cavallaro together was a sure bet for tempestuous discussions—it was better than Broadway. I can just imagine the meeting going on now in that "chapter eternal." The angels better have cotton to stuff in their ears. Or maybe Brother Camillus can help calm them all down.

While he was difficult at times with his fraternity brothers, he was almost courtly to fraternity wives and children. He was the epitome of what you would call a classy person. When he welcomed you into his home, you were treated like visiting royalty.

At the end of "It's a Wonderful Life," Clarence the Angel gives George Bailey a book inscribed: "Remember no man is a failure who has friends." The spirit of Alpha Phi Delta that he fostered is the legacy of Stan Raffa, a wonderful brother and a truly a wonderful life.

Stanley W. Raffa, 30th National President, passed away September 30th after an extended illness.

Stan was born September 3, 1925 in New York City. While serving in the Army during World War II, he became a prisoner of war in Germany during the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. He was released on April 1, 1945. After the war, he attended Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute where he pledged Delta chapter in January 1949 and went on to receive his B.S. in physics at Adelphi College.

He retired from Western Union where he had attained the position of Assistant Vice President. He had many hobbies besides Alpha Phi Delta as he enjoyed building a massive collection of stamps, films, books and records. Stan lived with his sister Maria in Dumont, N.J. He wrote a book on his experiences as a P.O.W. with the 106th Division of the Army. His book, *The Hungry and the Sick*, was released in 2004 on the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge to preserve the memory and experiences of his comrades.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"We will no longer accept mediocrity"



*Evan Sottosanti
National President*

This letter comes on the heels of a strong Fall semester. Many things have transpired since my last letter including procuring insurance, enforcing new risk management policies, which includes the Indemnification Letter (asking brothers to sign a statement that their actions do not reflect the actions of the fraternity) and finally my largest task—changing the organizational culture of Alpha Phi Delta.

Now, I don't want to imply by any means that changing the organizational culture has been accomplished, but the process has begun. This is one of the most difficult things to do in any organization because you are fighting against the momentum of all the things that shaped the organizational culture over many years. It also can make you an unpopular figure among those resisting these changes. However, these changes need to occur.

As I set the tone for my administration, I am sure many of you have noticed a new accountability among the National officers and Central Office in general. This is part of that culture change. We will no longer accept officers that will not put the time and effort into their positions. We will no longer accept

mediocrity. For this fraternity to truly succeed, we need strong leaders. It is that simple.

I have to mention some individuals that really have stepped up to the plate and have taken on the challenges of their positions with enthusiasm: Abdul Gaibi, Todd Cusato, Steven Schmid, Chris Mancusi, Danny Thomas and Rob DeVito. These are just but a few of many brothers that have accepted the challenge and are getting the job done. Some of these names will be very familiar to you and some are new faces.

Another cultural issue that I am trying to change is the fact that our fraternity lives hand to mouth in a financial sense. We always seem to be struggling from year to year and I really believe that has to change. This is a monumental task and I am willing to take it on, so we don't have to be in dire straits continuously. This will require a commitment from the fraternity at large to be willing to accept higher fees for the short term to build up equity for the long term.

I truly believe that we are all working towards the same goals; we just might take different avenues to get there. Once we let personal pride cloud our good judgment and forget why we are doing what we are doing, it can become a problematic situation. Let us all remember that we are working to make Alpha Phi Delta the best it can be. We want to see our fraternity survive well into the future and we must realize that some small sacrifices now can lead to a much more prosperous Alpha Phi Delta later on for us all to enjoy.

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.

Sightseeing, golf

Dinner at Cantone's Italian Restaurant

Saturday, August 5th

Fraternity and Foundation meetings.

Sightseeing

Softball Game

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 to Central Office before July 4th.

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Local Attractions:

Hershey's Chocolate World

Antique Automobile Museum

Hershey Gardens

Hershey Park

Hershey Museum

Gettysburg National Cemetery

Contact Central Office for more details
or email Kleos@apd.org

2005 Scholarship Winners



Marissa Calfe is shown with her sponsor, her grandfather Anthony Iole, Psi 1948. Marissa is the winner of the Frank Costanzo Award Number 1.



Ron N. Repak, Psi 2005, was awarded the A. Joseph Creston Scholarship. Ron is shown here with father Ron Repak, Psi 1972.



Bernadette Sperranza with her sponsor and brother Nick Sperranza, Beta Eta. Bernadette is attending Pace University and was the recipient of the Eta Chapter Memorial Scholarship.



Dan Enck, Psi 2003, was the recipient of the Frank Costanzo Award Number 2. He is shown here with his brothers and dates at the 2005 Psi Chapter Valentine Ball which raised \$3,000 for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Shown above from left are Psi brothers Tony Lonerio, David Kuntz and Dan Enck.



Andrew Stergio, Delta Kappa, received the Long Island Alumni Club John Pasta Scholarship. Andrew is pictured on the far right with other brothers and alumni of Delta Kappa, SUNY Binghamton at brother David Ellenbogen's wedding on April 2, 2005.



Krista Going with her sponsor and grandfather Frank Leanza, Krista won the Carmelo and Carmela Giampiccolo.



Christine Grimaldi was the winner of the Brooklyn Alumni Club Award. She is pictured with her sponsor, her cousin Bryan Grimaldi.

Matt Gomick, Psi 2001, right, with his sponsor, District Governor Doug Sundo. Matt received the Founder's Award, APD's top scholarship. Matt writes, "I want you to know that I am working very diligently to achieve my goal of becoming an orthodontist; and in doing so, I am striving to make my fellow brothers proud. Despite my dedicated focus on academics, I still value the importance of being involved in number of extracurricular activities. I was just voted vice President elect of the American Dental Student Association. The skills and experiences that I gained during my four years of participation at Psi Chapter will help me to succeed in this position as well as the other student organizations in which I am involved. I am looking forward to establishing my practice and having the time and finances to give back to the scholarship foundation that so graciously helped me."



MEMORIES

I Remember my Italian American childhood (1932–1945)

BY BOB SAGLIAN, EPSILON 1954

The memories flood back from my childhood.

My Sicilian grandmother Concetta Scime and my mother Anne Saglian opening a bag of fresh snails, (long before we knew what escargot were) and watching them crawl all over the kitchen table as if they knew what watery fate awaited them. My grandmother dropped them into a large kettle of salted boiling water, cooked them to perfection, very tender and very deceased and then served them with a delicious covering of homemade tomato sauce.

My grandmother baking loaves of Italian bread in our coal stove. The best coal for some reason I never learned had blue dots on each piece. We waited patiently while the incredible odor of fresh bread filled the house. They were removed from the oven at just the right time, cooled slightly, and then topped with olive oil and salt and pepper, and sometimes Romano or Parmesan cheese. Thank God margarine had not yet been invented!

My grandmother baking fresh mackerel purchased from the neighborhood fish market to perfection and served with a light homemade tomato sauce covering the fish. The odor of this delicacy once again filled the house.

Fresh dandelions bought from the neighborhood huckster, an old Italian gentleman that went from street to street ringing a bell loudly and carrying all kinds of fresh vegetables while being pulled in a large horse-drawn wagon. As he went from street to street he shouted out his wares and prices always guaranteeing the absolute freshness of his produce.

I remember the old Italian gentleman that pushed a grinding wheel from street to street while ringing a bell and shouting out loudly as to whether or not anyone wanted their knives or scissors sharpened. He turned the wheel by pushing pedals attached to a belt that turned the wheel.

I remember the little old Italian organ grinder with a trained monkey that came to our street each week. For a nickel the organ grinder would play a tune and the monkey would take off his hat and take a bow when you dropped a nickel in the cup. The old man became so famous that after he passed away the organ was placed in the Buffalo Historical Museum for display for each following generation to appreciate.

I remember my mother giving my sister Sylvia and me ten cents each to go to the Columbia Theater—five cents to cover admission and five cents for popcorn or candy. Very often the extra five cents would be given to my best friend Sam Gagliardo, who didn't have five cents. There would be a main feature, a 'B' movie usually a western, cartoons and a serial which was a cliffhanger and left the hero in serious danger, usually rushing water, explosion or walls and ceiling closing in to crush him. You had to wait for the following week to see if he escaped. He always did, and the villain was exposed and met his just fate in the last episode.



Each Wednesday night my mother and sister Sylvia would attend the Columbia Theatre for 'dish night.' Each patron was given a free dish and in time you would have collected an entire set. Occasionally during a quiet moment during the movie, someone would drop a dish onto the concrete floor and the crash would reverberate through the theater. The audience would then laugh, whistle and cheer loudly at the sound.

My sister and me rushing to the kitchen door in the freezing winter air to bring in the glass milk bottle. The cream would rise to the top and we would devour it like ice cream.

I would peddle my American Flyer or Schwinn bike, the two most desired makes, across town into the Italian section to

Niagara Street to purchase cannoli from the Virginia or Muscarella pastry shop. Both unfortunately long gone. Another nickel which went a long, long way.

Once again on my bike to the west side for fresh boiled crabs, a nickel each. Incredibly sweet meat, but never eat the green stuff whatever that was!

December 7, 1941, the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, and we are at war. President Franklin Roosevelt rallies the country declaring this day as a date that will live in infamy.

The country is united as we gird for war. I am only nine years old, my father is called into the Marine Corp, and America seeks ways to help in the fight for freedom.

There are paper drives where families are asked to bring all newspapers to St. Michael's schoolyard where I am a student. My friends and I scour the neighborhood and round up every piece of paper we can find.

There are scrap and rubber drives, as the Japanese advances on all fronts cut off our supplies. Once again the Cherry Street gang rises to the task. This is our country too and we will fight in our own way!

There is food and gasoline rationing, and we receive food and gas stamps and follow the rules regarding consumption.

We buy war bonds, war stamps and contribute to the ushers in the theaters when they pass their collection plates.

To help out at home I carry groceries from the Washington Street market for older ladies to their homes for ten cents. My friend and I scale the steeple of St. Michael's Church to capture pigeons to sell to little old Italian women for their consumption.

I was hired by Stegner's Drug Store at \$15 to clerk and clean the store on weekends. I handed my paycheck over to my mother, and I received \$2 for my own personal use.

There are so many memories that we all share from our Italian-American childhood that have long ago receded into our cultural history. I have been pleased to share a few of mine. I hope that they have entertained, perhaps amused and enlightened you.

Legends in Alpha Phi Delta



Adam DiVincenzo and Joseph Scotti were Central Office for 18 years (1960–78) and were legends in Alpha Phi Delta during that time period and beyond. Brother Pete Chila, former 6th District Governor, reflects back on what these two brothers meant to him.

"Adam and Joe"

BY PETER CHILA, BETA OMICRON 1961

Turn back in time... **turn back in time.** Sunday afternoon—May 7, 1961—Youngstown University—Beta Omicron Chapter...

Eighteen pledges are admitted to the brotherhood of Alpha Phi Delta. As the blindfolds are removed, I see two people who will have an impact on my affiliation with the fraternity: Adam DiVincenzo and Joseph Scotti. Adam is the National Secretary and Joe is the National Treasurer.

Both welcome us warmly into the bonds of Brotherhood, Love and Justice and both pledge their support for our efforts at the chapter level.

There would be many opportunities to see "Adam and Joe" together in the years to come. (One learned quickly that you never said "Adam" without saying "Joe.")

We would see them at our dinner-dances, our initiations and at the National meetings. We would see them at our chapter meetings on Tuesday nights at 10 p.m. When the discussions began about the acquisition of a house sponsored through the national housing corporation, "Adam and Joe" helped nurture the dream of a house into the reality of a house.

Fall-Winter-Spring-Summer... no matter the season or the time; they would come when needed—"Adam and Joe."

In November of 1968, I, along with Beta Omicron's founding president—Donald "Red" Nolfi, made the drive to the College of Steubenville's Beta Theta chapter where I would be presiding as the Sixth District Governor over my first undergraduate initiation. "Adam and Joe" were also planning to be there.

The silence of the undergraduates as we entered the room where the ceremony would be held was ominous! Those present

were in a state of disbelief and shock about the tragedy that had occurred. A terrible automobile accident claimed the lives of two of the pledges and left the third pledge (Joe's son) with permanent life long injuries.

Don Nolfi and I drove quickly across the bridge to the hospital in Weirton W.V. As we arrived, so too, did Adam. We exchanged a quick nod and comment about this horrible event. Adam entered the hospital and there he took Joe into his arms with the sad embrace of brothers bound by sorrow. In that moment, I saw "Adam and Joe" and true brotherhood. It is a memory that is still vivid after all these years.

Life moves on and so does Alpha Phi Delta. "Adam and Joe" continued to serve our fraternity magnificently. Those of us who were District Governors in the late sixties and early seventies can remember those years as the period of the "relevancy question." Undergraduates always seemed to be questioning the role and value of the National office. And always, "Adam and Joe" and the Governors worked in tandem to keep the National relationship with the chapters alive. The effort was successful. Alpha Phi Delta has survived and prospered to this day!

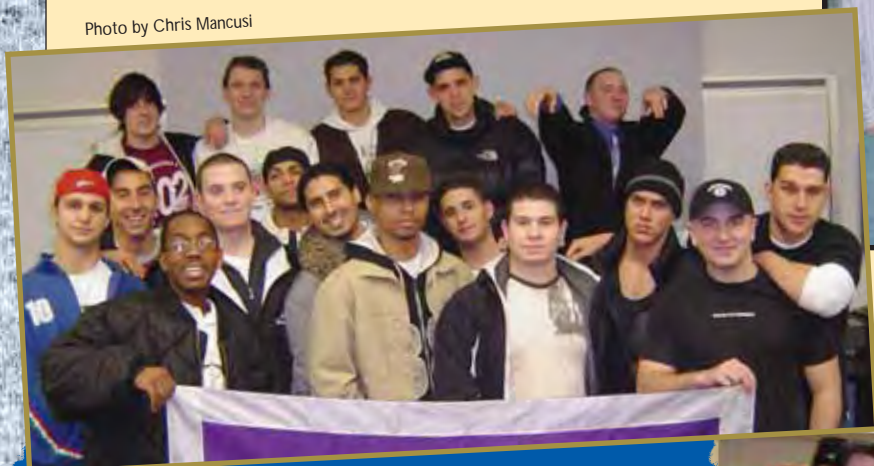
It is true as Salvatore Spalla wrote many years ago—"From a seed that was fraternal love/And of one blood was made/There sprouted roots of gripping stuff that a mighty oak than staid/And from that seed the tree took form/It branched into the air/Strong limbs with leaves ten thousand strong/Sung her glories in the wind." And in my mind, I see "Adam and Joe" at the top of that mighty oak joining in the great chorus of our Chapter Eternal.

God bless you both, always... "Adam and Joe!"

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

New York City District Has Active Fall

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Seventeen newly inducted brothers from the fall semester enjoy their first district meeting in New York as brothers of Alpha Phi Delta.

Beta Eta Chapter celebrates the induction of its 66th pledge class on November 26, 2005. Rocco Ali, Richard Cardona, Steven Drapkin, Daniel Gelbinovich, Adem Hoxha, Joseph Jajati, Greg Maggio, David Mazer, Mario Rivera, Michael Ziemba took the oath of brotherhood. These 10 represent the largest pledge class of all chapters in the National fraternity. Robert Landi, VP for Member Education and Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor, presided over the ceremony. Many thanks to the NYAC for hosting yet another NYC induction.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Gamma Rho held an initiation ceremony in Queens for its newest pledge class. Dillon F. Charles, Erik A. Haas, Chris Harney, David Monroy, Jr., Tyrel I. Powell, Shervan A. Sebusfim, Brandon E. Sloan, Ithai Tai took the oath of brotherhood on November 22, 2005.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

The NYC District held its December district meeting on December 6th at St. John's University, Queens. It was supported strongly by over 45 brothers.

More Undergraduate Scrapbook can be found on page 13.

On Sunday, October 23, 2005, the NYC District held its October District Meeting and Annual Pledgebowl Competition. The District Meeting was very successful as a productive Q & A session was held with National President Evan Sottosanti. During our District Meeting the pledges had almost two hours to mix and mingle while meeting pledges from other chapters. The pledgebowl was quite an enjoyable experience for all who were able to attend. Forty pledges combined with 60+ brothers to create a great time for all. The Pledgebowl is equivalent to a pledge jeopardy where pledges are asked fraternity related questions. The winning chapters progress in a tournament style. This year's winner was Beta Eta of Brooklyn College.



Photo by Chris Mancusi



Photo by Chris Mancusi

Beta Eta Chapter pose proudly with its 2003–2004 Most Improved Chapter Award. The award was presented at the 2005 Summer Convention.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

Gamma Sigma Chapter held its induction on October 28, 2005 at the New York Alumni Club office. Jay Alvarez, Charles Arnone, William DePeppo, James Morris, John Rooney and Francesco Sciortino are now proud members of the Eta class. The ceremony was performed by Chris Mancusi, District Governor and Rob Landi, VP for Member Education. The chapter would like to thank the Franki brothers and the NYAC for their continued support.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

The New York City District held its first meeting of the academic year on September 13, 2005. The meeting saw almost forty brothers attend and is one of the largest meetings in recent years. The event was hosted by Gamma Sigma Chapter at St. John's University, Staten Island campus.

ALUMNI NEWS

Craig Dovidio, *Beta Delta 1985*, Temple University, moved from Philadelphia to Abler, Pa. in Montgomery County. He is enjoying a career has as a teacher of video production and media arts at The Art Institute of Philadelphia and University of the Arts and Burn Brae Day Camp. He currently has business offices in Ambler and Huntingdon Valley, catering to all levels of corporate and industrial and private family events in DVD creations.

John C. Gaglione, *Beta Omicron 1967*, Youngstown State, writes, "For the past 31 years I have been teaching Italian and French in grades 6 through 8. Prior to this, I worked for Alitalia Airlines in Chicago for three years. I have put my love and knowledge of travel to good use by sponsoring trips to Italy for both students and community members. It has been a lot of fun and I hope to continue doing so after I retire in two years. Thank you and the other brothers for doing an outstanding job in keeping the fraternity afloat, especially in Youngstown."

Marvet J. Brown, *Beta Chi 1980*, Utica, was involved in a work accident last year and has been confined to a wheel chair. He does not get out of the house much, but thanks to generous friends, he has

Psi classmates reunited at a Pittsburgh Alumni club dinner meeting on October 7, 2005. **Charlie Manfreda**, *Psi 1951*, **Joe DeNardo**, *Psi 1950*, and **C. J. Delintines**, *Psi 1951*, were in attendance for a speaking engagement by brother **DeNardo**. Joe spoke to an alumni club gathering of 40 men about his career in meteorology. Joe recently retired as a local meteorologist after working in broadcast television meteorologist for 45 years.



Photo by John Russo

been able to procure the use of a special van so he can get back and forth to the doctor. He passes on his regards to his brothers. Marvet is living in Wingdale, New York.

Eugene Zinni, *Epsilon 1957*, Buffalo, is a former football player for the University of Buffalo and is coaching football in his hometown of Lockport, New York.

Brandon S. Poterjoy, *Delta Iota 1995*, Kings College, has a new daughter as of September 8, 2005. Mary Frances Elizabeth weighed 7 lbs 6 oz. Brandon writes, "As for myself—I have extended

my medical training and will spend three more years at St. Christopher's for specialty training in the neonatal intensive care unit—it was quite the hair-raising choice these past few months as we anxiously awaited our new baby's arrival, and prayed she didn't require a stay in a NICU. Only other news is that I am coaching daughter Kaitie's soccer team—it is an experience to try and keep 14 girls age 7–9 focused at 7 pm. I do not envy anyone in the elementary teaching profession." Brandon went to med school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, did his internship at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville Pa, and finished pediatric residency at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia.

Chuck Gloman, *Chi 1977*, Penn State, has published his sixth book, *Placing Shadows: Lighting Techniques for Video Production*, 3rd Edition (Focal Press 2005). He is currently a member of the faculty at DeSales University in Center Valley, Pa. In addition to teaching TV/Film courses, he is a contributing editor for *Government Video* and *Videography* magazines with over 300 published articles. He is also working on creating a DVD for the Department of Homeland Security.

Millard Shum pledged at St. John's University in the fall of 1988 (*Beta Pi Four*) and is currently stationed in Balad, Iraq assigned to a Navy H-60 squadron. This is his third deployment to the Persian Gulf. When not on service for the United States, Millard lives in Virginia Beach with his wife Julie.



Photo by Pete Gaudioso

On an unusually mild November day in New York, the Brooklyn Alumni Club got together for a Broadway Brunch followed by a thoroughly entertaining performance of the Tony Award winner for Best Musical, *Spamalot*! The very cultured group pictured outside the theatre are (from left in various heights) **Joe Narciso**, **Sofia Narciso**, **Mike Manniello** and **Mike Jr.**, **Pete Gaudioso**, **Len Plantemoli**, **Suzanne Awn**, **Joe and Janet Calderella**, **Doug Awn**, **Terri and Zeke Parmegiani**, **Dominique Iacovelli**, **Mike Iacovelli** and **Samantha Narciso**.

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Al Parisi, Beta Eta 1974, Brooklyn College, recently published his second book. The latest book *More Lunch Bag Notes: Every Day Advice from a Dad to His Son* was released nationally in September. It follows the same format as the original book *Lunch Bag Notes*, presenting the actual notes he wrote to his son Anthony on a daily basis and placed in his brown bag lunch. Al writes, "The book is an excellent resource for the young men of APD to guide them in decision making, developing a positive attitude, dealing with stress, peer pressure, failure and more. The blank lines, which follow each inspirational and/or motivational note, are especially helpful, as the reader can immediately journal his thoughts and begin to make positive changes his life." Al lives in Agoura Hills, Calif. with his wife Mary and children Ann Marie and Anthony. Al is a featured columnist for *The Kleos* (see page 2).

Len Farano, Eta 1955, has been reuniting with his Eta (CCNY) classmates (see *Kleos* Summer 2000). He recently met several of the Eta "kids" for a wonderful luncheon at Russo's On the Bay. It confirmed several things in to them: 1. Fraternity is not fleeting but is forever. 2. CCNY produced true professionals in every sense of the word. 3. Belonging to Alpha Phi Delta means that the aging process stops at sixty-five.

Len writes that "we and our wives had a wonderful time and enjoyed meeting the more mature brothers and their wives. We look forward to joining them again next year and hope to increase the attendance from our Eta era."

On October 13, **Edward Gabriel, Beta Rho 1969**, Gannon, hosted 30 alumni for a luncheon at the Oval Room Restaurant in Washington, D.C. Having previously served as the U.S. Ambassador to Morocco, Brother Gabriel is currently President and CEO of The Gabriel Company, which represents American corporations on investment strategies for international projects. In addition, he is a Visiting Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Ambassador Gabriel presented "The Middle East—from Morocco to Saudi Arabia—Friend or Foe?"

Benjamin Castellamare, Delta Epsilon 1994, John Jay College, was married on



Photo by Bob Saglian

Epsilon Celebrates Reunion

Epsilon Chapter, University of Buffalo, alumni from the 1950s and 1960s reunited in October. They had 23 members attend the reunion in Batavia, N.Y. at Sunny's Italian Restaurant. Most were from Western N.Y. and one from as far away as Wisconsin. Four hours of great stories and laughter were shared by brothers as they recalled college days. Pictured front row from left: Robert Tronolone, Dr. Richard LoTempio, Robert Saglian, Joseph Calabrese, Dan Gregorio, Hon. John Rivoli. Second row from left: Dr. Charles Tirone, Sam Carocci, Bob Ciacco, Albert DiGiulio, Carl Deni, Dick Pieri, Vince Pantano, Larry La Duca, Vincent Tibollo, Peter Fiorella, Dr. Sam Rivolo, DDS, Vic Colonna. Back center: Michael Rose, Joseph Albano, Dr. Frank LaMar DDS, Ray Paolini.

Joe Albano at the Batavia said a number of times at the reunion that "I wouldn't have missed it for the world." After an absence of over 40 years, what an incredible tribute to our brotherhood.

This is a stirring call for brothers all over the country to come together and once again share these special moments. All it takes is one brother to begin the process. Brothers Vince Pantano and Larry La Duca after a long absence said: "Once you attend one function you are again hooked for life." Please consider this for inclusion as a rally cry to brothers all over the country. Brother Bob Saglian, Epsilon, offers a challenge. Pick up the phone book, grab the phone and start calling brothers. You will be amazed at the response even after decades.

Eta Chapter Planning Reunion

Brothers from Eta Chapter (CCNY) circa 1955–1960 and their wives will be holding a weekend reunion from March 17–March 20 at the Marriott Hutchinson Island in Stuart, FL. You can view this beautiful venue at <http://marriott.com/property/property-page/pbiir>. Fourteen brothers and their wives are planning on attending but all Eta brothers from any era are welcome to join them.

Brother Len Farano, Eta 1956 is the event coordinator and can be reached at lfarano@aol.com or by telephone at 631-979-9650.

You may make your reservation individually with Marriott reservations at (800) 775-5936 stating that you are part of the Alpha Phi Delta Reunion group. You can also reserve room accommodations through the Internet at www.HutchinsonIsMarriott.com using the Group Code ALPALPA. This will entitle you to the Group Rate of \$229 per night. Please send Len Farano an email when you do make your reservation so he can track the group's progress. If you reserve on the Internet you can email a copy of your reservation confirmation when it appears on your screen by clicking "email to a friend."

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Photo by Chris Mamusi

The New York Alumni Club hosted its Annual BBQ on Sunday, August 20, 2005. The club would like to thank the Young family for being great hosts. A good time was had by all.

November 6th at St. Bonaventure's Church in Paterson, New Jersey. He and his wife Michelle are residing in Paterson.

Abdul Gaibi, *Delta Epsilon 1995*, John Jay College, became engaged on July 7th in Punta Cana. He and his fiancée Samantha are planning a wedding for January 14, 2007, in Mineola, N.Y. Abdul was promoted in October to Assistant Treasurer and will remain as a Branch Manager for Bank of New York. He is also National Vice President of Alpha Phi Delta.

Joseph Calabrese, *Epsilon 1957*, University of Buffalo, is retired and enjoys traveling with his wife Toni. They have three daughters and six grandchildren and spend time in the winter in Florida.

Vincent Tibollo, *Epsilon 1957*, University of Buffalo, is a retired schoolteacher in Buffalo. His retirement specialty is preparing and enjoying Italian cooking. He and his wife Gail enjoy traveling and seeing new plays each year. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Richard Pieri, *Epsilon 1956*, University of Buffalo, has spent 42 years in industrial food service. He and his wife JoAnn have three children and five grandchildren.

Robert Tronolone, *Epsilon 1958*, is an attorney who graduated from University of Buffalo Law School class of 1963. He has been practicing in Western New York for 40 years specializing in real

estate and mortgage closings. He is the current President of the Epsilon Alumni Club. His brothers call him the eternal bachelor.

Dr. Frank La Mar, DDS, *Epsilon 1956*, and his wife Jo have three children and six grandchildren. He travels world wide exploring tooth transplant methods.

Peter Fiorella, *Epsilon 1956*, is an attorney. He was selected one of the top matrimonial attorneys in the country for over 20 years. He publishes a political newsletter in western New York.

Caputo Wins Seat in Virginia Legislature

Chuck Caputo, Eta 1958, City College of New York, of Herndon, Virginia, won a seat in the Virginia State House of Delegates representing State House 067 in Fairfax County.

Chuck graduated from CCNY with a degree in electrical engineering and later earned a master's in system's management at George Washington University. He is a retired telecommunications engineer and has served on a variety of community boards and foundations. He and his wife Barbara have three children and five grandchildren and have been residents of Fairfax County for almost 40 years.



Sam Carocci, *Epsilon 1954*, and his wife Shirley have four children and 10 grandchildren. He has been active in the St. Vincent De Paul Society for 50 years. Current National Disaster chairman.

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Photo by Pete Gaudiuso

The members of the Brooklyn Alumni Club softball team pose with their "fans" following the season finale in Staten Island. The team completed its 29th season and reached the finals for the 5th time under the leadership of manager Joe Caldarella. Alas, even the presence of former pitching "great" Charlie Flore could not inspire the team to victory. As they used to say in Brooklyn, "Wait till Next Year!" If you want more information about the Brooklyn Alumni Club or would like to become a member, contact President Pete Gaudiuso (pgaudiuso@msncom) or check the club's web site www.leaguelineup.com/apd.

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK



Photo by Ron N. Repak

Psi Chapter brothers participated in a campus charity event, Walk Miles for Kids Smiles, on September 24. Pictured front from right: Ron Repak, Ron Shidemantle (Duquesne's Director of Greek Life), Robert Dempsey, John Zappa, Tom Petrini. Back: Matt Byan, Dan Enck, Brendan Moran, Steve Simeoni, Dave Koba.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

Beta Pi Chapter held an induction ceremony on October 19, 2005. Nicholas Balzo, Kabir Javaid, David Marinoff, Mason Nettleton, Robert Renda, Johathan Romeo and Frank Rosse took the oath of brotherhood. With the additional seven brothers the chapter has successfully doubled in one semester. The ceremony was administered by Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor.



Photo by Karl Mingos

Gamma Iota (Pace) and Delta Theta (Marist) Pledgebowl held at Marist College on November 4, 2005.

Delta Theta Chapter at Marist College gathered October 15, 2005 with several alumni and the current brothers for Alumni Weekend.



Photo by Karl Mingos

The NYC pledges gather for a snapshot. The district baptized 47 pledges in the fall.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

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Message to Alumni from Vice President of Alumni Affairs

DANNY THOMAS, JR., BETA OMICRON 1974

Since my election to the position of V.P. for Alumni Affairs, I have been trying to come up with ideas and programs to better serve our alumni and our fraternity. One of the things sadly lacking was an open line of communication between this office and our alumni entities. I have since been communicating and exchanging ideas with alumni entity presidents by email and through the mail, with some degree of success.

One of the first orders of business was to try to get my hands around how each of our alumni entities operates to see if there are things we could learn from each other. I sent out a survey and a few past national presidents actually responded. The results were pretty much as expected; there is no one correct way of running our alumni entities, whether they are alumni clubs or alumni associations, but the one thing we all have in common is our love for Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity and the wish to see it continue to grow and strengthen. This office is committed to working with our alumni entities to address issues and concerns regarding the future of our fraternity.

To help us move closer to that goal there are a few issues I wanted to address at this time:

ALUMNI RECRUITMENT EVENT

To assist in building up our alumni entities, each entity was asked to host an event to be held in March/April of 2006 for the purpose of bringing more of our brothers back to Alpha Phi Delta. I have gotten emails from several brothers throughout the country asking about an alumni club or alumni association in their area. To help in this endeavor, entity presidents were asked to put together an event, or to use an already planned event, for the sole purpose of reaching out to brothers in their area. The following events were submitted:

Pittsburgh Alumni Club

March 3 Dinner/Meeting 7:30 (\$20)—Rocco Muffi (412) 276-6402. Tambellini's Restaurant, Route 51, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Long Island Alumni Club

March 10 Pizza Party 7:30 pm—Abdul Gaibi (516) 622-6655 for details. Domenico's Restaurant, 3270A Hempstead Turnpike (King Kullen Shopping Center) Levittown, N.Y. "It's Free."

North Jersey Alumni Club

March 18 Poker Night, Kirk Shatto's House (908) 272-2198, 6 Greaves Place, Crawford, N.J. "Low stakes—high in fun"

Youngstown Alumni Club

April 21 Bocce Night—Danny Thomas, Jr. (330) 755-1891, Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center, 7440 South Ave. Boardman, Ohio.

If you live close to any of these events, please feel free to make contact and join in the festivities. This is what it is all about, getting together with your brothers and sharing in the fun and fraternal bonds. If you have an event planned that isn't on here, please send it along to me because brother Anthony Carfang has offered to send them all out in a mass email in late February.

WORKING WITH UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

Our history has told us that one of the main reasons that undergraduate chapters fail is lack of direction and/or leadership. This usually translates into nonpayment of bills/fees due to lack of budgeting experience. If you look over your alumni roster you see many successful businessmen in a variety of fields. What better way to service our fraternity than to share that knowledge with our younger brothers? Not only will you help strengthen our fraternity, it will help our younger brothers gain some practical knowledge on budgeting, leadership, and the ability to work within a structured framework; all the things that make successful businessmen and people. We are in the process of putting together an "Adopt-a-Chapter" pamphlet to assist our alumni in helping our undergraduate chapters. It would be a great service to our fraternity to have three brothers willing to assist each chapter. It'll make stronger chapters, a stronger National fraternity and give deserving young men another reason to pledge Alpha Phi Delta.

EXPANSION

I have spoken to a few of our district governors, along with Brother Reggie Jackson, our V.P. for Expansion, and we are looking at several campuses in regards to expansion. Our alumni entities could assist the DG in helping Alpha Phi Delta expand, and in some cases reactivate closed chapters, on campuses in their district. Experience has shown us that the most successful chapters are those with strong ties to an alumni club or association. The future of our fraternity hinges on three things: recruitment, retention and expansion. You and your alumni entity could play a big role in each of these areas.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FEE

Presently, the Lifetime Membership Fee is \$300 (\$250 for recent alumni). Due to the unexpected financial crunch brought on by the now resolved insurance situation the yearly dues recently went up to \$110 a year, which makes the \$300 lifetime fee a bargain. Paying dues to our local entities is great; we all need the money to operate, but so does our National office. Your alumni dues helps support our undergraduate chapters, which is the lifeblood of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity. Without strong undergraduate chapters where will tomorrow's leaders come from? Please make it a point to pay your National dues.

One of the things we all want to see is for our fraternity to grow and strengthen so other deserving young men can find what we found in the bonds of brotherhood. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or suggestions on how this office can be used more effectively in helping our Fraternity meet these demands.

In the Bond,

Danny Thomas, Jr., V.P. Alumni Affairs,
20 Sexton St., Struthers, OH 44471.

Phone 330-755-1891 and email dltr@adelphia.net.

IN MEMORIAM

Photo by Danny Thomas Jr.



Youngstown Alumni Club members enjoyed the annual lamb roast at Judge Joe Donofrio's home.

Pictured from left:

O.J. Thomas, George Guameiri, Bob Pernotto, Jim Marcus. Rear: Dan DeLorenzo, Jim Geisler.

(Alumni News continued from page 12.)

Anthony Muscarella, *Epsilon 1954*, is a retired schoolteacher. He and his wife Barbara have two children and two grandchildren. Anthony has been a financial advisor for 38 years.

Dan Coppola, *Epsilon 1956*, is retired and living with his wife Michelle in Florida. He spent 40 years in the footwear industry and is now working in the death care industry.

Robert A. Saglian, *Epsilon 1954* has been married 44 years to his wife Carol. They have two sons and a daughter and four grandchildren. He had a 40 year career and retired from Allstate Insurance in 1995. He is currently historian of the rejuvenated Epsilon alumni. High point of travels visiting Island of Maui four times and the Arizona Memorial.

Joseph Mancuso, *Epsilon 1959*, was a Teacher and writer. He is semi-retired but still does tutoring. Played quarterback on fraternity team that went all the way to the championship game. He has been writing books and screenplays.

Victor M. Colonna, *Epsilon 1960*, is Vice President M and T Bank in Buffalo, N.Y. He has two sons and a granddaughter. He is active with Epsilon alumni as the photographer and camcorder at all functions.

Christopher Neto, *Gamma Nu 1992*, writes, "My wife (Robyn) and I are proud to welcome our latest addition to the family. Anjolie Rica Neto was born on July 1, 2005 at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, N.J. I also recently changed jobs and now work as a Sr. Communications Technology Specialist for Merck & Co. in Rahway, N.J." Chris is trying to contact Gamma Nu alumni. Gamma Nu alumni or out of touch brothers should email Chris with

their latest contact info. His email is chrisneto@hotmail.com.

DJ Pizzani, *Delta Iota 2001*, Kings College, is volunteering with Americorp NCCC. He recently wrote to *The Kleos* regarding his experiences.

"After completing college, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. Everyone I knew was looking for a job or preparing for grad-school. Both options made sense, and I even want to take that route at some point in time. Until then I needed something in my life. Going to King's College really instilled something in me. They were very service oriented and eventually I adopted that way of thinking and doing. This is when I decided to join Americorp NCCC for a year.

"Americorp NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a direct service organization that is part of the government. The best way to describe it is a domestic Peace Corps. I've only been in the program for a little over two months, but I know I made the right decision.

"For my first project, I and nine other members of a team spent a month in Belvidere, Tennessee building a trail that will eventually connect with Alabama. Between both states, a trail will lead to a natural wonder known as the Walls of Jericho. In the course of four weeks, our team was able to cut a trail 2.5 miles long. This was quite an accomplishment because our sponsors only expected a mile.

"Our next project will bring us to Lafayette, La., where we will be mucking-out houses for a month after the destruction of Hurricane Rita. They will be long days but I've been prepared by my family, my friends, and most importantly, my brothers. If anyone is interested in getting more information about AmeriCorps, please visit www.americorps.org."

Emilio C. "Emil" Grancagnolo, *Theta 1940*, of Verona, N.J. passed away July 2, 2005. Emil was a long-time member of the North Jersey Alumni Club. He was also a regular attendee of the national summer conventions up through the 1980s.

Louis J. Mauriello, *Eta 1934*, passed away October 27th in Las Vegas. His grandson Kirk, who reported his death, wrote, "Pop Pop as we called him, made it to be 90 years old this past September. He was always proud to be a brother in the fraternity. It meant a lot to him throughout his life. Thanks for everything the fraternity did for him, helping to shape him into the person he was."

Lou was part of an APD legacy—the Dauntless Six pledge class which stayed intact from 1934 to 2002. Prior to retirement, he was a civil engineer employed by the Army. He was the northeast regional director of the Marine Division of the Army Corp of Engineers.

One of the founding brothers of *Beta Omicron at Youngstown State University*, **Dr. Patrick L. 'Doc' Williams**, passed away in December in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was 88 years old. He also was an advisor to many of the brothers who were in school in the 1950s and early 1960s.

Editor's Note

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

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THE LAST WORD

BY JOHN J. RUSSO, KLEOS EDITOR



John Russo, Psi 1972

This issue of the *Kleos* pays tribute to Stanley W. Raffa, a long-time fraternity officer who passed away in September 2005. Ron Sme offers a eulogy on Stan inside this issue. Stan Raffa was a true legend to the fraternity who may have touched many of the brothers who read this magazine. He was also a long-time editor of this publication.

Many brothers from my era (inducted in the early 1970s) may remember him as National president or vice president. But he was much more than that.

Stan was inducted in Delta chapter (Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute) in 1949 and spent much of the rest of his life working for Alpha Phi Delta as a volunteer. The offices and services he rendered to the fraternity after that is quite a list:

- Served as treasurer and chapter president of Delta during his undergrad years
- Recipient of National Outstanding Undergraduate Award in 1951
- Published the *Metrovox*, a district publication in New York, during the early 1950s
- Appointed *Kleos* Editor in 1956 and served until 1968
- National Vice President, 1968–1970
- National President, 1970–1972
- Edited and compiled *The History of Alpha Delta 1914–1973* and published in 1973
- Recipient of National Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1973
- Third District Governor, 1974–1978
- Executive Secretary, 1978–1984
- Chairman Scholarship Trust Fund, 1988–2002
- Established \$10,000 endowment in his name in scholarship fund in 1999

- Assisted in updating *The History of Alpha Phi Delta 1914–2001* in 2000

As *Kleos* Editor for over 13 years and editor of the last History of the Fraternity in 2001, I was able to know Stan quite well and work with him on several stories and tasks. Like Stan Raffa, I have a good perspective on the history of the fraternity. I read Stan's original work on "The History of APD" about five times over the years and spent many intimate hours with it when updating the history from 1973 to 2001. In my opinion, Stan is a fraternity legend and, as Ron Sme called him, a true giant in Alpha Phi Delta. Before Stan, there was Joe DeGuglielmo and Adam DiVincenzo—two brothers who spent large parts of their lives working for Alpha Phi Delta as presidents and National secretaries and creating legacies of their own. But I agree with Ron Sme—no one worked longer on more offices in the history of Alpha Phi Delta. He could be cantankerous, and I, along with many of my peers, had a generation gap with Stan; but his heart was always Alpha Phi Delta. He had a successful business career, but he was there for Alpha Phi Delta.

He called me this summer several times. One was promoting his book on his prisoner of war experiences from World War II which he really wanted to use as a fundraiser for scholarship. And secondly, he really wanted to attend the summer convention that I was organizing. I figured that he felt it might be his last chance. He didn't get to attend due to problems he had with dialysis, and it was his last chance. We'll miss you Stan.

If you would like to preserve Stan's legacy, you may send a donation to Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship, c/o Richard Primiano, Treasurer, P.O. Box 8212, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

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