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# LUNCH BAG NOTES

## The Road to Personal Growth

BY ALBERT PARISI, BETA ETA 1974



The inimitable Yogi Berra once said "If you don't know where you're going, you might end up somewhere else." Leave it to Yogi to give us such profound wisdom. What Yogi means, of course, is that if you start out on an important journey you best have directions or you may find yourself traversing dead end streets, wasting time otherwise well spent. (I can hear my wife saying "oh Yeah!")

The Boy Scout motto "Be Prepared" should be adhered to meticulously by every college student. Doing so will not only help you to utilize time effectively, but it will give you a step up when you graduate. Being prepared improves your self esteem and self confidence, the building blocks of personal growth. It is appalling how many of today's graduates have little

or no idea who they are or what they want to achieve in life. I see it too often, educated but directionless young adults, settling for uninteresting and often low paying jobs.

Structure in one's life need not be lapidarian but flexible so as to take advantage of opportunities and being ready to deal with short term failure and adversity. It takes time to get organized and develop a personal growth chart. It is an investment in your self however that will reward you many times over. Maintaining a journal is an excellent way to keep you regimented. One of the common pitfalls of personal development is falling prey to "what others think or say." That is why it is a good idea to share your personal growth plan with only your closest confidants, those that can offer advice and counsel and the always needed "atta boy."

Every one wants to improve their self esteem but few people have a practical way of doing so. Here are a few exercises:

- See the glass as half full.
- Think and speak in the affirmative—replace "I can't" with "I can" and "remember" instead of "don't forget."
- Have your own crystal ball and see your achievements before they happen.
- Help others grow through mentoring.
- Take time to relax and recharge your mind and body using meditation and prayer.
- Improve your vocabulary. Try to learn a new word everyday.



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# Love, Respect, Humility

BY DOUGLAS A. SUNDO, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Brothers of Alpha Phi Delta,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the vote of confidence that you have bestowed upon me as the next President of Alpha Phi Delta. I am deeply humbled by this vote of confidence and will assure you that I will give it my all to lead you. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think that one day I would have the opportunity to lead you.

Many years ago when I pledged Alpha Phi Delta, Past National President Joe Crestont taught me about the three words that we all live by; Love, Respect, and Humility. Love is what we all have for one another and our families. Respect is for all human existence, especially brother to brother. Humility by the mere definition means one who is humble. It is these three words that I hold close to my heart and will use as the corner stone of my presidency.

Permit me to share a little analogy that I use with my students every fall at the start of school. It is titled "The Sense of a Goose."

In the fall when you see geese heading south for the winter along in "V" formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range that if each bird flew on it's on.

(Brothers who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier, because they are traveling on the trust of one another.)



*Incoming National President Doug Sundo poses with Past National President Al Palazzo. Al served as National President from 1974–1976. He was also the oldest brother at the summer convention having pledged in 1946.*

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

(If we have a sense of a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed in the same direction we are going.) When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another flies point. (It pays to take turns doing hard jobs with the brothers or with geese flying south.) The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. (What messages do we give when we honk from behind?)

Finally, when a goose gets sick or is wounded and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or until he has passed, and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group.

I believe that if we have a sense of goose, we will stand by each other and great things will happen to Alpha Phi Delta.

In closing, I would like to say a special Thank You to Evan Sottosanti for an outstanding job as President for the past 2 1/2 years. It was with great honor that we were able to serve under you.

In the Bond

Douglas A. Sundo



## Summer 2008 Alpha Phi Delta National Convention

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- Patio dinner planned for opening night

**More details to follow in Winter Kleos**

# FRATERNITY SCRAPBOOK



Photo by Joe Raitelli



Photo by Chris Mancusi

**ABOVE :** Over sixty brothers, wives, girlfriends and children celebrated the 20th anniversary of Gamma Xi Chapter, (So. Connecticut State Univ.), with a picnic on May 19th in Chesire, Conn. Rod Ragucci coordinated the event with his wife Valerie and wives of the other brothers who did most of the work. The group is planning on establishing a Gamma Xi Alumni Association or reactivating the Connecticut Alumni Club. Also, there are discussions about reactivating the Gamma Xi Chapter.

**LEFT:** The New York City chapter presidents get together for a special chapter presidents meeting at the home of District Governor Chris Mancusi last summer. The brothers planned for the upcoming semester and established both chapter and district goals. The meeting ended with some pizza and soda donated by the district treasury.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

**LEFT:** Beta Sigma (St. Francis) inducted its fourth pledge class on Friday July 13, 2007.



Photo by Karles Minges

**RIGHT:** Four graduating senior brothers from Marist College. They are (from left to right) Pasquale Rummo, who will be attending graduate school at NYU, Karl Minges who will be attending graduate school at Columbia University, Brian Carroccio who is pursuing a teaching position, and Brian Halabuda who will be working in finance for Fox News.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



The North Jersey District held its district convention in May. Paul Zammit Jr., Gamma Sigma 2003, was elected district governor. Rick Ricardo and Mike Pizzuta were elected assistant district governors. Paul is hoping to continue the momentum set by Past District Governor Glenn Small.

Photo by Joe Rahtelli



Four of the seven founding fathers of Gamma Xi were in attendance at the 20th Anniversary. Pictured, (left to right), are Brian Kane, John Murphy, Joe Rahtelli, (their pledgemaster), Brian "Spike" Buckowski and Cary Paul. Missing from the picture were Tony Bardelli, Brady Bonner and Tom Schaefer.

Photo by Leon Panella



Psi Chapter (Duquesne University) and alumni and friends participated in a Pittsburgh clean-up project. These brothers got up early on a Saturday morning in April to do charity work by volunteering in a city clean-up project.

The historic New York City District Christmas Dance is scheduled for Saturday Dec. 1, 2007. BE THERE. For additional coverage of NYC District events, log on to [www.apdnyc.org](http://www.apdnyc.org)!

Photo by Chris Mancusi



On Saturday June 16th, the New York City District held its second annual 'Awards Banquet' in Brooklyn, N.Y. The event was enjoyed by all those who attended. At the event, the Long Island Alumni Club installed its officers for the upcoming year. They also presented longtime club president and recently married Abdul Gaibi with the 'Man of the Year' Award. District Governor Chris Mancusi presented all of the newly inducted brothers with their membership cards, shingles and fraternity pins. Special thanks go to Executive Secretary Danny Thomas for rushing the orders to New York for this event. Each chapter was awarded its 'Brother of the Year' award and the Dr. A.U.N. Camera academic pins. Receiving district awards were the following: Outstanding Chapter—Gamma Rho, Most Improved Chapter—Beta Sigma, Outstanding Alumni Club—NYAC, Outstanding Undergraduate—Sal Flagiello, Gamma Rho, Outstanding Alumnus—Rob Landi, Gamma Sigma. Special thanks go to Evan Sottosanti and Al Fafara who drove in from New Jersey for the event.

# Scholarship Award Winners

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

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

**Krista Going**, *The College of New Jersey*.

Her application was sponsored by her grandfather Frank Leanza, Theta Beta 1945.

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

Established by 36th National President Anthony Carfang. Anthony is the Director of Development for the Scholarship Fund.

**Matthew Gornick**, *University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine*

Matthew is an alumnus of Psi Chapter. He graduated from Duquesne Cum Laude in 2004

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

Established by the Mohawk Valley Alumni Club in honor of long time Utica District Governor Ernest Coletti. Brother Coletti passed away in 2003 and made an additional gift in his will of \$10,000 to the Scholarship Fund.

**Marissa Mazzei**, *The College of Saint Rose where she is a Music Education major*. Her application was sponsored by her father, Beta Chi brother, Vincent Mazzei.

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

Established by 30th National President Stanley Raffa. Stanley held virtually every top position in the Alpha Phi Delta world including National President, Vice President, Secretary, Kleos Editor and Scholarship Chairman. Stan was the third Scholarship Chairman.

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

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

**Dennis DiBari**, *Marist College where he serves as President of Delta Theta Chapter*.

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

Established by the Long Island Alumni Club in honor of 7th Grand Consul John Pasta who led the fraternity from 1924 through 1926. He was a member of Eta Chapter and a graduate of The Columbia University School of Law.

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

## **Louis J. Mauriello Award (\$600)**

Established by his family in 2006 shortly after his death. Brother Mauriello was inducted into Eta Chapter at The City College of New York in 1934.

**Christopher Fornataro**, *Carnegie Mellon University where he is a Civil and Environmental Engineering major*. He is the grandson of Nu Chapter alumnus Augustine Fornataro.

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

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

**Francis Romano**, *Fairfield University where he is an Economics major*. Francis is the son of Beta Beta alumnus James Romano.

## **Brooklyn Alumni Award (\$600)**

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

## **Brother Camillus Casey Award (\$600)**

Established in honor of beloved former National Chaplain Brother Camillus Casey after his death by his many friends and students.

**Robert Zeleny Jr.**, *Ithaca College*. Robert is a Television-Radio major. He is the son of Beta Sigma alumnus Bob Zeleny.

## **Fabrizio Family Award (\$600)**

Established by Paul Fabrizio, Psi 1963, and family.

**Jessica Rudisill**, *Mercyhurst College*. She is a Music major. Jessica is the granddaughter of Psi alumnus Carl Izzo Sr.

## **Frank Cavallaro Award (\$600)**

Established in honor of 22nd National President and long time expansion chairman Frank Cavallaro.

**Marie Russo**, *The University of Pittsburgh*. Marie is a Chemical Engineering major. She is the daughter of Kleos editor John Russo, Psi 1972.

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

Established by 23rd National President Frank Costanzo.

**Meredith Calfe**, *The University of Pittsburgh School of Law*. She is a granddaughter of Psi alumnus Anthony Iole.

## **Frank Costanzo Award (II) (\$600)**

Established by 23rd National President Frank Costanzo.

**Gina Mazzotta**, *The University of Pittsburgh where she is a Communication major*. She is the daughter of Dominic Mazzotta Jr. and niece of Salvatore Aloe, alumni from Psi Chapter.

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

Established by 34th National President A. Joseph Creston.

**Marissa Calfe**, *Dickinson College where she is an English and Italian Studies major*. She is a granddaughter of Psi alumnus Anthony Iole.

## **Adam DeVincenzo Award (\$600)**

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

**Jacqueline Steiner**, *Carnegie Mellon University where she is a Decision Science and Economics major*. She is a granddaughter of Psi alumnus Anthony Iole

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

**Simone Savino**, *Florida State University where she is an Interior Design major*. Her application was endorsed by her grandfather Eta alumnus Eugene Cassiano.

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

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

**Amanda DeConciliis**, *Duquesne University where she is an Accounting and Finance major*. She is the niece of Beta Rho alumnus Ralph Bell.

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

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

**Todd Conklin**, *Seton Hall University where he is a member of Delta Xi Chapter*. Todd is a communications major.

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

**Christopher Mancusi**, *Touro College where he is seeking his master's degree in Education*. Chris has served Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity as District Governor and Vice President for Expansion.

## **Richard Rau Scholarship Award (\$600)**

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

**Mary Marchant**, *Rutgers University where she is a Nursing major*. She is the sister of Gamma Pi brother Marty Panariello.

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

**Shannon Marsh**, *Seton Hall University Law School*. She is the daughter of Beta Xi alumnus Gary Marsh.

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

**Jake Belsky**, *Niagara University*. Jake is an Education major and son of Rod Belsky from the Pittsburgh Alumni Club.

## **Steubenville Alumni Club Award (\$600)**

**Brian Nolte**, *Duquesne University where he is a secondary Education and History major*. He is the son of Beta Theta alumnus Paul Nolte.

## **Steubenville Ladies Auxiliary Award (\$600)**

**Andrew Norby**, *The University of Wisconsin where he is majoring in Actuarial Science*. Andrew is the cousin of Leon Panella, Psi 1962.

# 2007 National Award Winners

Photos by John Russo



*Outstanding Alumnus award went to Tom Carroll, Chi, left being presented by Danny Thomas, Jr. The Outstanding Undergraduate Award went to Sal Flagiello, Gamma Rho, right photo holding the award.*

**Community Service**  
Epsilon Beta, LaSalle University

**Most Improved Chapter**  
Beta Omicron, Youngstown State University

**Outstanding Alumni Club**  
Pittsburgh Alumni Club

**Outstanding District**  
Delaware Valley

**Outstanding Chapter (co-winners)**  
Epsilon Beta, LaSalle University  
Delta Theta, Marist College

**Outstanding Undergraduate**  
Sal Flagiello, Gamma Rho

**Outstanding Alumnus**  
Tom Carroll, Chi

*Pittsburgh Alumni Club brothers accept the 2007 Outstanding Alumni Club Award. From left: Anthony Carfang, Ned Cash, Leon Panella, Paul Russo, John Russo, Doug Sumdo and Sam Galasso.*



Photo by John Russo



*Delaware Valley wins the Outstanding District Award. Fr. Jim Lentini is pictured holding the award along with three brothers from Epsilon Beta (LaSalle). Epsilon Beta also won the Community Service Award and were co-winners of the Outstanding Chapter Award.*

This page sponsored by The Pittsburgh Alumni Club through a generous donation to the Foundation.

## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS:

# Purple Power in the

**T**he 2007 National Convention at The Chateau Resort in Tannersville, Pa. was another very successful affair. With attendance of about 145, it was the fourth year in a row with attendance in the 100s, the first time that has occurred in over 20 years. National President Evan Sottosanti said "For those of you who could not make the Summer Convention, you missed one of the best ones yet. The location was gorgeous, the turnout was incredible and the events (softball, picnic, water park, etc.) were magnificent. I am sure that many of you would have liked to have been there, but for one reason or another could not attend this year. I would definitely tell you that you should plan to come next summer as many of your brothers who did attend will tell you—it was a real blast!"

The convention was very family-oriented as 17 brothers brought children with them. Including the many undergraduates in attendance, there was a large gathering of students under 21. Activities included a patio barbecue the first evening, golf outing Friday morning, an outing to Camelbeach Waterpark for many families Friday afternoon. On Friday evening, dinner was held at a local restaurant where an outdoor party was held with activities such as wiffle ball, shuffle board, and life-size chess. On Saturday morning, softball games were held and for perhaps the first time ever the undergraduates beat the alumni. A second game was played as a family softball game. Following the softball games, a grand picnic was held with over 100 people. On Saturday evening, Fr. James Lentini held the annual memorial service and mass followed by the National Awards Dinner with over 130 diners. Even more people may have attended, but the hotel rooms were sold out.



Photo by John Russo



A large contingent of families and children were at the convention. These girls were rock climbing while attending the picnic and softball games.



Charlie Fiore, Gene Gemelli and Danny Thomas hang out in the dugout between innings of the softball game.

For the first time in many years, a convention T-shirt was given to all attendees.



# Poconos

BELOW: Brothers young and old came out for the annual softball game Saturday morning. For maybe the first time ever, the undergrads beat the alumni! It was actually the first time in a number of years that the undergraduates showed up in enough numbers (20–30) to field a team. After the softball game, a picnic was held for all the conventioners. Everyone was out in their purple convention T-shirts, and over 100 enjoyed lunch at the picnic.

Photo by John Russo



The annual alumnus emeritus luncheon honoring brothers with 50 or more years in the fraternity was held with two guests in that category. The luncheon attendees included from left: Paul Fanrizio, Foundation Chairman; Fr. James Lentini, Chaplain; Leon Panella, Foundation member; Tony Grimaldi, Chi 1949; Al Palazzo, PNP, Theta Beta 1946; Sam Galasso; and Joseph Piras, fraternity Treasurer.

Photo by Leon Panella



ABOVE: Twinkle L. Starr (Karen Panella) provided entertainment for the families in attendance at the Friday night outdoor dinner. Twinkle is shown here with the Paul Russo (Beta Omicron) family.



LEFT: Fifteen conventioners (brothers and sons) enjoyed a round of golf Friday morning at Hideaway Hills Golf Course, a scenic course tucked inside the hills of the Poconos.



Marc Buzzelli, Psi 1994, was married May 12th and had 22 fraternity brothers from six decades in attendance at the nuptials. Front Row left to right: Jarrod Meeder, Dan Asti, Charlie Caputo, Marc Buzzelli, Dr. Phil Buzzelli (the groom's father from Psi 1961), Mike Newton, Jim Nance. Back Row standing, left to right: Chris Blanchette, Ross Alessandro, Lou Caputo, Aaron Prinkey Joe Alessandro, Lee Blanchette, Greg Grenek, Larry Mull, Ron Gasbarro, Ray DiMuzio, Chuck Liberatore, Vito DiSalvo, Dr. Ray Boniface (the groom's uncle from Psi 1945), Jerry DiRiso, Lenny Labriola

Brothers, please send in your high resolution digital photos and news to [kleos@apd.org](mailto:kleos@apd.org) for inclusion in the next issue of *The Kleos*. Deadline for the Winter issue is December 1st.



Photo by Pete Gaudioso

On March 21st, Bishop Ford High School in Brooklyn honored Dr. Charles Garbarino (Beta Sigma 1971) with a Humanitarian award at its annual Charter Dinner. Charlie has served multiple tours in the Middle East as a physician with the New Jersey National Guard. Congratulating Charlie (r) are brothers Tony Siconolfi (Beta Sigma 1973) (l) and Gary Vitta (Beta Sigma 1971) (c).



Photo by Chris Mancusi

Rob Landi, Gamma Sigma, right, receives the NYC Outstanding Alumnus Award from District Governor Chris Mancusi.

**Jeremy Burg**, Gamma Sigma 1993, and his wife Deborah had twins, a boy and a girl, Benjamin and Alexandra, February 23, 2007. Jeremy and family are living in Staten Island.

**Ronal Spalazzi**, Gamma Sigma 1995, and his wife Anna had a baby girl, Gianna, born on February 23, 2007.

**Corporal Rory P. Duane, USMC, Delta Theta 2003 (Marist College)** is currently completing a tour in Iraq as part of the United States Marine Corps Infantry. He writes, "I am stationed out of Camp Pendleton, Cal. and serving in the Al Anbar Province as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The leadership skills instilled in me when I joined APD have transferred successfully into combat." Rory appreciates reading *The Kleos* and seeing how well the fraternity is doing. He wishes all brothers good health, fortune and success. (Ed. We wish you the same, Rory.)

Pictured at left are Jimmy (Beta Sigma) and Anthony Scalfaro and Adam and Mike (Beta Sigma) Iacovelli. Jimmy and Mike were teammates on the Brooklyn Alumni Club softball team in the mid-80s, and now their 14 year old boys are teammates on the Central Jersey Gators AAU Baseball Club.

**Eugene (Gene) Bagnoli**, Psi 1981 (Duquesne) recently moved to Killingworth, Conn. He and his wife Roberta have two daughters: Abigail, 6, and Emily, 5.



**Thomas M. Gambino, Ed.D (Gamma Sigma, 1989/St. John's University, S.I)** recently received a Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Gambino works as a School Improvement Specialist with the New Jersey Department of Education where he provides technical assistance to schools throughout the State of New Jersey. He was recently elected to serve a three year term as a School Board member in the Matawan-Aberdeen School District, where he resides with his wife Tracy (pictured above with Tom) and two daughters, ages 9 and 5.



Photo by Mike Iacovelli

Photo by Danny Thomas, Jr.



Legendary basketball coach and the first faculty advisor for the Beta Omicron Chapter, Dom Rosselli, graciously thanks the YAC and the Beta Omicron Chapter for bestowing on him the title of Honorary Brother at a dinner in his honor held recently at Brother Anthony Saadey's Anthony's on the River Restaurant. Looking on are Donald "Red" Nolfi, first Chapter President of Beta Omicron and Danny Thomas, Jr., YAC President.



Tony Carfang, Psi 1969, and Ned Cash, Psi 1963, discuss strategy while playing chess with life-sized pieces at the 2007 Convention.



Photos by John Russo



Four brothers worked the 2007 US Open (USGA Golf Championship) at Oakmont, Pa. in June. Father and son Cal (Psi 1971) and Chris (Psi 1999) Shipley and brothers John (Psi 1972) and Paul (Beta Omicron 1988) Russo had an enjoyable week of volunteering as hole marshals while watching the major stars of golf pass through.



**Adam Savage**, Gamma Nu 1999 (William Paterson), of Rockaway, N.J. and Dennis Patti, of Paramus, N.J. recently launched a new simple internet radio site [www.snapfm.com](http://www.snapfm.com). The site is in its initial stage which allows users to connect and listen live to radio stations across the nation via the internet. Listeners have the capability of visiting [SnapFM.com](http://SnapFM.com) and begin listening to their style of music instantly. Adam Savage and Dennis Patti, founders of SnapFM stated, "Our goal was to create a simple internet radio website that would allow people to listen live to AM and FM stations from across the nation, in a user friendly format." The website is different versus competing internet radio companies because it's free simple internet radio that uses terrestrial AM and FM radio stations only.

# ALUMNI SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Leon Panella



The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held its annual golf outing and family picnic on July 21st at North Park in Pittsburgh. Twenty brothers showed up for golf in the morning and were joined by spouses and non-golfers in the afternoon for a family picnic.

Photo by Chris Mancusi

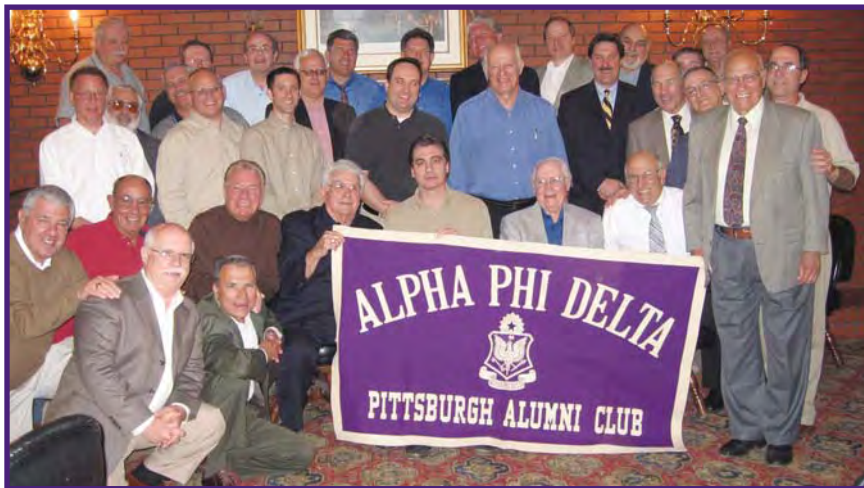


The Brooklyn Alumni Club softball team poses for a picture to mark the 30th anniversary of the club in the Staten Island Softball Association. The team played valiantly throughout the season under the tutelage of Joe Caldarella and Zeke Parmigiani.

Photo by Bob Saglian



The Epsilon Alumni Club in Buffalo had a belated tribute dinner for Phil Burgio, who passed away seven years ago. Phil was one of the most beloved brothers in Epsilon history, and his chapter classmates wanted to honor him belatedly with a tribute of his life. Over 20 brothers attended, and they presented Phil's family with a commemorative engraved plaque and pin. Many brothers spoke of the emotional impact Phil had on them



The Pittsburgh Alumni Club was honored to have the coach of the Duquesne University men's basketball team as its speaker after its dinner meeting in May at Tambellini's Restaurant. Coach Ron Everhart relocated to Pittsburgh last year and guided the Dukes to an improved record. Brothers may recall that five members of the DU basketball team were victims of a shooting last fall. Coach endured a difficult first year and is hoping for better days in the upcoming season. The PAC had over 30 brothers attend the dinner meeting to hear Coach Everhart.



The alumni road trip started in a park and ride lot along the Pa. Turnpike outside of Pittsburgh. From left to right, brothers John Russo, Bob Valeriano, Ross Alessandro, Rod Belsky, Cal Shipley, Mark Belsky and Chris Shipley crammed into a mini-van for the five hour ride.



Brothers from the Brooklyn Alumni Club joined with the brothers from Pittsburgh in the upper deck of Yankee Stadium to watch the Pirates lose to the Yankees.

## Alumni Road Trip!

Seven alumni brothers from Psi chapter (Duquesne University), all of them members of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club (PAC), decided to relive their undergraduate years in June by taking a road trip from Pittsburgh to New York City. The idea started in January when the brothers saw that the Pittsburgh Pirates were scheduled to play at Yankee Stadium over a weekend in June. Emails started flying among the Pittsburgh brothers to determine an interest which was found to be high. Then using the power of our national fraternity and email, the brothers contacted their counterparts and good acquaintances in the Brooklyn Alumni Club (BAC). The BAC brothers bought a group of 20 tickets and arranged for a New York outing to the game to coincide with the PAC brothers trip.

John Russo, Psi 1972, Bob Valeriano Psi 1972, Ross Alessandro, Psi 1995, Rod Belsky, Psi 1971, Cal Shipley Psi 1971, Mark Belsky, Psi 1974, and Chris Shipley, Psi 1999, crowded in a mini-van (affectionately called the Cal-van in honor of its driver Cal Shipley) for the six hour ride to New York City on June 8th. The group made it to Yankee Stadium to see the Pirates lose one of their many games. On Saturday, the group enjoyed a round of golf in New Jersey hosted by Charlie Fiore, Theta Beta 1973 and made the return trip Saturday evening. The entire road trip encompassed less than 48 hours, but brought forth years of good memories and undergrad recollections.



Pete Gaudiuso, Brooklyn AC, is eating a ball park hotdog, while enjoying the Yankee game with Mark Belsky, Pittsburgh AC. Mark is the president of the Pittsburgh AC and gained an enjoyable fraternal experience from the weekend.



## Jules Zangrille, Beta Lambda 1950

*Passing of 31st National President and Fraternity Stalwart*

Julius J. "Jules" Zangrille, a Past National President and long-time fraternity officer and chapter founder, passed away in May of a heart attack. Zangrille was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1928. He was a founding brother of Beta Lambda Chapter at St. Francis College of Loretto, Pa. where he was a student as an undergraduate. In addition to being a charter member of the chapter, he served as its first President.

He graduated from St. Francis in 1950 with a B.A. in Business Administration. Upon graduation, Jules became the alumnus advisor for Beta Lambda. He continued in that position for the fraternity until 1960.

After college, he became involved in his family's plumbing business where he eventually became its President. Jules stayed involved with the fraternity as he began a lifelong association with the Pittsburgh Alumni Club. He served as Fifth District Governor from 1960 to 1967 and also was a member of the National Housing Corporation for thirty years (1950 through 1980) and served as its Chairman.

He was elected as National Vice President in 1970 and then National President in 1972. He received the National Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1977.

After his retirement from the plumbing business, Jules moved to Florida and became a licensed real estate agent. Jules had two children, Julius III and Andrea, and five grandchildren.

*Jules Zangrille in a photo from 2000 for The History of Alpha Phi Delta.*

## Zangrille Remembered

### *Memorial Gift Offered, Seeking Matching Donations*

BY RALPH LOMBARDI, BETA LAMBDA 1953

Junior (Jules) was my introduction to APD in 1953.

He was the epitome of what the fraternity (then) stood for—and its philosophy, its principles, its brotherhood and camaraderie. He led a handful of us naive undergrads by his enthusiasm and example, overcame every reluctance on our part; single-handedly drove the few of us to attempt to reclaim and restore the old, dilapidated Beta Lambda house; spent hundreds of hours driving to and from his home in Pittsburgh in order to assist us in meeting with and persuading skeptical college officials that restoration and habitation of the old structure was feasible.

Even more, he spent thousands of his own dollars (well, some of it came in the form of materials and paint from his Dad's hardware business which he either delivered in person or had us drive out to Pittsburgh to pick up—almost surreptitiously) and dozens of hours of mentoring time, overseeing our "restoration" of the old place. He taught us how to install plumbing; how to lay wood floors; how to install and re-glaze windows; how to renovate a barely-functioning kitchen.

We finally wrangled permission from the T.O.R.s at the college to actually move into the place, and I was fortunate enough to become the chapter's first president in its reincarnation.

That office led to even more familiarity and friendship—and hands-on, personal, mentoring—from Jules. He would drop by the fraternity house on weekends just to see how we were doing. He would invite a few brothers to his home on other weekends, just to take us to dinner to meet with so many of the older, more fraternity-knowledgeable Pittsburgh brothers. He introduced me to the Oakmont Country Club, and its golf course.

It really started when he actually showed up at my home—unannounced, during the summer of 1953 when I barely knew him—and informed me and my parents that we were going, the next day, up to the National Convention in Parkersburg, N.Y. I had to defer starting on my summer job; I had to scrape together the few bucks I could; but Jules picked up the bulk of the tab—literally subsidized me, in order to teach me. He told me, during the long drive upstate, the entire history of APD and of Beta Lambda Chapter—in extreme detail; naming names, relating stories of the fraternity's and the chapter's founders. He loved our fraternity and knew it intimately. And if one listened to him, one truly learned.

No brother had a greater enthusiasm for fraternal life than Jules, in those days. To say he was "Rah-Rah" is an understatement. He loved and lived Alpha Phi Delta. He loved and single-handedly brought Beta Lambda Chapter back to life.

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# We Lost a Great One

## Past National President Joe Creston Remembers Jules

Jules Zangrille, BL 1950, went home to the Father of us all on May 16, 2007. Jules (also known as Jay) was my friend for close to 60 years. He was one of the most loved brothers in all of APD history.

In life there are givers and takers—he was 100%, a giver. Always concerned about his beloved APD, he pushed strongly for the betterment of our fraternity constantly and never beat his own drum. Few brothers served longer than Jules as a National Officer—District Governor, National Vice-President, National President, and, over a period of 30 years, as a member of the Housing Committee as well as its chairman during much of that time.

Jules was the founder and the first president of Beta Lambda chapter at St. Francis College in Pennsylvania. I first met him there. Upon graduation in 1950 he became the chapter Alumni Adviser and served many years, making weekly trips to the chapter year in and year out. As a National Officer he contributed thousands of dollars supporting chapters and helping with the maintenance of fraternity houses with his expertise as well.

From the time Jules and I met in 1949 through the 1980s, the two of us traveled thousands of miles to chapters on visitations and initiations. In 1969 Jules insisted that I become the 5th District Governor. Those were the days when National Officers were not reimbursed for their expenses. I told him that I could not afford to serve. He made me an offer that I could not refuse—he would provide me with a phone credit card and transportation. I accepted. We traveled using his Lincoln Town car, his helicopter, or his private plane.

Jules was my prototype—I followed him in all the offices that he held. When I was in his presence he made me want to be a better brother. When he entered a room with his ready smile, everyone expected a party to break out. He and his wife, Charlotte (also known as “Bootsie”) hosted many great fraternity parties and were favorites at the annual conventions. People did not just like him—they loved him!

Recently our National Office informed the membership that Beta Lambda was officially added to the inactive chapter list. How sad. I know that the chapter’s alumni will band together and reactivate the chapter. Jules would expect no less.

Whether our chapter will ever be viable again—strongly doubted, as I’ve done my share of unsuccessful lobbying and advocating at present-day St. Francis University—Jules Zangrille will always be the essence of Beta Lambda. The National offices must honor his work and his contribution.

Junior, as I’ve always known him, will remain in my heart as one of the great inspirations for my personal life, underlying what little I’ve contributed to the younger generations during my life’s journey since that first meeting on the SFC campus one spring day in 1953. Standing outside Raymond Hall, listening to this tall, gangly stranger tell me how necessary I could be to Beta Lambda, and APD, I was inspired then, and still, by his unmatched, unbounded exuberance and “can-do” attitude. He was one of the finest men I have ever known.

**Alphonse Capone**, *Psi 1940*, died in June 2007. He was living in Eighty Four, Pa.

**Rudy Pasquarella**, *Beta Theta 1949*, passed away May 24 in Steubenville, Ohio. He was a member of the Steubenville Alumni Club.

**Andrew Qualtire**, *Beta Theta 1956*, passed away June 3rd in Mingo Junction, Ohio. He was a member of the Steubenville Alumni Club.

**Robert Smarrella**, *Beta Theta 1964*, passed away June 16 in Raleigh, N.C.

**Robert Batista**, *Beta Theta*, passed away in July.

**Dr. Bruce T. Boehringer**, *Mu chapter (Cornell University) 1959*, died July 3rd in Penn Valley, CA from lung cancer. He always was an unusually cheerful, vibrant and positive “can-do” type of fellow in all matters. Bruce served the animals and Koi fish of thousands of Silicone Valley and California clients in his Fremont Animal Hospital. He actively volunteered at ASPCA and Animal Rescue shelters. He has become a significant benefactor to Cornell’s Vet School and sponsor of Vet school interns. Within one week after the 2005 Tsunami hit Indonesia, Bruce had emptied his Vet clinic of medical supplies/instruments and was on a Hospital Ship to Banda Aceh as a volunteer Veterinarian to help the survivors with their animals. On the ship he assisted in surgery on desperate humans. On shore he helped set up an international animal treatment organization to help the local natives recover their economic lives via their live stock. Bruce candidly blamed his cancer on his decision to smoke for 25 years—he ended that 20 years ago. He urged all to get chest CT scans now because once lung cancer symptoms appear it usually is too late for treatment. He died 11 months after symptoms appeared and 10 months after the scans.

**Joseph F. Pizzirusso**, 79, *Delta 1945 (Brooklyn Polytech)*, a professor of engineering and inventor, died of cancer in March. In 1967, Professor Pizzirusso became an instructor at Pennsylvania Military College—now Widener University. He retired from Widener in 2004 as a full professor. While teaching, he was also a consultant to corporations including Foamex and Scott Paper Co., and held several patents.

Professor Pizzirusso grew up in New York. He earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in mechanical engineering from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He and his wife, Rose Furnari Pizzirusso, spent their courtship in the New York Public Library while he researched his thesis. They married in 1952. From 1954 to 1963 he was an associate professor at the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York. He had also taught at Pennsylvania State University and Delaware County Community College.

I will pledge a substantial sum of matching funds towards endowing an annual “Spirit of Alpha Phi Delta” Memorial Award in his memory and honor, if National will take on the challenge.

Since this writing Brother Lombardi has pledged \$10,000 to start a scholarship in Jules’ name. If you would like to contribute matching funds to enhance this fund, please contact Charles Fiore at cfiore@lewisandfiore.com or (212) 285-2290 or send a tax-deductible check payable to Alpha Phi Delta Foundation, c/o Richard Primiano, PO Box 8212, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-0212.

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John Russo, Psi 1972

Alpha Phi Delta is one of the smaller national fraternities, but what we lack in size we make up in heart. Many nationals have larger conventions than we have, but few if any have a larger percentage of its membership attend. And few if any can touch ours in terms of family as part of their convention. The 2007 National Convention in August in the Poconos was very family oriented. Lots of brothers and family members attended to support the convention motto, "fraternity and family fun for everyone." There is an old saying that "a picture is worth a thousand words." I'll save a few of my words for our brothers to look at the picture with this column, which was taken at the fraternity picnic. See for yourself if you think our brothers and their family enjoyed the 2007 gathering in the Poconos.

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