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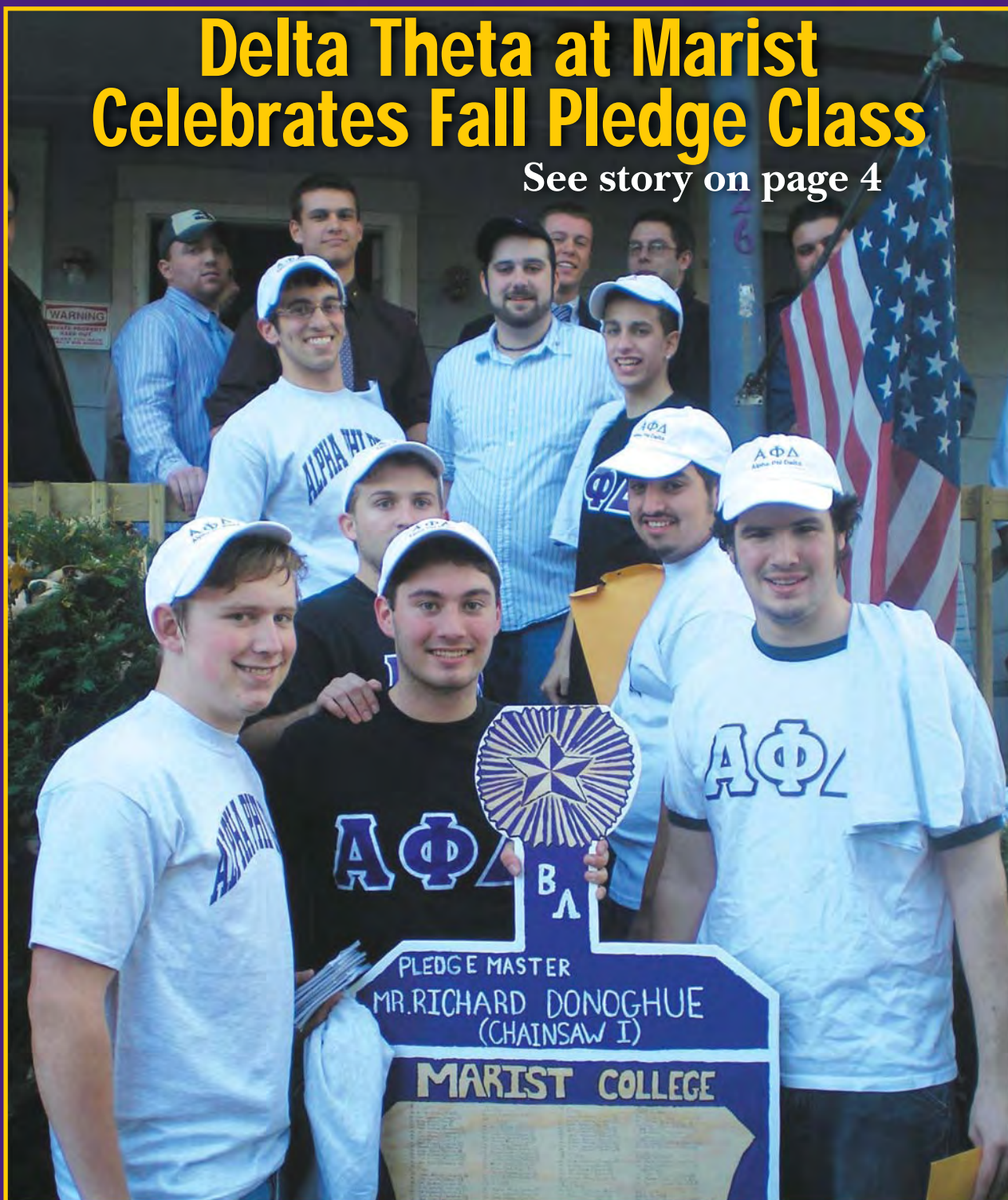
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LUNCH BAG NOTES

The Importance of Language Skills

BY ALBERT PARISI, BETA ETA 1974



One of the most alarming trends in education today is the decline in reading, writing and speaking proficiency. Unfortunately the cause is more easily discernible than the solution. The three major causes are TV/Cable, Video Games and the Internet. These societal trends are an increasing, though dubious influence in most students' lives and can have an adverse effect on career expectations, beginning with the interview process.

As the job market narrows, distinguishing yourself above the crowd becomes of paramount importance. Every detail needs to be polished: your resume, attire and most especially your speaking skills. In addition to first impressions based on your physical presentation (attire, posture, smile and handshake), employers are quite impressed with articulate candidates.

That knowledge alone is of profound importance. Having interviewed dozens over the years, I can assure the competition is either unaware or simply uncaring about the basic elements of style, presentation and communication.

Here's what you need to know. The interviewer looks at your body language and listens to how you speak. After the interview is long over, the interviewer will remember 80% of how you said what you said, but only 20% of what you said. Let me put that another way. How you deliver the message is more vital than the message itself. It's the sizzle that sells the steak and the aroma that sells the pie.

It is never too early to start improving your vocabulary and speaking skills. One of the simplest ways to build your vocabulary is learn a new word every day. If that's too ambitious try a new word a week. The time invested in this endeavor will reward you many times over. Becoming a good speaker requires patience and practice. There is an old adage that says you can't be a good salesperson unless you own a tape recorder. Remember we are always selling, whether it's an item or ourselves. Practicing with a tape recorder, before a mirror, is the second step to becoming an engaging speaker. The first step, of course, is a vibrant vocabulary. I strongly recommend joining an organization like Toastmasters, to help you develop self confidence and further enhance your ability to communicate. Caution—don't become supercilious with your new superlative skills.

Al Parisi is the author of several books including *Lunch Bag Notes: Everyday Advice from a Dad to his Daughter*.

ON THE COVER: Pictured is the Beta Lambda pledge class of Delta Theta. Left to right, bottom, David Peniston, Joseph Rahtelli II and Brian Scardino; middle, Kevin Fitzmaurice and Andrew Tracz; third, Greg Furman and Kyle Napolitano. Their chapter president Dennis DiBari and pledgemaster Richard Donoghue top center left and center right, respectively.

Foundation notice: Alex Franki, Gamma Lambda 1990, was elected as chairman of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation in August 2007. The Foundation would like to thank outgoing chairman Paul Fabrizio, Psi 1963, who served for six years.

You Made a Difference

BY ALEX FRANKI, FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN

You made a difference in the life of Alpha Phi Delta and more than 500 undergraduates last year. The Foundation had another successful year in 2007 and I would like to share some highlights.

In 2007 our annual donations were at near record levels including many first time donors. Our Scholarship Division, under the direction of Charlie Fiore, Theta Beta '73, was able to distribute over \$22,000 in scholarship money to 25 recipients. In total we have given out more than \$400,000 in scholarships to almost 500 deserving students since 1973. Our financial sponsorship of the *Kleos* has allowed for three issues to be produced and sent to over 11,000 brothers. The Alpha Phi Delta Affinity Credit Card program with Bank of America has been a growing success and our sponsorship of the Alpha Phi Delta Leadership Conference provided the opportunity for almost 100 undergraduates to attend.

In addition to our current sponsored programs, we are working on establishing our Alcohol Abuse Program, our Annual Chapter Presidents Retreat and initiatives to help make our undergraduates' grade point average the envy of the Greek world. Our alumni targeted initiatives include the Emeritus Luncheon, the newly created Silver Anniversary for those celebrating their 25th year of initiation and our newly formed Local Alumni Reunion Program.

We know it is because of you and your generous gifts that we are successful. As we embark upon our run to 2014 and our 100th year Anniversary, we look to you and hope that you will continue to remember the brothers who will follow us in the years to come.

To do all of these things we would like to ask for your continued support. To that end we are announcing **The *Kleos* Page Sponsorship Program, The 1914 Society, The Alpha Society and The Omega Society.**

Kleos Page Sponsorship Program

A few years ago the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation and our past Chairman Paul Fabrizio, Psi '63, had decided to take over financial responsibility of producing and mailing the *Kleos* to each living brother. Over 11,000 issues are produced and mailed out three times annually at an expense of approximately \$25,000. Our goal is to raise \$500,000 to fully endow the *Kleos* Fund which would assure the financial resources to produce the *Kleos* in perpetuity. To help accomplish this worthy goal, the Foundation has started to solicit donations that endow a page in the *Kleos* for a specific individual or group. There are only 48 page sponsorships available. We have already started to receive these generous gifts from individual brothers and alumni clubs. To endow a page requires a one-time donation of \$10,000, or by special offer we can establish your endowment with only \$500 and \$500 per issue until fully funded. Your name will be prominently announced at the bottom of your sponsored page. Brothers who have already started their *Kleos* page sponsorships include: *Peter Gaudiuso* Theta Beta 1982, *Sam Galasso* Beta Delta 1960, *David Alcaro*, Lambda 1995 as well as the *New York Alumni Club* and the *Pittsburgh Alumni Club*. If you see these brothers please commend them and we invite you to join their ranks.

The 1914 Society

The Alpha Phi Delta Foundation recognizes our undergraduate donors to the Foundation with membership in the newly created

1914 Society. These young donors participate in the success of the Foundation with a single undergraduate contribution of \$19.14 while still in school and make a commitment to continue donation to the Foundation when they become alumni.

Alpha Phi Delta Brothers are the recipients of Foundation grants and programming and, by becoming a member in the 1914 Society, each member is demonstrating his appreciation. Their donation of \$19.14 while mostly symbolic provides a leading example of how Alpha Phi Delta men across the country unite to ensure the success of Alpha Phi Delta. Our hope is that the act of giving will become habitual and lead to a lifetime of support.

Our chapters will compete for recognition in two categories: the chapter with the highest percentage of participation and the one with the highest number of participants.

The Alpha Society

The Alpha Society recognizes a brother's first gift to the Foundation as young alumni. In keeping with the tradition of permanent activity and support, we will be honored to celebrate our recent alumni upon their first gift to the Foundation.

The Omega Society

The Omega Society recognizes those brothers who through a planned gift have made an outstanding commitment to permanent activity and support. The Foundation's ability to publish the *Kleos*, provide quality educational programming and scholarship assistance for future Alpha Phi Delta brothers relies on the forethought of those brothers who have included the Foundation in their personal estate plans.

Deferred or planned gifts help you meet your own financial need today, while supporting Alpha Phi Delta's future needs. Such gifts can provide significant tax breaks as well as lifetime income for you and your family.

As with outright gifts, deferred gifts may be restricted and designated to specified programs based on the donor's wishes, or they may be left unrestricted to give the Foundation the flexibility to meet unforeseeable needs.



*Aldo Del Sorbo,
Delta 1974, the
first member of the
Omega Society*

The first official member of the Omega Society is *Aldo Del Sorbo*, Delta 1974, who has included the Foundation as a beneficiary of his life insurance policy. Aldo has specifically asked that a scholarship in his name be established upon his passing as a way of giving back to Alpha Phi Delta.

I am sure that there are many other brothers who have made similar arrangements to include Alpha Phi Delta in their estate plans. I would like these unknown brothers to please contact us so that we can include you in this elite group thus giving you the recognition that you so richly deserve.

We will be pleased to recognize our members in these elite societies in the *Kleos* and at our National meetings. For information on member requirements or to learn more about the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation, please see our website www.apdfoundation.org.

This page sponsored by Alex Franki, Gamma Lambda 1990, through a generous donation to the Foundation.

Photo by Joseph Rahtelli



From the Cover

On November 10, 2007, over thirty brothers from five chapters witnessed the induction of seven new brothers into Delta Theta Chapter at Marist College. The newly inducted brothers are Kevin Fitzmaurice, Greg Furman, Kyle Napolitano, David Peniston, Brian Scardino, Andrew Tracz and Joseph Rahtelli II, son of Joseph Rahtelli, Beta Beta '82, PNP. The pledge period was coordinated by pledgemaster Richard Donoghue and chapter president Dennis DiBari. The ceremony was conducted by Hudson Valley District Governor Vinnie Beatty. Gamma Xi brothers Mike Morris and Rodney Ragucci traveled from Connecticut. Beta Beta alumni Gerry DeBlasi and Jim Kolar, Joseph Rahtelli II's godfather, attended as well. National Chaplain and Delaware Valley District Governor Fr. Jim Lentini traveled over four hours to be in attendance. The induction was celebrated at a chapter semi-formal that evening.



Photo by John Russo

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Six brothers from Psi Chapter (Duquesne University) brought their dates to enjoy a social evening with brothers from the Pittsburgh Alumni Club at the 2007 PAC Dinner Dance which was held on Saturday November 10th at Nevillewood Country Club. The group danced to the music of brother Vito DiSalvo, Psi 1970, and the We Three band featuring brother Greg Grenek, Psi 1972 on sax.



Photo by Paul Zammit, Jr.

Beta Sigma chapter at St. Francis College in Brooklyn welcomed its 103rd pledge group on November 11, 2007. Brothers from Gamma Rho and Gamma Sigma, including new brothers who were initiated the night before, attended the event! Michael Albano, Felix Bergon, Theodore M. Davidson, Thomas D'Esposito, Woodley Etienne, Kevin V. Fernandez, Antonio Prisco, Anthony Taylor, Patrick Roland-Waring and Matthew J. Wasson took the oath of brotherhood. This pledge class of ten is the largest in the 45 year history of Beta Sigma. The ceremony was performed by Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor and Todd Cusato, Assistant District Governor. Thanks go out to the brothers of the New York Alumni Club for hosting another initiation.

On Saturday, December 8, 2007, Gamma Pi (Ramapo College of New Jersey) inducted its Beta Nu pledge class. North Jersey District Governor, Paul Zammit, Jr., administered the oath of brotherhood to Brian P. Murphy, J.R. Steinhauer, Ryan M. Greene, and Matthew A. Dixon.

New York Christmas Dance

Photo by Alex Franki



Photo by Alex Franki



Alumni brothers celebrate at the NYC Christmas Dance December 1st: Rob Landi, Chris Mancusi, Frank Di Maria, Nick Franki, Todd Cusato, Mike Young, Alex Franki and Paul Zammit.

Photo by Todd Cusato



Alumni from Beta Sigma Chapter (St. Francis, Brooklyn) celebrated their 45th chapter anniversary during the New York Christmas Dance on December 1st.

On December 1, 2007, over 100 brothers and their dates attended the **Annual New York City District Christmas Dance**, a long running tradition that had resumed 5 years ago on the first Saturday of December. Attendance was the highest number since the re-activation of the dance back in 2003. The event was sponsored by the New York Alumni Club, and it was a smashing success as brothers enjoyed an evening of drinks, food and good fun!

Beta Sigma Chapter held a special reunion at the event to celebrate the chapter's 45th anniversary of continuous activity. It was fitting that the undergraduate chapter had its largest initiated pledge class during the semester of the chapter's very special anniversary. The brothers of the NYAC appreciated that Beta Sigma chose to celebrate its anniversary in conjunction with the dance. Additional chapters in attendance: Delta, Theta Beta, Beta Eta, Beta Omega, Gamma Kappa, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Nu, Gamma Rho, Gamma Sigma, Delta Epsilon.

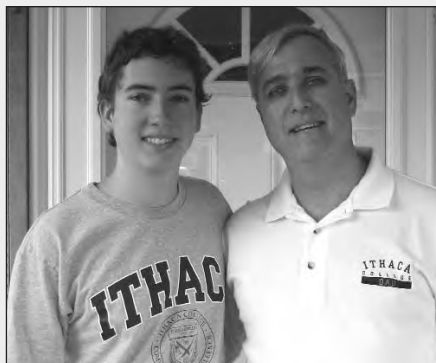
The NYAC would like to thank all of the brothers and guests who attended for helping make this dance the best district party NYC has seen in many years. Eight brothers and guests from Gamma Nu (William Patterson, New Jersey) even took the drive in to attend the event. The North Jersey Alumni Club has also discussed moving their December meeting to allow for their members to attend the NYC Christmas Dance in the future.

It's never too early to plan for 2008! Save this date—Saturday, December 6, 2008. We'll be shooting for 150 people with YOU in attendance! Submitted by Chris Mancusi.

Scholarship Award Winners



Gina Mazzotta is pictured with her sponsor and father Dom Mazzotta, Psi 1971. Gina is the recipient of the Frank Costanzo Award. She is a communication major studying at the University of Pittsburgh.



Bobby Zeleny, Jr. with his father and sponsor Robert Zeleny, Sr., Beta Sigma. Bobby received the Brother Camillus Award. He is a student at Ithaca College studying television-radio.



Krista Going, the recipient of the Alpha Phi Delta Award, with her grandfather and sponsor Frank Leanza, Theta Beta 1945. Krista attends the College of New Jersey and is student teaching in preparation to obtain her teaching certificate and graduating in May.



Marie Russo with her father and sponsor John Russo, Psi 1972. Marie is a chemical engineering student in her sophomore year at the University of Pittsburgh. She was awarded the Frank Cavallaro Award.



Marissa Mazzei is a music education major at the College of Saint Rose. She received the Ernest Colletti Award and was sponsored by her father Vincent Mazzei, Beta Chi.



Simone Savino received the Eta Chapter Armand DeRosa Memorial Scholarship. Simone is shown with her grandfather and sponsor Gene Cassiano, Eta 1940. Simone is studying interior design at Florida State University.



Frank Romano with his father and sponsor Jim Romano, Beta Beta 1978. Frank was awarded the Anthony and Stella Barbieri Scholarship. He is a student at Fairfield University majoring in economics.



Drew Tomafsky, Delta Xi, received the Long Island Alumni Club / John Pasta Award. Drew is a student at Seton Hall University. He is shown above with Arthur Marksioian, his former pledge master at Delta Xi and sponsor.



Jessica Rudisill, recipient of the Fabrizio Family Scholarship, is pictured with her sponsor and grandfather Carl Izzo, Psi. She is also the great-granddaughter of Albert Izzo, Pi, and niece of Carl Izzo, Jr. of Chi. Jessica is a junior at Mercyhurst College studying music.

The Scholars Award

The scholarship division of Alpha Phi Delta Foundation has established the formation of a new scholarship, the Scholars Award. The donors will be predominantly made up of previous award winners and their sponsors. The goal is to establish the award with \$100,000, the largest single fund ever.

There are two special levels of contributions: The "Founders" will be the first hundred individuals that donate \$1,000 or more for the establishment of the scholarship. The "Elite Founders" will consist of the individuals that donate \$2,500 or more.

The "Founders" will receive:

Acknowledgment of their contribution in an issue of the *Kleos*.

Acknowledgment as a "Founder" of the Scholars Award in the *Kleos*.

Be listed as a "Founder" of the Scholars Award that to be given to every recipient of the award.

Scholarship funds now exceed \$500,000 with the announcement of The Robert L. Polito scholarship as the 26th fully endowed Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship. Brother Polito was a member of Beta Rho Chapter at Gannon University and passed away in 1993. The first Polito award will be made at the summer convention on August 3, 2008.

Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship is a part of Alpha Phi Delta Foundation Inc., a charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. Our web site is www.apdscholarship.org. Applications will be available on the web site by March 1, 2008. **The deadline for applications for the 2008 awards is May 31, 2008.**

Only members of Alpha Phi Delta and their family members are eligible for scholarships. Applicants must have completed two college marking periods and be returning to college or graduate school in the fall.

Contributions to the Polito fund and any of the other scholarship funds can be sent to Alpha Phi Delta Foundation, 9248 Ridgeway Avenue, Evanston, Ill 60203 or via the Internet at www.apdscholarship.org.

In addition, the "Elite Founders" on a rotating basis with the other "Elite Founders," will be asked to present the scholarship check to a recipient with a

picture of the presentation to be published in the *Kleos*.

Any questions or inquiries can be directed to [Joe Rahtelli @ Rahtelli@aol.com](mailto:Joe.Rahtelli@aol.com)

Brothers Open Americana Vodka

BY DANNY THOMAS, JR. BETA OMICRON 1974

James Bond liked his "shaken, not stirred!" as do most people these days, but up until just recently, though, you couldn't get a martini made with a premium American made vodka. Sure, there are vodkas on the market that are made in the U.S.A., but none of them could fly with Grey Goose, or the likes of Belvedere and Chopin brands.

Alpha Phi Delta alumni Vincent and Sal D'Acunto broke out their Americana brand vodka this past fall to fill that void. Along with their brother Frank, they decided about a year ago to create a luxury vodka MADE IN THE USA to compete with all the imports.

Sal pledged Beta Eta (Brooklyn College) in 1980 while majoring in business. Before graduating with a degree in accounting, he served as chapter president. Vincent followed in his footsteps, pledging Beta Eta in 1987. He, too, became chapter president before graduating with a degree in political science.

The brothers came by their knowledge of the liquor industry naturally as their late father, Vincent, Sr., spent 45 years as a liquor salesman, working his way up the ranks to become president of his salesman's union before passing away seven years ago.

The brothers took special care to make sure they put out a product worthy of being labeled a premium vodka by using grains harvested in the finest American heartlands and using a slow charcoal filtration utilizing a carbon block filter. Americana vodka is bottled by the country's oldest family distillery, Laird & Co., and made with water sourced at 300 feet below sea level.

They took special care, too, in designing the bottle for their Americana vodka. Its distinctive shape and red, white and blue color scheme makes it stand out to the extent that restaurant owners have requested bottles to display on their tables.

Vincent and his wife Marie reside on Staten Island with their two children, Gianna and Vincent III. Sal makes Holmdel, NJ, his home along with his wife Lisa and their four children, Zachary, Sonny, Joseph and Bianca.

As you can tell from the accompanying photograph, the brothers have stayed true to their APD roots. The D'Acuntos are looking to expand out of the tri-state area with their premium vodka and any brother with a background in sales and/or marketing are encouraged to apply through their website: www.americanavodka.com.

So, the next time you want yours "shaken, not stirred," ask for the best vodka America has to offer, ask for Americana vodka.



Vinny and Sal D'Acunto

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

New York City Happenings

Photo by Chris Mancusi



ABOVE: The New York AC sponsored "Brotherhood for Life" seminar was held in October with a large attendance of undergrads.

RIGHT: After the "Brotherhood for Life" seminar, the pledges enjoy a home-cooked meal, Italian of course!

Congratulations NYC Undergrads!

44 Fall Initiates tops the Historic
Fall '05 Semester
3 Chapters inducted 10 or More!

Two years ago, the brothers of the New York Alumni Club (NYAC) asked themselves how they could further positively affect the young undergraduates in New York City. The concept came up to develop a "Brotherhood for Life" seminar in which the alumni brothers would discuss how their lives were affected by the fraternity after graduation. Beta Sigma, Gamma Rho and Gamma Sigma sent their pledges to the NYAC event. The pledges heard some great stories. The overall message was: "Once a brother, you need to be actively involved in the fraternity to truly benefit from it. The Franki brothers (Alex and Nick) cooked some food and the pledges and brothers mingled throughout the evening. It was certainly a worthwhile experience for all involved. The Long Island Alumni Club hosted a similar seminar out on Long Island for Beta Pi and Gamma Omicron.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Photo by Chris Mancusi



On Friday November 9, 2007, Gamma Sigma held an initiation ceremony for its Kappa class. Brothers from every pledge class since the re-activation were present. Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor and Paul Zammit, North Jersey District Governor performed the ceremony. Eduardo Baque, Andtrunik A. Boyadzhyan, DuQuan L. Bryant, Vincent C. Corallo, Anthony M. Dolce, Frank Mascia, and Corey B. Seligson were welcomed into the brotherhood. Thanks to the NYAC for being gracious hosts.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



On Sunday November 11, 2007, the brothers of Beta Pi initiated their fall pledge class. The induction took place in Queens and brothers from the Long Island Alumni Club were in attendance. As LIAC looks for younger members, this seems the start of a great relationship between the chapter and club. Anthony P. Anderson, Jonathan Azara, Christopher M. Borgatti, Nathaniel W. Compagnone, Gennaro DiMeglio, Colin G. Dwyer, Vincent P. Ganci, Patrick D. Giammalvo, Eric X. Reed, and Alexander Zugaro were administered the oath of brotherhood by NYC District Governor Chris Mancusi.

PLEDGE BOWL RESULTS

On November 3, 2007, NYC openly challenged the NJ District in the second ever NYC vs. NJ Pledge Bowl at Beta Pi (SJU-Queens). The event featured jeopardy-type questions regarding the Dokime, national officers and a special long question to decide the winner. Over 110 brothers and pledges were in attendance. Delta Omicron, Rutgers-Newark was up for the challenge to represent North Jersey. Unfortunately for NJ, Delta Omicron was bounced in the first round and NYC was declared the winner. The tournament continued as Gamma Rho and Gamma Sigma made it to the final round. Gamma Rho narrowly defeated the defending champions for its first Fall Pledge Bowl Championship. As the brothers made their way home, some decided to stop at a local Roll-n-Roaster in Brooklyn. Before anyone could turn around, almost 40 brothers were in the restaurant. All in all, it was a great day for the Fraternity in New York City. The North Jersey District Governor, Paul Zammit, Jr., is from Gamma Sigma and lives on Staten Island. So look for more NYC/NJ combined events in the future.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

Almost 40 brothers visited a local Roll-n-Roaster for an impromptu dinner after the New York City Pledge Bowl in November 2007.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Over 110 brothers and pledges were in attendance for the second ever New York City versus New Jersey Pledge Bowl.

This year, the NYC District purchased district T-shirts using its district budget allocation from the national fraternity. The brothers are appreciative as every undergraduate and new initiate this year will receive a t-shirt at initiation. This year's motto is "The Biggest and the Best!"



The Return of The Tarantella

BY BEN RUGGIERO, DELTA 1960

In preparation for her wedding reception, my daughter, Annie, asked me if I wished to select any songs or dances to be played by the band. Standing there I had an inspiration and requested a Tarantella. I couldn't remember the last time I attended a wedding or any other affair and heard a Tarantella played.

In the days following my request, however, I became somewhat concerned that neither I nor my wife and daughters knew how to do the dance. Would anyone at the reception know how to do the dance? Would they appreciate or understand a classic Italian dance such as the Tarantella which some people date back to the 15th century? The expected attendees at the reception did not constitute the room full of Italians that I remember from years ago. This was a more diverse group.

I recall as a kid, there were two staples you could count on at any wedding reception involving our family or close friends. My mother and father would be "asked" to give a Peabody demonstration. My father would give the band leader, Uncle Sal, a big hint that he was available to do the dance, and, of course, the crowd was eagerly looking forward to it (according to him, anyway). They did do a good Peabody.

The other staple was Uncle Nick and Aunt Philly dancing the Tarantella. Aunt Philly would feign that she really didn't want to do the dance, but since everyone was urging them on, well then, she would acquiesce. The floor would be cleared and they would do their thing. Aunt Philly, a substantial woman, easily kept up with Uncle Nick. I remember as clearly as yesterday the proud look on Uncle Nick's face as they would go through their paces. Everyone in the room would crowd around the dance floor and clap and cheer them on. The crowd absolutely loved it. Uncle Nick, at one point, in classical Tarantella style, would get down on one knee, wave his handkerchief over his head and Aunt Philly would say something like, "Nick, don't show off," but would dance around him as required. What a great memory.

At one point, I thought I might know the steps to the Tarantella and decided to demonstrate the steps to my wife and daughters. They said that while it was true they didn't know the Tarantella, they were quite sure what I was doing was not the Tarantella. If they had to guess, it looked like I was doing a fair Irish jig. I didn't know I could do an Irish jig, fair or otherwise.

I was concerned enough now that I bought a Tarantella instructional

dance tape via the internet for \$35. My plan was to watch the tape, learn the dance, teach it to my wife and daughters and sons-in-law and give a family demonstration (sort of) at the reception. Needless to say, my sons-in-law were underwhelmed with the idea. The plumber son-in-law said he would either learn the dance or fix a leak in my pipes. My second son-in-law said he would either learn the dance or fix a mysterious bulge that appeared in my living room wall. My future son-in-law, a carpenter, said he would learn the dance or fix my loose banister. It was close, but I went for the pipes, the bulge in the wall and the banister.

I could only get my daughters together the night before the reception and only for ten minutes. We watched the tape and learned the basic Tarantella step. Annie, the bride-to-be, assured me that the band leader had advised us not to worry. He had said, "I will guide the crowd through the do-si-dos, 'go to the lefts,' 'go to the rights' and changing partner movements." Now I was really worried. Was he was confusing the dance with Country and Western Ho Down? How would that look?

The night of the reception I was still somewhat concerned, but two martinis into the affair, I was somewhat less concerned.

During my third martini, my wife, Kathy said, "Ben, they're playing your song. What do you call it? Get out there. Let's go."

I couldn't believe the reaction from the guests. Everyone, but everyone, ran for the dance floor. I was wondering if some more Italians had sneaked in. How could that be? Did someone advertise that a Tarantella would be played?

The guests did do-si-dos and changed direction and changed partners, following the band leader's directions explicitly. He was right, who knew?

After the dance two guests came over to me, separately. I don't remember who they were. You know with the now three martinis and all the excitement. Anyway, both said they hadn't heard the Tarantella in over 20 years and were so glad to hear it and dance it again. One was almost in tears because he said he loved the dance and would probably never hear it again at another affair. I will always remember that, even if I don't remember who said it.

I got that warm feeling you get when you attempt something nostalgic, and it goes well. You know what I mean. Something that people will remember for a long time.

Well, anyway, there it is. I just wanted to share it with you all.



Kathleen Ruggiero, Darin and Anne Marie Miller, and Ben Ruggiero at the Miller's wedding August 17, 2007 where the Tarantella was resurrected.

Easiest way to donate \$40 to the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation.

Dear Brother:

The Alpha Phi Delta Foundation and Bank of America invite you to accept a very special offer. Through an exclusive arrangement with Bank of America, brothers now have the opportunity to apply for the *Alpha Phi Delta WorldPoints Platinum Plus VISA Card* or the *Alpha Phi Delta Rewards American Express Card*. These unique cards give you all of the benefits and services of premier credit cards, and at the same time provide you with an easy way to help support Alpha Phi Delta.



These cards give their holders many distinct advantages:

- A specially designed card with our Fraternity's Crest.
- No annual fee and the flexibility to pay over time.
- You earn VISA WorldPoints or AMEX Reward Points each time you use your card, which can later be redeemed for cash or merchandise of your choosing.
- Access to the MyConcierge service, a unique personal assistance service.
- Absolute Fraud Protection and Identity Theft Recovery.
- Secure Online Account Management option and 24 hour service.
- Introductory 0% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for cash advance checks and balance transfers through your first twelve billing cycles.

These cards place a new world of value, privileges, rewards and services at your command, but here is the best part. *At no additional cost to you*, Bank of America has agreed to provide the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation with a one time payment of **\$40 each time a new account is opened** and a subsequent first purchase is made. In addition, Foundation will receive a **percentage of any purchase** charges you make with these exclusive cards. As you can see, this is a great opportunity to avail yourself of a superior credit card while at the same time helping our fraternity.

Obtaining the **Alpha Phi Delta VISA Card** or the **Alpha Phi Delta American Express Card** could not be easier thanks to the availability of an online application. Simply log onto www.apdfoundation.org and click on the Credit Card link on the left hand side of the page for the card of your choice. Within moments of entering the necessary information, you may be approved and on your way to earning your Rewards and/or WorldPoints and helping Alpha Phi Delta.

I urge you to join your fellow brothers in taking advantage of this unique opportunity. Most of us use credit cards on a regular basis. Why not help Alpha Phi Delta the next time you do?

Faternally yours,

Frank J. Di Maria, BH '92

Alpha Phi Delta Foundation Director

Credit Card Campaign Chairman

Alpha Phi Delta Networking and Connecting on the Web!

BY MICHAEL IACOVELLI, THETA BETA

The internet (web) is not only a source of useful (and useless) information, but through a few popular social and professional networking sites, has become a great way to re-connect with brothers. Past National President Tony Carfang has set up the Alpha Phi Delta Alumni Network on LinkedIn (www.Linkedin.com) a professional network site. Since its inception, this network has grown to over 1000 brothers representing 78 chapters!

In addition to the LinkedIn professional networking site, Alpha Phi Delta has a significant presence on the social networking site, Facebook. Facebook, like LinkedIn, has Alpha Phi Delta networks. Facebook has a few APD networks: Alpha Phi Delta National Group with 357 members, and the Alpha Phi Delta National Fraternity with 272 members.

On both sites, there are hundreds if not thousands more brothers that you can reach. Though LinkedIn is more of a professional networking site (brothers there are termed connections), and Facebook is more of a social networking site (brothers here are termed friends), both can be used to:

- Reconnect and communicate with brothers from your chapter or era;
- Search for brothers in any geographic area;
- Search for brothers in specific professions;
- Search for brothers from specific chapters.

Both sites are totally free and easy to use! The LinkedIn network can be accessed at: <http://www.apdfoundation.org/alumninetwork.html>, and Facebook can be accessed at www.facebook.com, Search for Alpha Phi Delta, or Michael Iacovelli.

ALUMNI NEWS AND SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Pete Gaudiuso



ABOVE: Alumni brothers from **Theta Beta Chapter** (NYU) recently reunited in midtown Manhattan. The group has been gathering annually for the past several years to reminisce and catch-up and this year's get-together was one of the best attended! If you are a Theta Beta alumnus interested in joining us in the future, contact pgaudiuso@msn.com. From left to right: John Palamarik '84, Pete Gaudiuso '82, Mike Manniello '83, Carl Gargiulo '75, Neil Anastasio '73, Jeff Uliano '76, Tony Zumbo '90, Ozzie Gonzales '77, Frank Polverino '86, Gene Gemelli '80, Mike Iacovelli '81, Tom Modica '75, Charlie Fiore '73, Fred DeCicco '78.



Evan Sottosanti, Beta Eta 1988 (Brooklyn College), enjoys working as a volunteer at events for the Association of Professional Volleyball Players. Shown above, Evan is with Olympic Gold Medal winner Misty May at an event on August 27, 2007 at the Brooklyn Open in Coney Island, N.Y. Misty May won the doubles event with her partner Kerri Walsh.

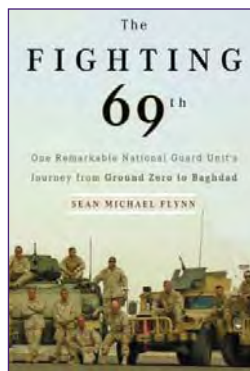


Photo by Jeff Breen

Saturday, October 6th, **Tom Gambino**, Gamma Sigma 1989, and his wife, Tracy opened their Aberdeen, New Jersey home to over ten Gamma Sigma alumni and their families. It was a reunion a long time coming as some brothers had not seen each other in 10–15 years!

The brothers enjoyed good food, wine and cigars on a beautiful Saturday as they reminisced about the good old days. Jeff Breen, Gamma Sigma 1989, writes, "We hope this is a start of regular social meetings. We are looking for some long lost Gamma Sigma Alumni and they can contact me at jcb811@yahoo.com."

Pictured Top Row: Joe Friedman, Danny "Wiggly-D" Feyjoo, Paschal Zukowski, Joe Memoly, Vincent Cucci III, and "Baby" Brian Reilly. Bottom Row: Jeff Breen, Adolfo Lunardi, Tom Gambino, Tommy "Weird Al" Laperuta, and Gregg Taylor.



Joseph Minning, Gamma Omicron 1995 (SUNY Stony Brook), writes: "I am an Infantry Officer. I have served on Active Duty with the regular army with the 82nd Airborne and with the National Guard 1-69 Infantry and am still serving. I was a platoon leader (1st Lieutenant) from September 2004–October 2005 in Baghdad, and I am getting ready to re-deploy, this time to Afghanistan. I am awaiting my promotion orders to Captain. Also, I am on the cover of the upcoming book "The Fighting 69th" and one of the main soldiers followed throughout our deployment. It is available for pre-order on Amazon.com. I am the one in the middle with the base-ball hat and sunglasses on." *P.S. "JOEYBEANZ" was my pledge name!*

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The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held its 2007 Christmas Dinner on December 17 at Minutello's Restaurant. 35 brothers and guests attended the annual Christmas Dinner which features an Italian fare of soup, antipasto, smelts, *linguini aglio e olio*, white pizza and spumoni. Pictured above are those diners who were still at the party at the end of the evening.



Photo by Pete Gaudioso

Brooklyn Alumni Club held a Brunch and Broadway event November 18th. The group posed in front of the Biltmore Theatre after seeing the play "Mauritius." The brothers in the picture with family are Joe Caldarella, Mike Manniello, Leo Parmegiani, Zeke Parmegiani, Sal Passanisi and Pete Gaudioso.



Photo by Bob Saglian

Epsilon alumni brothers (University of Buffalo) held their annual reunion September 18, 2007, at Sunny's Italian Restaurant in Batavia, N.Y. The also celebrated the birthday of brother Al "Mad Dog" Polizzi during the reunion.

David Chiarello of Beta Sigma and his wife Danielle welcomed the birth of their second daughter on October 25th, Madison Grace Chiarello.

Armand Niccolai, *Psi 1933 (Duquesne)*, was named to the Pittsburgh Steelers All Legends Team in honor of the team's 75th anniversary. Niccolai was a kicker for the Steelers from 1934–1942. He also played on the professional team with

four other Psi classmates—Nick DeCarbo, guard; Ben Ciccone, center; Silvio Zanninelli, back; George Rado, guard.

Adam Vicelich, *Beta Omega 1991*, is a pianist/singer/songwriter from Brooklyn, N.Y. He is a member and founder of the band "CLOSENUF" which was a 2006 Grammy pre-nominee for best instrumental arrangement accompanying

vocalists. Before founding "CLOSENUF" with Anthony J. Foti, he recorded and performed his music with "Flyer's Fall," a group whose nationally distributed CD had received stellar reviews. He then went on to self-produce a solo CD, yielding more positive press, and has produced recordings for other songwriters. Adam has a Masters Degree from the Aaron Copland School of Music, Queens College, and is currently a music teacher.

Frank J. Romano, Eta 1959 (1941–2007)

Frank Joseph Romano was born in Brooklyn, New York, on October 24, 1941. He was the oldest of three sons born to Josephine and Harold Romano. On July 17, 2007, Frank died from cancer. He was 65 years of age.

Although Frank and I both graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School, we were three years apart and didn't meet until 1959, when Frank arrived at The City College of New York, School of Engineering. Being a social guy, Frank looked into the various fraternities at CCNY. When he discovered Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, the only Italian-American fraternity on campus, his search ended. Frank pledged and became a brother of our fraternity.

Although Frank attended City College, he left and later graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. He served with distinction in the 84th Precinct of the New York City Police Department. While on the NYPD, Frank was well liked and very highly regarded, both as an individual and as a highly competent law enforcement professional. He was the finest of New York's finest. After 23 years, Frank retired from the NYPD as Sergeant of Detectives for the Crime Scene Unit. Later, he started his own private investigation and security consulting firm.

Frank loved his friends and neighbors in Goshen, New York. He was a dedicated community leader and served Goshen in many capacities, including terms as Town Supervisor, Town Councilman, and Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. In addition, he was a long-time member of the Goshen Republican Committee and, for several years, worked tirelessly as its campaign manager. Frank was a true Goshenite. He championed any cause that would enrich the town he loved and vigorously fought any action that he believed would be detrimental to his community.

Frank was a proud member of the Central Orange County Italian-American Association of Goshen. He was the organization's current president, which bears testimony to the esteem in which he was held by his associates.

Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity brothers, Brooklyn friends, colleagues from the NYPD, members of the Italian-American Association, fellow poker players, Goshen friends and neighbors—we will all miss our brother, Frank Romano. Let us remember our good times with him—that he was larger than life, a class act, and an original. Frank's huge generosity was legendary. If you did him a small favor or showed him a little kindness, or even if he just met you and liked you, he went out of his way to help you. Frank was many gifts to many people. He always sought to lighten the burden of another with his own brilliant smile. Frank touched each one of us in a special way. He had that endearing quality of making you feel special—that you were his best friend. What a gift that was!

Frank will be remembered by his family and friends for what he was—a good and decent man. Frank was a great husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, friend, and the patriarch of his Romano Family. "He was an ordinary man doing his best to stand in for Superman." (Pam Brown). He was a giant among men! We all loved our Frank—and will miss him.

Frank—until we meet you in Heaven, may the Lord hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Frank Romano was my best friend... I loved him... and I will miss him!

—Brother Tom Potenza, Eta 1958



Anthony Pirillo, Beta Delta 1976 (*Temple*) passed away in October. Tony was a long time member of the Delaware Valley Alumni Club and was residing in Philadelphia at his passing.

Joseph Scenna, Beta Theta 1956 (*Franciscan University of Steubenville*), age 75 of Dayton, Ohio, passed away Saturday, October 27, 2007 in Beachwood, Ohio. Born in Corfinio, Italy on July 28, 1932, "Joe" as he was known by family and friends, arrived in the United States in June, 1947. He attended both high school and college in Steubenville, Ohio, earning a BS in accounting. Joseph served in the US Army as a combat engineer for two years during the Korean War. He worked in Civil Service for over 40 years. An active member of the community, brother Scenna was a volunteer at Kettering Memorial Hospital where he

was the Head of the Exercise Group for X Smokers. Joe retired from Wright Patterson in September, 1989.

The Kleos has received word that **Ethan Quinones**, Gamma Iota 2000 (*Pace University*) passed away. He had been living in Jersey City, N.J.

Augustine Miele (*Theta*) passed away November 15, 2007 at the age of 79 in California. "Gus" was an aerospace engineer after earning his master's degree at New York State University. He is survived by 8 children.

Anthony Airato, Beta Omicron 1969 (*Youngstown*), passed away on December 14. He was a member of the Youngstown Alumni Club.

William F. Sarra Eta 1959 (1942–2007)



William F. “Bill” Sarra was born in Brooklyn, New York, on April 15, 1942. He was the older of two sons born to Anna Marie and Francis Sarra. On October 30, 2007, Bill died from a heart attack. He was 65 years of age.

Bill was employed as a chemical engineer at Research Cottrell in Bridgewater, New Jersey, for many years. He was a kind, caring and fun-loving person. He loved his boxer dogs, and most of all, loved being with his beautiful grandchildren.

Bill was co-founder with his wife, Lorraine, of a ladies apparel store and was a member and very involved in the Somerville Business and Professional Association. He received a Bachelor of Science degree and Master’s degree in business.

During the past several years, Bill had a series of health problems including kidney failure and two years of dialysis. Bill’s wife Lori said that Bill so much wanted to go to our Eta Chapter fraternity reunion in Florida last year but his poor health prevented him.

At his memorial service, Bill was eulogized and remembered, as we all wish to be remembered . . . as a man who was totally devoted to, and loved, his family. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Lorraine Lentini of Bridgewater, New Jersey; two sons; a daughter, and six grandchildren. William Francis Sarra was affectionately known to many of his fraternity brothers as “WOOFUS.” He was a fun-loving guy who always greeted you with that great big smile. We will miss Brother Bill but until we meet again, he is “Forever in Our Hearts.” May he rest in eternal peace.

—Brother Tom Potenza, Eta 1958

Arthur Mendolia Kappa 1935 (Case University)

Arthur Mendolia, Kappa 1935 (Case University), a former Assistant Secretary of Defense in charge of installation and logistics, co-founder and retired Chairman of Cambrex Corporation died Friday, October 19, 2007 in Wilmington Del., at the age of 90. Brother Mendolia served as a Director on the boards of The Bank of New York and UNUM Corporation and was a Trustee of the Delaware Art Museum. He received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 1941 from Case Institute of Technology. He remained an active and supportive alumnus, served on the Board of Governors, and in 1979 accepted the Case Alumni Association Gold Medal Award, its highest honor for an alumnus. Throughout

his life, he was passionate about learning and selfless in his mentoring of others. Joining the DuPont Company in 1941 as a research engineer, Brother Mendolia retired in 1973 as Vice President and General Manager of the Explosives Department. From 1973 to 1975, he served as Assistant Secretary of Defense under Presidents Nixon and Ford.

Brother Mendolia returned to the private sector as President of Halcon International in New York City and Chairman of Oxirane International in Princeton. In 1981, he and Cyril Baldwin co-founded Cambrex Corporation of Rutherford, New Jersey. Mendolia served as its Chairman and CEO from 1981 to 1987 and remained a Director until 1995. Brother Mendolia and Mr. Baldwin received the Winthrop-Sears Award for Entrepreneurship in 1990. A modern-day Renaissance man, Art was a voracious reader, a big band singer and jazz enthusiast, avid golfer, and lover of contemporary art and architecture. He had a fascination with all things high-tech, from building a Heathkit computer in the 1960’s to teaching himself film editing at the age of 88.

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Oswaldo Gonzalez, Jeff Uliano, Carl Gargiulo and Neil Anastasio share college memories at the Theta Beta reunion in December. The four brothers are from a straight line in their family tree.

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