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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Off to a Good Start

BY NATIONAL PRESIDENT DOUG A. SUNDO



I hope everyone had a great holiday and that we all have a very safe and prosperous 2009.

I am happy to report that Alpha Phi Delta is off to a very good school year. Our pledge numbers are up over last year at this time (151 pledges) and Chris Mancusi and his staff have been working nonstop on our expansion. I have to mention some individuals that really have stepped up to the plate and have taken on the challenges of their position with such great enthusiasm: Nick Franki, Danny Thomas, Rob DeVito, Joe Piras, and Joe Rahtelli. These are just a few brothers that have accepted the challenge from my last letter

and are getting the job done. Let us not rest on our laurels; we still have a long road ahead of us in this school year.

As we enter the New Year, the fraternity is making a concerted effort to make sure we are in compliance with our goals that we have set for ourselves. The first goal is the Web-site and the reporting of the vital information by our district governors. This process is now being tested by a few chapters and should be fully functional for the 2009–2010 school year. Second, Nick Franki (V.P. Education) has completed Leadership training in all but one of our districts. I must report that I attended a Leadership Conference at Duquesne University and was totally floored by all the enthusiasm and brotherhood that was permeating from the room full of brothers. Third, we held district governors training in October of 2008 to bring all governors up to date on the changes that will occur with our data base system that Rob DeVito has worked on for many hours this past year. Fourth, we were able to lock into a three year agreement with our insurance company for a rate right now. This lock in rate will keep the insurance payment the same for the next three years with no increase to our budget. Fifth, expansion is growing from within as well as on “new” campuses for our fraternity. Our undergraduate expansion roster is growing: Rutgers (Newark), Beta Lambda, Beta Beta, University of New Hampshire, and Vassar College. All of this is due to the hard work that Chris Mancusi (V.P. of Expansion) and his staff have completed in the past two years.

I would like to close by taking this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have done a great job during this past year and taking on my challenge. I cannot say enough about the desire and love to make Alpha Phi Delta successful and on the cusp to increase our numbers Fraternity wide.

ON THE COVER

The Delta Chi brothers get together for a snapshot that preceded the Homecoming game. Notice the “horns down” sign that wished poor luck on the Longhorns of Texas. Unfortunately, it was no use as Colorado was defeated handily.

New Scholarship in Honor of Dominic Mente

BY JOSEPH A. O'KEEFE, GAMMA TAU 1989

Brother Joseph O'Keefe has established the Dominic Mente Memorial Scholarship in honor of his late mentor. The Mente Scholarship is the newest award in the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation's scholarship portfolio. Joe explains in his own words why he chose an Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship to honor this great man.

I first met Dominic Mente when I was 18 and took a job washing cars at his Chevrolet, Oldsmobile dealership. Having recently graduated from high school, I did not know what I wanted to be when I grew up or if I even wanted to grow up at all. To me, it was utopia. I was getting paid to be around new cars.

Mente Chevrolet was founded in 1965 when Dominic Mente, then in his late '40s, cashed in everything he owned to purchase a dealership that had been closed down for five years. Living with his wife and children in a relative's house, traveling an hour and a half each way to the store, and sometimes going days without a single person calling or coming into the store, Dominic was tested in a way that most today cannot imagine. Kutztown, Pennsylvania is known for its close-knit Pennsylvania German community. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, there were few, if any, "foreign" owned businesses. Dominic encountered prejudice not unlike that which led to the creation of Alpha Phi Delta. But he persevered and refused to quit. Day after day, he would make it a point to introduce himself to someone new. Day after day, he went out of his way to do one selfless act for another. And, utilizing those simple concepts, he slowly chipped away at the local prejudices to the point where Mente Chevrolet, Oldsmobile became the area's largest dealership. By the time I had the pleasure of meeting Dominic and taking a job with his company, he had established for himself a reputation of honesty and integrity.

Dominic quickly took me under his wing when I began working for him. He pushed me harder than anyone had ever done prior. Within two years, I had worked my way through the store and was his top salesperson. But, he expected more from me. In me, he saw greater things and repeatedly told me that an education is essential. He recounted how close he came to losing everything and how lucky he was to have the success he was enjoying. And he repeatedly asserted that he had no choice but to work himself to death as he had a wife and family counting on him, but that I had my whole future in front of me. In the end, he convinced me that I could attain greater things, and I left his company to complete college and law school.

Dominic kept in contact with me throughout college and law school. When I needed work over breaks, it was assumed that I would work for him. When I graduated law school, he made it clear that pending my Bar results, I would be running his Service and Parts Departments for him. When I passed the Bar, he immediately informed his attorney of twenty five years to transfer all of his files to me and then told me that I had eighteen months to set up a law practice of my own. Over the course of those eighteen months, he would ensure that I attended Rotary, chamber picnics, dealer meetings, and the like. At the end of Dominic's eighteen month deadline, I had an office almost directly across from the dealership. Dominic put me on retainer and told me that while I would have some rough days and nights ahead, he was confident I was going to

be successful. Once a week, it was expected I would attend Rotary with him; and on the drive there, I would get a Vince Lombardi style pep talk—whether I wanted one or not. Slowly, my practice and my successes grew, and I knew it a bit all too well.

One Wednesday, Dominic had me pick him up at his home for Rotary. Despite his success, Dominic lived in a small two bedroom ranch with his wife. Upon entering my car he noted quietly that while he could afford to live anywhere he wanted, he wanted to live among the neighbors and friends that had afforded him his success. He plainly articulated to me that he has always believed that even though he could afford extravagance, he felt that he needed to live in a lifestyle that would not offend the people killing themselves everyday just to feed their families. The "Lombardi" lesson that evening was simple but yet one of the hardest to master—humility.

A few months later, Dominic entered the hospital for what should have been routine surgery and died. His doctor had been pressing for him to have his heart repaired for two years but he steadfastly refused as his wife needed him to care for her. It was only after the doctor told him that he would be dead in a few weeks unless he had the surgery that he agreed. Unfortunately, the delay proved fatal. Dominic's heart was damaged beyond repair due to the delay. Well over a thousand people attended his viewing. The line streamed out the church door and half-way into the parking lot. Nearly everyone had a story about how Dominic had extended himself to help them in one way or another, expecting nothing in return.

Today, the dealership Dominic founded is closed, a victim of GM's consolidation plans and the economy. But, thanks in no small part to Dominic, my law practice is flourishing beyond my wildest expectations. If he had not pushed me over twenty-five years ago, I would be unemployed and unemployable outside of an industry that is in its death throes.

Almost six years have passed since Dominic died, but I cannot think of a single week that has passed without some reminder of the influence he had on me, our community, and others. While Mente Chevrolet will never sell another car, with this scholarship, Dominic's legacy will live on. I thank you for that. It is a fitting legacy for a great man of Italian heritage that represents the very best of what Alpha Phi Delta stands for.

About the author. Joseph A. O'Keefe, Esq., has been engaged in the general practice of law, with an emphasis on commercial litigation and criminal defense matters for over twelve (12) years. He is a 2000 honors graduate of Temple University's Beasley School of Law's LL.M. in Trial Advocacy; a 1995 graduate of the Villanova University School of Law where he was an editor of a Law Review Journal, and a 1992 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Neumann College where he obtained a B.A. in Political Science/Pre-Law. Joe resides in Kutztown, Pa. A permanent Alpha Phi Delta memorial scholarship is the perfect way to remember and honor a lost loved one. Perpetual annual scholarship sponsorship requires a commitment to make total donations of \$10,000.



Dominic Mente

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Chris Mancusi



On November 29, Mohamed A Negum, Andrew B. Murphy, Jonathan Roth and Anoshey Yaroosh were inducted into the **Gamma Kappa** Chapter at the College of Staten Island. This marks the largest pledge class in six years for Gamma Kappa. With plans on pledging four times this year, watch out for this chapter that is certainly on the rise.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



John A. DePergola was initiated into the **Gamma Sigma** chapter (St. John's) on November 7. The ceremony took place at the NYAC office. The initiation was administered by Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor.

Photo by Jason Patterson



Photo by Leon Panella



Psi Chapter (Duquesne University) participated in the city of Pittsburgh's Columbus Day Parade on October 11. Ten of the brothers from the chapter are pictured above in their Alpha Phi Delta shirts along with alumni Leon Panella (far left) and Ned Cash (far right). The brothers were favored to meet the Mayor of Pittsburgh, Luke Ravenstall, who is also pictured above (third from left).

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Dro Lichiardopol, Jeff Hu, Marcello Musumeci, Daniel Nevola, Hussein Osman, Craig Paskowitz, Andrew Tripodi were initiated into the **Gamma Omicron** Chapter on November 16. Here, the brothers are in full force at the school's opening night basketball game.

Most Creative

Beta Omicron Chapter (Youngstown) teamed up with **Alpha Omega Pi** sorority and won "Most Creative Float" during the **YSU Homecoming Float Parade** in October. On the float, brothers had a photo of the late honorary brother Dom Rosselli, in memory of his recent passing.

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Leon Panella



Psi Chapter (Duquesne) brought in two new brothers November 20. The new and old brothers were treated to a dinner after initiation by the Pittsburgh AC at a local Italian restaurant.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



ABOVE: On November 23, **Gamma Rho** at Baruch College initiated five new brothers. Jeffrey Concepcion, Jose M. Cora, Brian Lee, Khalid O. Mahir and Anthony Perlongo took the oath of brotherhood. Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor coordinated the ceremony. Thanks to the Beta Sigma and Beta Beta brothers who supported the ceremony which was well attended. The initiation was hosted by the NYAC.

LEFT: **Chi** Chapter brothers baptized two pledges at a ceremony October 18. Five New York City brothers were present after traveling close to four hours on their way to Pittsburgh. The NYC group, Chi undergrad brothers and the two pledges posed for a group picture on the porch of the chapter house at Penn State.

Photo by Jason Patterson



On November 23, **Beta Omicron** (Youngstown) and **Beta Rho** (Gannon) had a joint initiation of their chapters' pledges. Beta Omicron had five pledges: Dylan Thomas, Anthony Melone, Mike Koziorynsky, Steve German, Nick Ciarniello. Beta Rho had two pledges: Scott Baron, Jeff Willis. They are pictured above with Anthony Catalano, Western Pennsylvania District Governor.

Beta Eta at St. Francis welcomed in their 72nd pledge class of ten on November 23. This is tied for the largest class in Beta Eta's 74-year history! Aginam Baltaria, Evan "John" Connell, Andrew R. Convisar, Joseph R. DeFrancesco, Joshua A. Gherman, Angelo LaGrega, Andi Metalij, Allen Datileashuli, Ruben A. Rios, and Harry J. Shalom were issued the oath of brotherhood by Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor. The initiation was hosted by the NYAC.

Former Colorado University **Delta Chi** Chapter President Arne Bostrom and current Alumni Club President Angelo Tasayco enjoy the 2008 National Conference and met VP for Expansion Chris Mancusi (center). This was Delta Chi's first appearance at the National Conference since 2006.



Photo by Ryan McCaw

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Photo by Chris Mancusi



Expansion is taking place at the University of New Hampshire under the watchful eye of Past National President Rick Barnes (center). This is the first time the fraternity has been back in New England in five years. With a lead at Becker College in Worcester, we might be able to resurrect our once defunct New England District.

On November 15, 2008, with over forty brothers present, Beta Beta Chapter inducted seven brothers to reestablish itself on the Manhattan College campus. The newly inducted brothers were Michael Carcione, Michael Correale Jr, Michael Cusma, Raymond Dean, Jr, Robert Lombardo, Jr, Andrew Ricci and Jeffrey Sidoti. During their seven week pledge period, the brothers visited several area chapter campuses, attended NYAC's Brotherhood for Life meeting, homes of alumni and contacted many past and current national officers, past national presidents and Beta Beta alumni. The pledge period was run by Joseph Rahtelli, PNP, Beta Beta 1982, and the godfathers were made up of Beta Beta alumni and Joe Rahtelli II, Delta Theta 2007. Rick Trieste, Beta Beta 1982, a godfather to one of the brothers, assisted with the pledge process and Dr. Joseph Carcione, Beta Beta 1980,



Photo by Joe Rahtelli

Beta Beta is back on campus at Manhattan College after a five year absence!

Beta Beta Chapter is Back at Manhattan!

not only assisted with the pledge period but was godfather to his son, Michael Carcione. In addition to the Beta Beta induction, Rick Barnes, PNP, Beta Chi 1993, traveled over six hours with his two pledges from the colony at University of New Hampshire, Mike Miller and Matt Kahn. They were inducted at Manhattan College with their ritual being run concurrently, but separately, from the Beta Beta group. North Jersey District Governor Paul Zammit, Gamma Sigma 2003, Foundation Chairman Alex Franki, Gamma Lambda 1990, Rick Barnes and Executive VP Rob DeVito, Gamma Iota 1985, all assisted with the two ceremonies. In attendance were 12 undergraduates from Delta Theta (Marist), three from Beta Sigma (St Francis of NY), and over a dozen alumni from Beta Beta and VP for Expansion Chris Mancusi, Gamma Sigma 2002. The rituals were followed by a joint

dinner to celebrate the inductions and reactivate of the Lower Hudson Valley AC. At the dinner, the brothers taking the lead for the alumni club are Beta Beta brothers Anthony Barbieri, 1959, Al Branchi, 1960, and Dr. Paul Tucci, Eta 1942. Hudson Valley District Governor Vinny Beatty, Gamma Iota 2002, was in attendance at the dinner as well. The Beta Beta pledge group was formed with the leadership of Jeff Sidoti, who was contacted by Joseph Rahtelli. Jeff is an officer of the Il Circolo Italiano Club at Manhattan and responded to Brother Rahtelli's request to be the lead to reactivate the chapter. The group plans a strong spring semester with a large pledge class and reactivating the Beta Beta Rose Dance, in celebration of the chapter's 80th anniversary. Anyone wanting to get in touch with the chapter, please contact Jeff Sidoti, jsidoti.student@manhattan.edu.

—Submitted by Joseph Rahtelli, PNP

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Beta Beta Chapter alums and new initiates gather November 15 at induction.

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Expansion News

—Submitted by Chris Mancusi, VP Expansion

After a slow beginning, it seems our expansion message is starting to take root. We currently have five undergraduate colonies at Beta Beta (Manhattan College), Beta Lambda (St. Francis Univ.), Delta Omicron (Rutgers-Newark), Vassar College and the Univ. of New Hampshire. In addition, we have the following alumni colonies on the books: Beta Eta AA, Delta Theta AA, Gamma Mu AA and a group forming in the Hudson Valley. We are also working on very strong leads at Epsilon (Univ. of Buffalo), Delta Omega (Univ. of Northern Colorado), Becker College and Kennesaw State Univ.

Brothers, I implore you to follow the leads of Joe Rahtelli and Rick Barnes, both PNPs. They have actively gone out to reach for expansion possibilities. Joe actually went back to his alma mater at Manhattan in the hopes of bringing his chapter back the prominence it once had. Brothers, thank you!

I have sent e-mails to our alumni from Alpha to Omega and will work on the rest of our alumni as time goes on. My e-mails are asking for assistance in helping re-activate our inactive chapters. We are on the precipice of some fantastic growth. With your help, I know WE will grow even more!

Colleges where we have active chapters:

Chi - Penn. State University
Psi - Duquesne University
Beta Beta - Manhattan College
Beta Eta - CUNY Brooklyn College
Beta Theta - Franciscan University
Beta Iota - Utica College
Beta Lambda - St. Francis Univ.
Beta Omicron - Youngstown State Univ.
Beta Pi - St. John's University-Queens
Beta Rho - Gannon University
Beta Sigma - St. Francis College
Beta Pi - St. John's University-Queens
Gamma Iota - Pace-Pleasantville
Gamma Kappa - CUNY Staten Island
Gamma Mu - Stockton College
Gamma Nu - William Patterson
Gamma Omicron - SUNY Stony Brook
Gamma Pi - Ramapo College
Gamma Rho - CUNY Baruch College
Gamma Sigma - St. John's University-SI
Delta Delta - Wesley College
Delta Theta - Marist College
Delta Iota - King's College
Delta Xi - Seton Hall University
Delta Omicron - Rutgers-Newark
Delta Psi - Lynn University
Delta Chi - Univ. of Colorado
Epsilon Beta - LaSalle University

Is your chapter listed? If not, then contact Chris Mancusi, nyc@apd.org



Brothers enjoy the Brotherhood for Life seminar.

Brotherhood for Life

On Friday October 31, 2008, the New York Alumni Club (NYAC) sponsored a "Brotherhood for Life" seminar for the pledges of the New York City District. The event drew over 70 brothers and pledges and was the 6th such seminar conducted by NYAC over the last three years. The purpose of these seminars is to expose the pledges of the district to our senior alumni in a friendly atmosphere. In essence it gives them a taste of what it means to be a nationally active brother and that activity in Alpha Phi Delta goes beyond just their undergraduate years. The format of the evening has the pledges of the District separated from the undergraduate brothers and are spoken to candidly by select NYAC brothers. Afterwards, everyone enjoys a home cooked Italian meal and socializes. This gives the pledges a taste of what brotherhood is really about and demonstrates NYAC's goals of supporting the undergraduate chapters of the district with the hopes that when they graduate, they choose to remain involved with Alpha Phi Delta. —Submitted by Nick Franki, Vice President Member Education

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BY CHRIS MANCUSI, VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXPANSION

Rocky Mountain High

National Officers Visit the Great Western Frontier of APD

Photo by Ryan McCaw

Seven years? Yes, that's right. It was seven years from the time a national officer outside of Colorado visited the Rocky Mountain District. During the first weekend in October Chris Mancusi, VP for Expansion; Nick Franki, VP for Member Education and Mario Flotta, VP for Undergraduate Affairs made their long-awaited visit to the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado.

It was homecoming weekend and it served as a great time to visit both the undergraduates and alumni from the Delta Chi Chapter. Once arriving in Boulder, we were picked up from the airport and taken to an old (Italian, what else!) restaurant in town by the Rocky Mountain District Governor Ryan McCaw. There, we shared some nice Italian dishes with the alumni, undergraduates, prospective pledges and girlfriends.

The next day started with a leadership session coordinated by Nick Franki. We started the conference with a familiar phrase that had been said many times before, "Hi, we're national, what can we do for you?" Fraternity historians should connect that phrase to the tandem of Stan Raffa and Al Palazzo who would always start their chapter visitations with that line.

During this informal session, the brothers discussed ways to bolster and expand both their chapters and the national fraternity. Although geography might spread our chapters apart, we were addressed with the same issues and concerns that are felt throughout the APD nation. Many brothers, both alumni and undergrads, left the meeting feeling energized and having a sound plan of attack for the future. Delta Chi will be a chapter on the rise!

The brothers then headed over to a HUGE tailgate session in one of the University of Colorado's parking lots. Some brothers



ABOVE: Delta Chi Chapter at University of Colorado its "Pi" pledge class in November. LEFT: The national officers who made the trip out west (from left): Mario Flotta, VP for Undergraduate Affairs; Chris Mancusi, VP for Expansion; and Nick Franki, VP for Member Education.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

even spent the night to get the perfect spot for the tailgate. It was a big football game as the Colorado Buffaloes were playing the University of Texas in a nationally televised game. The tailgate was productive as many rushees were recruited and a big seller that afternoon were the guests from New York. Ryan McCaw says that the chapter picked up a few pledges who were convinced to pledge seeing the "national" aspect of Alpha Phi Delta. In addition, we spoke to two individuals who were interested in re-activating our Delta Omega chapter out at the University of Northern Colorado. The next day we also met up with Brendan Landry, the biological brother of P.J. Landry, a founder at Delta Omega. He also goes to UNC, so there is potential in the future.

The trip out west was a beneficial experience for all those who were involved. If one can take anything out of this story, it's that in order to truly get to feel for Alpha Phi Delta brotherhood one must go out, travel and experience it.

We would like to thank the Delta Chi and Rocky Mountain Alumni Club brothers for showing their NYC brothers a great time. The brothers were most hospitable. In addition, many thanks go out to the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation who funded the educational leadership conference and breakfast.

GO BUFFS!

The brothers from Colorado and New York gather together for a photo after the leadership conference.





Pat Robinson, Ron Scharbo (Psi 1960), Dick Mellick (Psi 1955) and Rosemary Mellick were catching up on lost years. Ron and Pat came in from Atlanta for the dinner.



Five Psi brothers from the 1950s enjoy socializing at the cocktail hour. From left: Dom Capecci, Carmen DiGiacomo, Walt Sodie, Mike Romano and Phil Arlia.



Joe Alessandro and his date, Jen, enjoy some time after dancing.

Pittsburgh AC Celebrates 75th Anniversary

The Pittsburgh Alumni Club celebrated its 75th anniversary with a gala dinner dance attended by 160 people on October 18, 2008 at the Nevillewood Country Club outside of Pittsburgh. The club was founded in 1933 and has been one of the fraternity's most active entities and has received numerous accolades over the years including the national Outstanding Alumni Club award 13 times since 1970. This year's dinner was chaired by PAC Vice President Tony Williams with assistance from many others. All attendees received an engraved wine glass favor and a 36-page program book celebrating the night. After an exquisite serving of hors d'oeuvres and a stations buffets, the diners danced to the music of We Three. Some of the dancing highlights were the tarantella and the ever popular "Shout," both of which have been popular for generations.

Beta Rho (Gannon) alumni brothers enjoyed the PAC's dinner dance. From left, Sheila Flanagan and John Hadgkiss (1966); Len Oddo (1967) and Sharon Oddo. Also at their table, but not pictured were Chuck Tabone (1970) and Pam Tabone, Dr. Dean Manna (1966), Tom Coyne (1968) and Sally Coyne.



Psi Chapter brothers and their dates filled two tables at the dinner and enjoyed dancing to Italian music and oldies including a popular song, The Isley Brothers' "Shout," which got everyone shaking.



Chris Mancusi, left, Vice President of Expansion, led a contingent of five brothers from New York City to attend Pittsburgh's anniversary event. From left: Chris Mancusi, Sal Flagiello, Mario Flotta, Kleos Editor John Russo, Matt Lewczek and Todd Cusato.

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2008 Scholarship Winners



Marie Russo, recipient of the Brooklyn Alumni Club Scholarship, is a junior majoring in chemical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. Marie is pictured with her father and sponsor, John Russo, Psi 1972



Erin Gaydos was the recipient of the Ernest Coletti Award. She is pictured with her dad, John Gaydos, Beta Theta 1970. Erin is in the master's program at Gannon University.



Joseph Rahtelli II is a sophomore at Marist College from Delta Theta Chapter. Joe is majoring in accounting and finance. He received the Alpha Phi Delta Award and is pictured with scholarship chairman Charles Fiore.



Michael Rogers (left) received the Robert Polito Award. Michael is majoring in Philosophy and Psychology at Gannon University. He is pictured with sponsor and brother, Ian.



Chris Fornataro, a civil engineering major at Carnegie Mellon University, received the Pittsburgh Alumni Club Award. Chris is shown with his sponsor and grandfather, Augustine Fornataro, Nu 1950



Frank Romano with his father, James, Beta Beta 1978. Frank won the Anthony Carfang Scholarship. His is an economics major at Fairfield University.



Kyle Reinholt is Vice President of Delta Chi Chapter at the University of Colorado where he is majoring in management. Kyle is pictured with his chapter brothers. He received the Steubenville Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship.



Jessica Rudisill received the Frank Costanzo Award which she is using as a music education major at Mercyhurst College. She is pictured with her grandfather and sponsor Carl Izzo, Sr., Psi 1951.



Jake Belsky with his father and sponsor, Rod Belsky, Psi 1971. Jake was awarded the Frank Costanzo Scholarship. He is majoring in history education at Niagara University.

Applications for the 2009 Alpha Phi Delta Scholarships must be submitted by May 31, 2009. Go to www.apdscholarship.org for more information and an application. Deadline is May 31st.

This page sponsored by Anthony M. Cafaro, Sr., Beta Omicron 1965, through a generous donation to the Foundation.

Dominic Angelone, *Lambda 1929 (Univ. of Penn.)*, celebrated his 103rd birthday in August 2008 and wants to lay claim as the oldest living brother. He resides in Gladwyne, Pa.

Dominick F. Matta, Sr., *Beta Iota 1963 (Utica)*, celebrated his 20th year as Executive Director of the American Heart Association in Utica, N.Y. He and his wife Lauren are living in Deerfield, N.Y. and have four children.

Steven Morgan, *Beta Phi 1992 (Rowan College)*, married Robin O'Connell on November 18, 2006. They celebrated the birth of their daughter Maria Patricia on July 22, 2008. They reside in Mickleton, N.J.

Charles W. Blauth, *Gamma Nu 2004*, writes "as a recent graduate of William Paterson University, I have embarked upon a career in the commercial insurance industry. I hope to keep in touch with current brothers and future alumni." Charles is living in Fanwood, N.J.

Vincent R. Martino, *Xi 1953 (Ohio State)*, writes, "Since I retired I became the 'darling' of the doctors. From a community leader to a sprite senior citizen now going on my 84th birthday." Vince lives in Columbus, Oh.

Rodolfo D. Cilento, *Beta Xi 1955 (Utica)*, has been retired since 1993 and is now living in an adult community in Sunset Beach, N.C., visiting with old friends and relatives a few weeks each summer.

Steven Kominos, *Gamma Nu 2000*, is the owner of Evesham Masonry. He and his wife Laura have one son, Jack, and are residing in Marlton, N.J.

Benedict Ruggiero, *Delta 1960 (Brooklyn Poly)*, retired in May 2008 from the U.S. Social Security Administration. He's having a good time playing the stock market (face-tiously), is learning to play the piano, and enjoying his four grandchildren with another on the way.

Dr. Chris Gentle, *Psi 1997 (Duquesne)*, completed a residency in Emergency Medicine at Christian Health Services in Newark, Del. this past July. He and his wife Madonna have moved to Hagerstown, Md. where he has accepted a position as an attending physician in the Emergency Room at Washington County Hospital.

Norman P. Castello, *Zeta 1949 (Ohio)*, is a retired widower and writes that he is a proud grandpa—six grandchildren, one of whom, Jodie, received an APD Scholarship. Norman is living in Utica, N.Y.

Brothers Publish Books and In Films

Arthur DiClementi, Beta Sigma 1962, St. Francis College, together with Dr. Nino Langiulli, recently published a book entitled *Brooklyn Existentialism*.

Immortalized by some of the greatest Hollywood films of the 20th Century, Brooklyn became one of the icons of American culture. *Brooklyn Existentialism* shows that the culture of that time and place was more than just an icon. *Brooklyn*

Existentialism is ethnophilosophy with a vengeance. It is a take-no-prisoners attack on the bad ideas which have corrupted the academy over the course of the last century combined with an

equally frank discussion of the moral mischief these bad ideas have caused.

Why Existentialism? Because existentialism derives from existence and not ideology. Because existentialism is a voice that describes the theme of human mortality and its counterpoint, moral imperfectability. Why Brooklyn? Because it is a particular place with a particular attitude, an attitude that can prove especially salutary to the inanities and mendacities that the dominant culture has imposed on all of us. Think of what effect Freudianism, Marxism, Darwinism and Postmodernism have in education, the sciences, religion, law and art, and then you have some idea of how the brash and dismissive ridicule so common to Brooklyn is the best antidote for these "ruling" bad ideas.



Co-authors DiClementi and Langiulli

In the end, it turns out that ethnophilosophy is not only not an oxymoron, it turns out to be the only philosophy worth doing. What were Socrates, Plato and Aristotle if not residents of an ethnic neighborhood, who became skeptical of the ruling ideas of their day and decided to do something about it by speaking out. If you are interested in more information, please contact brother DiClementi at ADiclement@aol.com.



Pete Iole

Pete Iole, Psi 1949 (Duquesne), wrote a book, *Passport to Growing Up* which was recently published. Pete spent 35 years as a teacher and school administrator and shares his insights on dealing with children and grandchildren. *Passport* presents 95 youth centered topics designed to help families with children in kindergarten to senior high school return the talk to the kitchen table. Check it out on www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore.

John Palamarik and Mike Manniello congratulate Joe Narciso (right) following a screening of the film "Parting Words," in which Joe had a featured role. The event was part of the Long Island Film Festival.



Photo by Pete Gaudioso

Andrew Stergio, *Delta Kappa 1994 (Binghamton)*, is a living environment teacher at Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn, N.Y. He is currently studying for his master's in education. Andrew is living in Staten Island.

Mark E. Palermo, *Beta Rho 1999 (Gannon)*, is in his last year of residency in orthopedic surgery. He is continuing training in a fellowship of orthopedic traumatology at

Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh in August 2009.

Phillip Arlia, *Psi 1959 (Duquesne)*, is celebrating his 40th year of operating his own pharmacy (Phil's Pharmacy) in Pitcairn, Pa. Phil lives in Irwin, Pa., and is hoping to celebrate his 50th anniversary in the fraternity this summer with his pledge brothers at the national convention.

Eta Chapter holds 2008 Reunion in New York

BY TOM POTENZA, ETA 1958

A warm, heartfelt thanks and fraternity handclap for Brother Jim Tarangelo, Chairman of the APD Eta Reunion of brothers, spouses and guests at Carosello's Restaurant in Howard Beach, New York, on October 23, 2008. It turned out to be a fantastic day of bonding and reminiscing about the wonderful times we shared together as fraternity brothers—both at CCNY and in later years. It is truly amazing how many fraternity brothers were groomsmen in the wedding parties of their brothers—testimony to the strong fraternal bond among our brothers.



Gep Lasala and Dick Bocchicchio share a moment at the Eta reunion.

Like our 2006 Reunion in Florida and our 2008 Reunion in California, the 2008 Reunion in centrally-located Queens, New York, was equally special. The grand brothers from the forties who made Eta Chapter at CCNY a great one, and their wives, who attended the event included Dom and Rose Gargiulo, Vinnie and Doris Giammusso, Nunzio and Ann Incremona, Gep and Connie LaSala, Bob Mangieri's widow Marie and their son Joe, Vinnie and Marie Marcotriggiano, Al and Doty Palazzo (PNP, Theta Beta), Nick and Anne Pitaro, Jack and Vicki Quartararo, Marie Raffa, Frank and Damiana Rocco, Joe Stabile, Vinnie and Norma Troiano, and Ennio Uccellani.

Brothers from the fifties and sixties, and their wives, who were in attendance included Dick and Phyllis Bocchicchio, Ron and Bea Bove, Ken and Joan Camisa, Joe DeProssimo, Lenny and Marie Farano, John and Ann LoPresti, Pat and Diane LoRusso, Tom and Terry Potenza, and Jim and Rose Marie Tarangelo.

We were happily surprised by the appearance of two brothers from the APD Central Office: Joe Piras (Beta Omega 1989), Vice President for Financial Affairs, and Alex Franki (Gamma Lambda 1990), Chairman of the APD Foundation. Alex brought along his two small children. Both Joe and Alex hail from Brooklyn. The "kids" are working very hard as executives of APD to maintain our tradition of excellence and fraternalism.

Regarding the day's events, Ronnie and Bea Bove sent me an e-mail and stated: "You gave many fraternity brothers and their girls a wonderful opportunity to rekindle friendships and enhance their life. It is only when they are together that they realize how important each is to the other."

Gep LaSala expressed the feelings of all of us so eloquently: "Eta Chapter on the CCNY campus may be closed, but Eta Chapter will always be alive in the hearts and minds of all of us—brothers and wives—who were gathered today in the true bonds of fraternalism."

God bless Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity! God bless Eta Chapter and all its brothers, living and deceased, and their wives and families!

Mind Heart and Spirit Award



Photo by Mike Iacovelli

Many Psi brothers young and old were in attendance for the actual award ceremony for Leon Panella at Duquesne on November 24th at the Duquesne University Power Center which featured a pre-awards cocktail party.

Leon Panella, Psi 1962 (Duquesne), has been awarded Duquesne University's Mind Heart and Spirit Award. This award recognizes 10 alumni each year who embody the spirit of Duquesne's mission under at least one of the five pillars of its mission: Academic Excellence, Ecumenism, Moral and Spiritual Values, Service and World Concerns. Leon has been recognized in the area of Service for his many decades of service to the University, his fraternity and his community. The Mind Heart and Spirit Award is a partnership between Duquesne University and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Leon was recognized at the August 28th Steelers game with his name on the Jumbotron and a number of other perks. Leon and his wife Karen are pictured above with Steeler mascot Steely McBeam.



Photo by Len Farano



Diane and Pat LoRusso, Ann and John LoPresti, Joe DeProssimo, Ron and Bea Bove enjoy reuniting at the Eta Chapter Reunion on October 23, 2008.

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Photo by Rod Belsky



The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held its third annual bocce night August 16th at the home of Rod and Kathy Belsky. The group of 21 took time out of eating and bocce to pose for the photo. Pictured from bottom right: Paul Fabrizio, Larry Miorelli, Doug Sundo, Mark Belsky, Dave Smiga. Middle from right: Bob Valeriano, Jim Miller, Tony Scotti, Rocco Muffi, Rod Belsky, Tony Iole. Top from right: Debbie Smiga, Marguarite Iole, Charlene Fabrizio, Joy Miller, Wendy Valeriano, Theresa Scotti, Deb Sundo, Terry Muffi and Kathy Belsky.



Photo by Mike Iacovelli

Brothers from the Brooklyn AC gathered at Hooters after a dental checkup with Dr. Lumachi (no cavities mom) to watch the Giants open the season by beating the Redskins. They also celebrated Peter Gaudiuso's birthday—a milestone! He is now older than his softball uniform number on the legendary BAC softball team (2008 was Pete's best offensive season)! Pictured: Frank Polverino, Mike Iacovelli, John Palamarik, Ron Lumachi, Peter Gaudiuso, Ralpie Parmegiani, Joe Narciso.

Photo by Chipper Couch



Brothers of Delta Chi (Colorado) Dave Hunt, Creyton Harris, Arne Bostrom, Chipper Couch, Tom Gleason, Anthony Beville, and Angel Tasayco volunteer in the Adopt A Fourteener mountain clean up. The brothers helped clear hiking trails of Gray's and Torre's Peaks, both over 14,000 feet in elevation.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

Brother Rafi Issman (Gamma Sigma 2003, St. John's University) celebrated the birth of his first child with the support of the Gamma Sigma Alumni Association last fall. Pictured: Rafi Issman (3rd from left) with his father and brothers.

20th Birthday for Ramapo

On Saturday October 11th, 2008 (during Columbus Day Weekend) the Gamma Pi Alumni Association and the Gamma Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity celebrated the chapter's 20th Birthday at Ramapo College of New Jersey. Over 25 brothers (both alumni and undergraduate brothers) were in attendance to mark the occasion including the founding father of the Gamma Pi Chapter, Brother Robert Dente and several brothers from the Alpha Class. A great time was had by all and several alumni even agreed that from now on the cost of the annual Gamma Pi chapter assessment will be covered by several brothers from the Gamma Pi Alumni Association.

—Submitted by Thomas Ammazalorso



At the Stateline Diner, a favorite spot for Gamma Pi brothers, the alumni continued their reunion evening.



Photos by Thomas Ammazalorso

On the Ramapo College Campus in the Trustees Pavilion, the Gamma Pi Alumni Association and the Gamma Pi chapter sat for dinner, broke bread together, and told stories for the evening.

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Celebrating 80 Years of *The Kleos* with a Look Back

1929

The first issue appears to brothers simply called *The Magazine of Alpha Phi Delta* under editor Peter Sammartino. The first issue highlights the beginnings of Alpha Phi Delta set just 15 years earlier written by two of our founders, Cesidio A. Guarini and Ferdinand F. DiBartolo. The articles become part of the history of the fraternity. The issue was 32 pages long and also contained stories on the two newest chapters, Manhattan College and William and Mary College. Undergraduate news was titled "Chapter Chatter," a banner which has run on and off over 80 years.

1939

Only one issue was printed in 1939 and it pictured the University of Buffalo on its cover. Buffalo was home to our Epsilon Chapter and also to be the site of the National Convention August 31st. Price of the three day convention dinner package was being advertised at \$20 per couple. The 36-page issue was published under editor Vincent Larcy (Theta Beta) who printed the first in a series of "career articles." Aldo "Buff" Donelli of Psi Chapter was featured for being named head football coach at Duquesne University (a division one program in those days).

1949

Two issues were published in 1949 (in the spring and fall) and *The Kleos* was still being edited by Brother Vince Larcy. The 36-page spring issue was dedicated to Beta Theta Chapter of the College of Steubenville in honor of its induction into the fraternity the previous year. The Steubenville Alumni Club had a bowling match against the Canton (Ohio) Alumni Club. The issue had several stories and a collage of pictures on the College of Steubenville and its history, the chapter and its new members, its alumni club (which was already in existence formed by numerous Ohio State Xi Chapter alums),

and the Steubenville Ladies Auxiliary. Our Grand Consul (former name for National President) Dr. Samuel Varco gave a message (a tradition that still continues). Richard Curto of Chi and Vince Larcy of Theta Beta were featured for winning the Outstanding Undergraduate and Outstanding Alumnus awards respectively in 1948. And a listing of 477 Life Subscribers was printed. The upcoming National Convention was to be held in Buffalo. The 48-page fall issue (perhaps the biggest issue ever) was dedicated to Nu Chapter of the University of Pittsburgh on its silver jubilee. Beta Iota Chapter at Utica College was welcomed as our newest member. Pi Chapter at West Virginia University was reactivated. The 1948 National Convention at Rochester, N.Y. was reviewed.

1959

The Kleos had changed hands and was under the leadership of Stanley W. Raffa, Delta. *The Kleos* was published four times in 1959, but each issue was now tabloid-sized and consisted of four pages and mailed out to 5,000 brothers. Highlights of the year included a recognition for our colony at St. John's (Beta Pi Chapter). The National Convention was held at Galen Hall Hotel and Country Club in Wernersville, Pa. National Secretary Joseph DeGuglielmo was honored for 25 years of service to the fraternity. Past National Secretary-Treasurer Joe LaMonte of Beta Beta chapter was killed in an automobile accident.

1969

Three issues were published (February, August, November) under new editor Santo Barbarino of Beta Sigma who replaced Raffa. The fraternity mourned the passing of beloved National Chaplain Sal Federici, who died in 1968 of a massive heart attack at the age of 58. Brother Camillus Casey was appointed later in the year to replace him as National Chaplain.

Vincent Muffoletto of Epsilon and Stanley W. Raffa of Delta were elected as National President and Vice President respectively. The fraternity welcomed the Erie Alumni Club. The 49th National Convention was held in Dixville Notch, N.H. with a price of \$80 per adult for room and food.

1979

Editor Neil Anastasio, Beta Theta, published four issues in 1979. *The Kleos* was magazine-sized of varying page length each issue (6 to 8 pages). Beta Omega of Pace University was established as was Beta Psi at Catholic University. The fraternity's executive committee met in the Windy City of Chicago in January for its annual gathering. Downingtown (Pa.) was the site of the 59th annual national (summer) convention with an attendance of just over 200. The still relatively young AΦΔ Scholarship Foundation awarded five brothers with scholarships. Beta Beta chapter at Manhattan College was highlighted as a model chapter. Steubenville Alumni Club won Outstanding Alumni Club Award with one of its members, Trent Ciarrocchi, bringing home the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Beta Rho at Gannon was voted Most Improved Chapter. The fraternity participated in the first international Italian conference. Dr. Peter Sammartino (our first editor) was featured as a member of the Ellis Island restoration project.

1989

Editor John Russo, Psi, was in charge and published four issues. The eight-page winter issue highlighted Psi chapter's 60th anniversary. Beta Chi Chapter at Utica was promoting its annual Swampwater weekend. Past editor Stan Raffa wrote a feature article regarding changes in the national convention over the years. The 12-page spring issue headlined the outstanding national council meeting held in February in Pittsburgh with every chapter present (a rare occurrence). Al Fafara was national

president. The 16-page summer issue was a special edition—the 75th Anniversary of Alpha Phi Delta. The issue focused an 11 page spread of articles on every past national president with many of the still living brothers writing a reflection on their term in office. The 12-page fall issue reviewed the national summer convention which was held in Lake Placid, N.Y. with an attendance of 80. The scholarship division gave out 20 awards with the fund surpassing \$200,000. National awards went to Beta Pi, Outstanding Chapter; Beta Delta, Most Improved; Joe Narciso, Outstanding Undergraduate; Ron Sme, Outstanding Alumnus; and Pittsburgh, Outstanding Alumni Club. President George Bush sent congratulations on APD celebrating 75 years.

1999

Four issues were printed under the guidance of editor John Russo (back for a second stint). The February issue noted that Tony Carfang and Stan Raffa were the newest scholarship award donors. Tom Carroll was national president. The Beta Lambda house at St. Francis was destroyed by fire. Chapter Chatter still promoted the news of the undergraduate chapters. The spring issue headlined the national council meeting held at Penn State by Chi Chapter. An article discussed email as a new kind of communication for the fraternity. Past National President Frank Travaline turned 100 years old. The fall issue featured the national summer convention which was held at Lake George and was attended by 60 people. Awards went to Robert Valeriano, Outstanding Alumnus; Todd Cusato, Outstanding Undergraduate; Chi Chapter, Outstanding Chapter; and Beta Xi took home Most Improved Chapter. John P. Curielli, our vice president for cultural affairs, promoted our Italian heritage. And *The Kleos* was promoting the 2000 national convention in advance as it was being held in Las Vegas. The final issue of the year came out in December and highlighted the 65th anniversary of the Eta 1934 pledge class which was intact with all six of its original brothers. A fall national council meeting was held in Philadelphia.

2009

You have the first issue of the year in your hands. *The Kleos* is published in color three times a year by Editor John Russo. Eighty years and still in print with volunteer editors. Readers can check out back issues online at www.apdfoundation.org.

Armond Rossi, *Beta Omicron 1951*, passed away in September. A resident of Youngstown, Ohio, he was a member of the Youngstown Alumni Club and a founder of the Beta Omicron Chapter. Michael Fuccile, Gamma Zeta 1991 (Villanova), was murdered Thursday, September 4th in Jersey City, N.J. A father of three and a resident of Metuchen, N.J., he was a financial executive for Merrill Lynch. In a senseless act of violence, an emotionally unstable person stabbed Fuccile in a commuter parking lot at a light rail ticket booth while he was on his way to work. More details can be found at <http://wcbstv.com/local/fatal.stabbing.matuchen.2.810380.html>.

Jack DeSantis, *Theta Beta 1955 (NYU)*, passed away August 21st. He was 74 and living in Staten Island, NY. He was a retired owner of a Staten Island accounting firm and director emeritus of the board of Northfield Bank. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Brad Kemerer, 27, *Beta Rho (Gannon)*, died suddenly on August 24th. He was employed as a dining director in Greensburg, Pa., and was a recent graduate from Gannon University with a bachelor's in business. Brad was engaged and had been planning to be married in 2009. He had attended the 2007 national convention.

Dominic Roselli, *Beta Omicron (Youngstown State)*, passed away October 7th. Dom was the longtime basketball (38 years) and baseball (31 years) coach for Youngstown State University. He was inducted as an honorary brother just last year and had been the original faculty advisor to the chapter. He was 93.

Vince Arcuri, *Psi (Duquesne) 1949*, passed away September 14, 2008.

The Kleos received word that **Lawrence Grasso**, *Epsilon (Buffalo) 1954*, has passed away.

Joseph J. DiBiase, *Beta Beta (Manhattan) 1932*, passed away in 2005. His son reported to *The Kleos* that his father had always been very proud of his fraternity and his days at Manhattan College.

Louis G. Silano, *Beta Eta (Brooklyn College) 1947*, passed away July 7, 2007. Lou was a prominent civil engineer who initially started college at Brooklyn but obtained his engineering degree at Columbia University.

John "Thumper" Sylvester, *Beta Chi (Utica) 1980*, passed away unexpectedly on November 20th. John was only 48 years old, a great friend, and devoted father to his 13 year old daughter Gabbie. He was the traditional Italian . . . loved to be in the kitchen and to be with friends and family. He was living in Bellevue, Neb.



Carmen C. Sberna

Carmen C. Sberna, *Beta Zeta 1938 (Ohio University)*, passed away November 14 in Lake Forest, Ill. Carmen was a retired commander of the U.S. Navy where he had served 38 years in both active and inactive duty and served in all major conflicts between 1942 and 1980. In addition to earning an undergraduate degree from Ohio, he also earned his master's degree there in 1949. In 1961, he started his family insurance company, which is still operating under his two sons. He is survived by his wife Eva and sons Cedric and Gene.

The Kleos received word that **Brian Ferko**, *Gamma Pi 1997*, passed away in 2006.

Frank Carrozzi, *Xi 1953 (Ohio State)*, passed away in November.

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- 18 hole championship golf course ■ Miniature golf course ■ Driving range ■ Volleyball court ■ Tennis courts
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- Restaurant and lounge ■ Indoor and outdoor swimming pools ■ Whirlpool ■ Game room ■ Shuffleboard
- Children's playground ■ Dutch Wonderland Amusement Park nearby



Attend the 2009 Convention and be part of the scene like this one shown here from 2008.

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