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COVER STORY

Leadership Conferences

ON THE COVER—undergraduates from Chi (Penn State), Psi (Duquesne), Beta Rho (Gannon), Beta Lambda (St. Francis), and Beta Omicron (Youngstown) convened in Pittsburgh at Duquesne University on Saturday March 20th for a leadership conference. Over 30 undergraduates from the western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio chapters were treated to an outstanding presentation from Nick Franki, Vice President for Member Education. Nick flew in from New York City to meet with the young men. Also speaking at the conference was National President Rob DeVito. Nick wrote the following article describing the leadership conferences. Cover photo by John Russo.

"Add energy, inspire hope, and blow the coals into a useful flame." —Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–1882).

I am pleased to report that Alpha Phi Delta's Member Education initiatives are proceeding aggressively. Thanks to the generosity of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation via a grant to the National Fraternity, we've conducted over 14 separate events this past year that have mentally stimulated and passionately inspired our young men. Our seminars have focused on four workshops:

- Fundamentals of rushing and pledging.
- Inspiring our newly inducted brothers into taking positions of leadership within their chapter.
- APD history nights, and
- Brotherhood for Life seminars.

Our programs have expanded our reach as we have taken the best ideas from around the Fraternity. Two of our four major workshops are the direct result of emulating the APD History Nights conducted in the Delaware Valley District and the Brotherhood for Life Seminars started by the New York Alumni Club.

The Brotherhood for Life Seminar has proven to be very effective as it truly helps solidify the pledges to the pledging process, increases our retention rates and once they graduate, engenders the former undergraduate to the alumni club. This past semester this concept has also been taken up by the North Jersey Alumni Club as they conducted the same format for the North Jersey District. We look forward to this concept taking flight in other districts as well.

I am most thankful to our Chapter sponsors: Psi, Beta Sigma, Gamma Pi, Gamma Nu, Delta Theta, Delta Omicron, Delta Psi, and Epsilon Beta. Without their support and the support of many active alumni speakers, these events wouldn't be possible.

Brothers are welcome to contact this office with comments about either participating in future events or what the leadership needs of their district are. We stand ready to continue to focus on the future leadership and the individual growth opportunities for brothers of AΦΔ.

More Leadership Conference pictures are on page 5.

Alumni and undergraduates submit your news and photos to *The Kleos* (Kleos@apd.org) for the Fall issue by August 1, 2010. Send high quality photos of high resolution (over 500kb, 1 MB or more preferred for color) and get your pictures in the next *Kleos*. If you have any ideas for stories in a future issue, please write to the editor.



Nick Franki, Gamma Lambda 1987
V.P. Member Education

Photo by Leon Panella

Breaking the Million Dollar Barrier . . . and Gaining Momentum

BY ALEX FRANKI, GAMMA LAMBDA 1990
CHAIRMAN, ALPHA PHI DELTA FOUNDATION

For the first time in the history of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation we have surpassed one million dollars in assets, and we are gaining momentum! This fantastic accomplishment could not have been achieved without the dedication and support of some very special brothers. I would like to thank our past and present Directors and Scholarship Trustees for their help, and most importantly I would like to thank the brothers of our beloved Fraternity who generously and selflessly have donated to our mission for over 30 years.

As many of you know, the Foundation was formed in 1981 to be the philanthropic arm of Alpha Phi Delta. Many of the ensuing years have been good for the Foundation as we successfully raised money and gave out scholarships to our deserving students and grants to the Fraternity. Almost five years ago, as our assets were growing and donations were picking up size and numbers, many of our directors were excited by our seemingly inevitable "March to a million dollars." We talked about how this would be a wonderful goal to cross in time for our 100th anniversary in 2014! Then we ran smack into the economic downturn of the past two years that has affected so many of us. We chose to press forward with our fundraising campaign. Thankfully, hundreds of enthusiastic and loyal Alpha Phi Delta brothers, parents and friends rallied to our cause enabling us to cross this goal almost five years earlier.

Our assets are up and our donations are at record levels! The last five years have been incredible as we coalesced around the three major ways the Foundation can assist our Fraternity: providing scholarships to our deserving students, financial support for the printing and distribution of our *Kleos* magazine and providing the finances for our Leadership conferences.

I am proud to say that we are winning on all fronts. We will be awarding our 584th scholarship this summer (nearly \$500,000 given out so far), *The Kleos* publication is assured with our financial backing and there have been over 14 leadership events throughout AΦΔ this past year helping to develop young men of character.

While this is surely a moment to celebrate, we also must realize that this is a pivotal point for our Foundation and Fraternity. We are in the final few years leading up to our centennial celebration, the Fraternity and Foundation are working together as never before and we have broad goals: Expansion throughout the United States and reactivation at many of our closed chapters; leadership and education seminars that will be evolving along with yet to be designed workshops on drug and alcohol awareness and job-seeking services. In addition, a *Kleos* magazine that has never been better, yet strives to improve efficiency in distribution and content. All of these big goals have created the

demand for funds that currently do not exist. More resources are necessary to keep our momentum going.

I thought that I would close with a mention of what we could do with the next million raised. With all of the successful AΦΔ men out there, you can never be sure if today is the day that we would receive our first million dollar donation. Crazy? Perhaps but here goes.

Got a million that you would like to give? Well, let me tell you what we could do with it. We could easily double the number of our current complement of scholarships, thereby influencing many more of our young applicants. The hardest part of ranking all of the applications that we receive is knowing that there will be many that we will not be able to award a scholarship to. You can help with that.

We could endow *The Kleos* with your one million dollar gift as it would be enough money to fully fund all three issues annually. Never again would there be funding doubts about whether we can continue to produce the best publication in the Greek world. Never again would undergraduate chapters have to shoulder the expense of *The Kleos* which is the lifeline of the Fraternity. You can help with that.

We could establish the funds necessary to conduct Leadership seminars and Brotherhood for Life seminars across this country in perpetuity. Again, you could help with that.

You see, a million dollars would simply fully fund each of our major areas of concentration right now. Thereby allow us to dream bigger than ever before about what we can help the Fraternity to do. Best of all, you would be at the center of a gift that will likely single handedly ensure our financial stability as we approach our 100th year of existence. Frunzi, Gelormini, Frascati, and you!

In absence of one extremely generous donor, might I suggest that we have 100 brothers out there that can rise up and be a part of this race to two million in assets. That would simply be \$10,000 a piece. A handsome sum for sure, but we have the means. History has taught us that fortune favors the bold and APD asks for permanent activity and support. So I'm asking now, how many brothers are out there that are looking to do something special with a decent donation? I wager that there is a bunch.

An investment in Alpha Phi Delta Foundation is an investment in our undergraduate members and an investment in our future. Thank you again one and all, small and large donors, active and inactive. Alpha Phi Delta is alive and well . . . and gaining momentum.

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

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

Photos by Paul Zammit, Jr.



Delta Xi Inducts Spring Pledge Class. On Saturday, March 27, 2010, the Delta Xi (Seton Hall University) Chapter successfully inducted the four members of its Beta Xi pledge class into Alpha Phi Delta. North Jersey District Governor, Paul Zammit, Jr., conducted the ceremony. The Oath of Brotherhood was administered to Stephen A. Crighton, Christopher Morin, Anthony Stroup, and Stephen Valenti.

Photo by Fr. Jim Lentini



Pictured are some of the brothers of Delta Delta (Wesley) in their new chapter house posing with their custom-made APD bowties. Back row, L to R: Mike Hickey, Kevin Barkley, Jason Ruter, Troy Cannatelli, Jonathan Hall, Tom Landry. Front row, L to R: Chris Banner, Will Morris, Comegys Smith, Guy Tevis, Joseph Bianchini, Brandon Sandosky.



Photo by John Russo

Duquesne's Psi Chapter initiated ten brothers on March 14. It was their largest pledge class in ten years and brings their initiated brothers to 1045, the largest in the history of the fraternity. Seven alumni brothers were on hand to witness the initiation. The group shared pizza afterward.



Photo by Paul Zammit, Jr.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



ABOVE: Gamma Nu Inducts Spring Pledge Class. The brothers of the Gamma Nu (William Paterson University) Chapter would like to announce the induction of its Beta Chi pledge class into Alpha Phi Delta. The newly inducted brothers are John W. Bratwocz, Jr., Daniel E. Corte, Marco Emadzadeh, Nicholas Fernandez, Jorge L. Alvarado, Brandon Mason, Thomas McKinney, Shamarie, and Emiliano Rexach. The induction ceremony was held on Sunday, March 28, 2010 and was conducted by North Jersey District Governor Paul Zammit, Jr.

LEFT: On April 1, 2010, Gamma Sigma Chapter (St. John's) held an initiation ceremony for its spring class. Michael Buzzetta, Josue Ithier, Derek Martinez, Nicholas Paro, Andrew Sadler and Richard Whalen took the oath of brotherhood. The ceremony was conducted by Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor and Joe Piras, National Treasurer.

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Paul Zammit, Jr.



On Saturday, March 6th, the North Jersey District held its Spring 2010 Leadership Conference, hosted by the Gamma Nu Chapter (William Paterson University). The event was planned months in advance but despite the preplanning, only one entity showed up, the host entity. Plus the room that was originally booked for the event was being double booked. With that, Vice President for Member Education Nick Franki, held an 'impromptu' meeting, which allowed the brothers to discuss issues in a more informal way.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

On April 25, 2010 the Gamma Rho Chapter (Baruch College) initiated its Beta Upsilon pledge class. Jeffrey Chiu, Arnon Eubanks, Daniel Forero, Daquan Johnson, Raj Mayadunne, Stephen Perez and Randolph Seide were given the oath of brotherhood by Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor

Photo by Joe Rahtelli



ABOVE: Hudson Valley Leadership Conference. On February 13, 2010, more than 30 brothers attended the Hudson Valley Leadership Conference at Marist College. The event was run by VP for Membership Education Nick Franki, Gamma Lambda 1987, and National Historian Joseph Rahtelli, Beta Beta 1982. A wide range of topics was discussed. Brothers in attendance were from Delta Theta, (Marist College), Gamma Iota, (Pace-Pleasantville) and Delta Nu colony, (Eastern CT State Univ) as well as several alumni that included Foundation Director Pete Gaudiuso, Theta Beta 1982, Eric Perez, Gamma Iota 2008, and Jason Marchwinski, Delta Theta 2007. The conference was followed by a Hudson Valley District meeting conducted by District Governor Brian Bollettieri, Gamma Iota 2007.



Photo by Joe Rahtelli

ABOVE: On December 8, 2009, two undergrads were inducted at Utica College into Beta Iota Chapter. The two newly inducted brothers are Christopher Philpott and Ryan Quilty. The induction ceremony was conducted by National Historian Joseph Rahtelli, Beta Beta 1982. The entire chapter was in attendance, as well as alumnus Jon Peters, Beta Iota 2006, to welcome their new brothers, as were Delta Theta undergraduates Mike Negron, Peter Goldberg, Nick Kerrigan and Kevin Hunker. The visiting brothers had a long drive home, hitting a snowstorm half way back, getting back to the Marist College at 3:30 AM. The group looks to have a large pledge group in the spring.

Photo by Paul Zammit, Jr.



LEFT: Gamma Omicron Chapter (SUNY Stony Brook) hosted a NYC District meeting in April. The meeting was held at the chapter house and over 50 brothers were in attendance. This is a nice accomplishment since Gamma Omicron is more than 1.5 hours from the heart of the district. The host chapter organized a social that followed the meeting and pizza/soda was purchased using the NYC District budget.

Alpha Phi Delta Family Ties

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Family trees extend into fraternity trees. Al Fafara, Past National President, Beta Xi 1969, celebrates the initiation of his son, Alex into Delta Beta Chapter.



Now Fraternity Brothers as well! Gamma Omicron Chapter (SUNY Stony Brook) President Foti Filacouris was on hand to see his biological brother Stamati cross into our brotherhood its Phi pledge class on April 18, 2010.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Photo by Nick Bell

Psi Chapter (Duquesne) received many awards at Duquesne's annual Greek Awards. President's Cup (Chapter of the Year); 3rd Place, Greek Week (1st Place, Greek Sing); Greek Man of the Year (Nick Bell); Most Improved Academics; Outstanding Community Service. They were also awarded 5 out of 5 stars through the University's 5 Star Evaluation. The chapter also held its 40th Annual Valentine's Ball on March 21st (it was delayed from its February date due to a huge snowfall the day of the dance). The brothers donated \$9,000 to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) raising their total donations to ALS to \$40,500 since 2003. Alex Roebuck was the Ball Chairman and made the presentation to representatives from the ALS Foundation.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Beta Pi at St. John's University welcomed in its 60th pledge group on April 18, 2010. PJ Callahan and Ryan Meca took the oath of brotherhood that was administered by NYC District Governor Chris Mancusi.



Photo by Paul Zammit, Jr.

Delta Omicron (Rutgers University – Newark Campus) Inducts Spring Pledge Class. On Sunday, April 18, 2010, the Delta Omicron Chapter successfully inducted the four members of its Theta pledge class into Alpha Phi Delta fraternity and family. North Jersey District Governor, Paul Zammit, Jr., conducted the ceremony. The Oath of Brotherhood was administered to Mohamad Berkheet, Caleeb Brewley, Daniel R. Lozano, and Gabriel Navarro.

Beta Rho (Gannon) had a successful spring pledge class culminating in an induction on April 25th. District Governor James Miller did the honors for initiation and had the group of brothers, old and new, pose for this picture in the chapter house in Erie, Pa.



Photo by Jim Miller

National Council Held Amid Major Snowstorm

BY AL FAFARA, PNP, BETA XI

Despite a 30-inch snowstorm in the New York Metropolitan area between February 25 and 26th, the 2010 National Council Meeting of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity went off on schedule at Pace University-Pleasantville, with Gamma Iota Chapter hosting. It started with an Executive Committee Meeting on the evening of February 26th. The council meeting was held on Saturday the 27th and was two hours late in starting to help with travel difficulties.

The bad weather did not curtail the attendance or enthusiasm, with all but two of the Executive Officers attending the meeting on Friday and all but about five chapters (more alumni clubs and associations) represented on Saturday.

Among the topics at the Executive Committee Meeting were: National Vice President Danny Thomas resigned his position effective February 25th. His replacement would be determined the next day. The situation with our Beta Theta Chapter (Franciscan University of Steubenville) and their three year-old debt was resolved, with three remaining brothers paying their assessment and charged with the rebuilding of the chapter. Central Office will actually be getting an office, rather than operating out of National Secretary Fr. Lentini's rectory room. The treasury will see a surplus of about \$130,000 by the end of the semester. It appears we will go over 200 new initiates for this year, more than what was projected.

All Districts are pledging well and there are few numbers problems with our active chapters. Garry Kosteck was appointed chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

At the National Council Meeting on February 27th: Beta Beta Chapter (Manhattan College) was rechartered after three suc-

cessful semesters as a colony. They could have as many as 30 brothers by semester's end.

The Alpha Phi Delta Foundation reported that they now have over \$1 million in total assets for the first time in its history. The Foundation continues to maintain the expense of *The Kleos* which is a \$30,000 per year benefit to the Fraternity.

The budget for 2010-11 of \$121,115 was approved. It is about \$11,000 more than last year and projects a continuing rise in initiatives. An amendment to require 90 days notice for a National Council Meeting, and to hold it between January 15th and March 31st, passed. An amendment to redefine a chapter as taking in students from a particular school, rather than being recognized at the school, passed. An amendment to call for a roll call vote in the proceedings for an expulsion of a brother by the National Council, passed. An amendment to make the National Secretary and Treasurer non-voting members on the Executive Committee failed 18-43-4.

National President Rob DeVito was re-elected for a second term. He ran unopposed. Nick Franki, Vice President for Member Education, of the New York Alumni Club, was elected as National Vice President. He ran unopposed. Nick was subsequently appointed to fill out the remaining portion of Danny Thomas' term, which runs through August 31st. DeVito re-appointed the members to his Executive Committee for 2010-11, which was affirmed by the Council.

With the lack of controversy, the meeting was adjourned on time (5 p.m.) despite the two hour late start and hour off for lunch. The overall health of Alpha Phi Delta is as good as it has been for some time.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



The fraternity Executive Council braved extreme weather conditions to meet on Friday night prior to the Council Meeting. L to R: Dan Williams (Easter Pa. D.G.), Todd Cusato (VP Alumni Affairs), Sal Flagiello (New York City Asst. D.G.), Joe Rahtelli (National Historian), Glenn Small (Acting Legislative Comm. Chairman), Fr. James Lentini (Del Valley D.G.), Al Fafara (Awards Committee Chairman), Alex Franki (Foundation Chairman), Robert DeVito (National President), Ryan McCaw (Rocky Mountain D.G.), Joseph Piras (National Treasurer), Johnny Hodgson (Florida Asst. D.G.), Vince Pulara (V.P. Undergraduate Affairs), Chipper Couch (Rocky Mountain Asst. D.G.), Garry Kosteck (Resolutions Committee Chairman), Nicholas Franki (V.P. Member Ed.), Brian Bolletieri (Hudson Valley D.G.)

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EXPANSION *Highlights*

Photo by Chris Mancusi



On March 26, 2010, the Delta Beta chapter at Rutgers University New Brunswick was brought back to life. The lead contact for the group was Alex Fafara, son of Al Fafara, Beta Xi 1969, PNP, Shqipron Cami, Alex Fafara, Cedric Hall, Zion Kim, Justin Mattieson, Ethan Melazzo, James Montgomery and Kareem Najjar were welcomed into the Alpha Phi Delta family. The ceremony was attended by brothers from Beta Beta (Manhattan), Delta Epsilon (John Jay), Delta Omicron (Rutger's) and the Farleigh Dickinson colony as well as a good turn-out from the North Jersey Alumni Club. The initiation was hosted by Delta Omicron and performed by Rob DeVito, National President, and Paul Zammit, Jr., North Jersey District Governor.

Photo by Joe Rahtelli



On Sunday, April 18th, five brothers were inducted into the Delta Nu colony at Eastern Connecticut State University. In the picture, from the left standing Andrew Bermingham 1992, chapter VP Carmine Giuliano, (five new brothers in purple t-shirts), Adam Pisker, Nicholas Miller, Brian Parkinson 2001, Justin Cosker, Michael Brighindi, Jeffrey Loveland, and chapter secretary Kevin McClain. In front, chapter pledge-master Jason Sanders, chapter president Dan Reid and chapter treasurer Patrick Voelker. The chapter now has ten freshmen.

Photo by Joe Rahtelli



Gamma Xi chapter at Southern Connecticut State University became an active colony on Sunday, April 25th when six brothers were inducted. North Jersey District Governor Paul Zammit, Gamma Sigma 2003, and Hudson Valley District Governor Brian Bolletieri, Gamma Iota 2007, performed the induction. National Historian Joseph Rahtelli, Beta Beta 1982, is the colony coordinator and was the pledge master for the group. Several Gamma Xi brothers were in attendance for the ceremony. In the picture, starting from the left is Matt Whiskeyman 1992, NJ DG Paul Zammit, Joe Ferretti 1988, Mike Morris 1988, Joseph Gervasio, Jeremy Koval, Avi Laub 1990, Rod Ragucci 1989, Marcus D'lorio, Brian Pedalino, Chris Davis 1990, Jonathan Rivnyak, John Eno, Carlo Lucatino 1991, Jay Behan 1991, HV DG Brian Bolletieri. During the pledge period, the group worked very hard with Greek Council and Student Government and has already received campus recognition.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



The Delta Epsilon colony at John Jay College held its spring initiation on April 14, 2010. Anthony Deda, Ehren Dominguez, Edwin Escobar, Steven Loffredo, Thomas Murray, Joseph Ragusa were welcomed into the Alpha Phi Delta family. The colony now stands at 12 brothers.

We are very excited that this September, Fall 2010, we will be reactivating our chapters at Columbia University (Beta), University of Buffalo (Epsilon), and DePaul University (Beta Mu). If you know of any young men, relatives or friends, who are currently attending (or will be attending in the fall) one of these schools, please contact Joe Rahtelli at rahtelli@aol.com.

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Chris Mancusi



The Vassar College colony was able to get going again with the successful initiation of 8 men. Colony President Erman Agnirasli and Delta Theta President Joseph Rahtelli II worked to recruit the new members earlier in the semester. As an outgoing senior, Brother Erman worked to ensure that his dream of creating a successful colony would happen as he graduated. Jonathan Cole, Todd Densen, Joshua Goldstein, William Magruder, Michael Masure, Christopher Toffoli, Theo VanderMeer and Zachary Zeilman were administered the oath of brotherhood by Chris Mancusi, VP for Expansion and Paul Zammit, Jr., NJ District Governor. Hudson Valley District Governor Brian Bollitieri served as the expansion consultant for the group and did a wonderful job preparing the pledges. Delta Theta hosted the initiation and was very supportive of the group. Brothers from Beta Beta, Gamma Iota, Delta Beta and Delta Theta were in attendance.

Photo by Ryan McCaw



Delta Chi (University of Colorado) batted 1.000 by inducting all 13 of its baptized pledges this year. The spring initiation (above) was held on April 3rd.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Photo by Joe Rahtelli

ABOVE: On February 27, 2010, at the National Council meeting, Beta Beta Chapter at Manhattan College was officially rechartered. There are twenty-two brothers that have been inducted over the past three pledge groups. The chapter currently has eleven pledges with twenty brothers that will be returning in the fall. Beta Beta is one of the fraternity's oldest chapters, having first been chartered in 1929. It has well over 600 initiated brothers. Pictured in first row: Tony Barbieri 1959, Rick Trieste 1982, Joe Fava 2009, Tony Russo 2009, Joe Parziale 2009, Joe LaValle 2009, Chris Harding 2009, Joe Rahtelli 1982. Back Row: Joe Carcione 1980, Joe Cipolla 2009, Mike Carcione 2008, Ray Dean 2008, Frank D'Ambrosio 2009, Jeff Sidoti 2008, Al Branchi 1960, Ryan Daily 2009, Gabe Piscione 2009, Rich Delgado 2009, Mike Cusma 2008, Caleb Merrill 2009, Mike Correale 2008, Mike DiDonato 2009, Pete Calatozzo 1995. Missing: Ray Aleman 2009, Matt Freih 2009, Brian Koch 2009, Robert Lombardo 2008, and Andrew Ricci 2008.

LEFT: Gamma Omicron Chapter (SUNY Stony Brook) inducted its Phi class on April 18, 2010. Adam Abedalaziz, Yuri Belyanski, Stamat Filacouris, Szilard Gabor, Michael Kendall, Jordan Peixoto, Ramzy Salem became the newest brothers in the chapter.

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Coming to America: A Glimpse of What the Immigrants Went Through

BY EMIL IMBRO, PI 1968

On June 24, 1914, Vincent Re' and his wife, an immigrant couple arrived in New York, traveling aboard the SS Hamburg from Palermo, Sicily. His wife Concetta was three months pregnant carrying a baby girl. Philomena was born six months later.

Five months later on December 2, 1914, Emilio Imbro, a two and one half year old boy arrived in New York, traveling aboard the Italian cruiser Duca Degli Abruzzi, from Palermo, Sicily. He was the youngest of six brothers and sisters travelling with their mother. My parents had arrived in America.

What conditions caused my grandparents to leave Southern Italy and what was it like crossing the ocean and arriving in New York, the doorway to a new and strange land?

In the late 1800s, early 1900s, the region of Italy South of Rome known as the Mezzogiorno, (named for the region where the sun shines hottest at midday) were faced with poverty, famine and disease, brought on by drought, volcanic eruptions and the scorn of the northern government after the unification of Italy in 1860. When Garibaldi "unified" Italy, it was not universally accepted, especially by the South. After centuries of foreign rule they were suspect of rule now coming from Rome; and Rome paid much more attention to the North at the expense of the South. This combination of events, coupled with Southern passivity and Roman indifference to the misery (miseria) being suffered by the peasants brought about the mass migration to "L'America." But often that journey to the new world was filled with hardships, fear and uncertainty.

Many of the emigrants travelled in 3rd class. Many others who could not afford 3rd class were forced to travel in "steerage," literally next to the steering equipment in the cargo hold below the water line. This cargo hold was made up of improvised wooden bunks that could



*Emil Imbro, Pi 1968
Emil was appointed as Vice President of
Cultural Affairs for the fraternity.*

be quickly taken down upon arrival so the space could be used for cargo on the return voyage. Because of limited deck space the steerage passengers had to take turns on deck in what was usually the dirtiest part of the ship. The food sometimes consisted of only rye bread and prunes and they only had salt water to bathe in.

There was much anxiety and apprehension during the voyage. While enduring 12 to 14 days at sea, they had to overcome storms and seasickness and often there were rumors spread onboard of changing laws which might cause them to be turned away. Also they were faced with the possibility of being rejected for medical reasons or even for answering some questions wrong. When asked if anyone had paid for their passage they were to answer "no," and when asked if there was a job waiting for them the answer must be "no." This was done due to the American effort to thwart the "padrone" system. This amounted to a loan for passage being paid by a "paesano," a known townsman, with the promise of repayment upon arrival, when working for a predetermined employer at low wages and high interest rates which amounted to contract labor. Then there were cases of a whole ship

being sent back upon arriving in New York if some passengers were found infected with cholera or some other infectious disease. Finally, there was perhaps the greatest fear that just one family member could be turned away.

Yet they came. Upon arriving in New York, the ship was boarded in Lower New York Bay so 1st and 2nd class passengers could receive cursory physical examinations. The ship then proceeded to a Manhattan pier where they were allowed to disembark to waiting family while those in 3rd class and steerage were left to watch knowing that they still had to face examination and scrutiny before being allowed to enter. They were then herded to a ferry to take them to be examined and processed.

From 1855 to 1892, this was accomplished at Castle Garden alongside a Barge Office at Manhattan's Battery, America's first immigrant receiving station. This was formerly known as Castle Clinton, built in 1807, which served as a fort to thwart the British. As immigration increased "Castle Garden" became infamous for stealing and extorting money from arriving passengers. On January 1st, 1892, Ellis Island was opened. One can only imagine what my grandparents and these weary immigrants were thinking passing the Great Lady in the harbor, some not knowing what she even stood for, only in great apprehension of what lie ahead.

At Ellis Island, they were then ushered into an enormous high ceilinged area known as the Registry Room, also known as Judgment Hall. There were sometimes as many as twenty lines of immigrants awaiting their medical exam. An average of 5000 persons was examined each day. There they were "marked" with a chalk letter if a medical condition was suspected and led to another room where a doctor determined if the condition was serious enough to warrant deportation or detention. Among those slated for deportation as many as 3000 either committed suicide or were killed trying to

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Perspective on Being Italian-American

BY RALPH ANNINA, BETA ETA 1975

As I read my *Kleos*, I feel a sense of pride and a strong connection to my brothers and their accomplishments. The reason I joined Alpha Phi Delta, Beta Eta Chapter at Brooklyn College, was because I needed to connect and become a part of a support structure that normally did not exist for students of Italian heritage. I am very pleased that we are a fraternity that opens its doors to all students. Alpha Phi Delta started as a fraternity because Italians were not allowed into existing fraternities at the time. The same reason you have African-American and Jewish fraternities, it is critical that we do not forget our roots as a fraternity and our reason for existence.

There is now an increase in Italian language enrollment throughout the country. In part due to the work of many Italian-American organizations in promoting the study of Italian. As an Italian teacher, I have also noted many students of Italian descent wanting to learn Italian so that they can speak to their grandparents. This is the third generation seeking their connection to their ethnicity. I have seen this throughout my career, because second generation Italian-Americans were busy assimilating and establishing their place in American society. In fact many would not speak Italian at home in order for their children to learn English. As the children of baby boomers matured, their need to connect and have their children connect continues to grow stronger. This generation sees the link between language and culture and being proud to be Italian-American. It is the strong proponent of Italian in our schools. Without language there is no culture! It is this generation that visits Italy often, wants its children to learn Italian and understand the importance of a multiethnic, pluralistic society. As Italian enrollments increase around the country, interest in things Italian has become very popular. I often have students, many of whom are Asian, African-American



Ralph Annina,
Beta Eta 1975

and Mexican say to me they want to learn Italian. They tell me it is about our culture, fashion, music, and it is just "cool."

These same students are often my strongest supporters for Italian language and culture. I expose my students to art, opera and, of course, Italy. I also help them to understand that what they see on TV or in the movies is not a positive image of Italians but a stereotypical portrayal. Raising student's consciousness makes them aware of the stereotypes and also appreciates their own heritage.

As we all connect with our Italian heritage and ethnicity, let's remember that in order to keep our fraternity's heritage we must promote Italian language and studies. This benefits all in our society.

Ralph Annina, Beta Eta 1975 (www.RalphAnnina.com)

Brother Raffaele Salvatore Annina is a certified Italian language instructor. He is a native of Genova, Italy and holds advanced degrees from New York University and the City University of New York. Raffaele studied the literature of Giovanni Verga at the University of Catania and has lectured at Barnard College, Long Island University and New York City Technical College.

Best of Italy Tour: Rome, Florence, Venice, Verona, Assisi and Orvieto in the spring time, March 12–March 20, 2011. This tour includes Round-trip airfare, seven overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms, private motor coach, Full European breakfast daily, Dinner daily, Full-time services of a professional guide, sightseeing tours and city walks, Italian lessons are included before departure.

Please call 414-350-0730 or e-mail at rannina@wi.rr.com, if you have any questions or need help enrolling. Tour costs \$2,643 adults and students under 21 pay \$2,374. Sign-up on the web-site: www.explorica.com/Annina-5769

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swim across the channel to New Jersey rather than be put through the hardship of being put back on a ship and returned home. A crematory was erected on the island to dispose of their remains.

On January 17, 1907, 11,747 immigrants were processed; a one day record. By the end of that year 1.2 million immigrants from all over Europe had entered the U.S., 80% through Ellis Island. By 1930, 4.5 million Italians had entered the US, 80% from the Mezzogiorno.

I often ask myself, how did a mother, who had never left her hometown, traveling with six children, ever endure a voyage like that alone? They were greeted by my grandfather who had arrived three

years earlier with his two eldest teenage sons to make a new life for his family in America.

How did a maker of furniture, bring a pregnant wife to a new land, without a job and unable to speak the language?

They left their homelands and endured these difficult hardships and enormous uncertainty in order to find a better life for themselves and their children in America. It is hard to fathom the courage that it took to put oneself and family through this ordeal. That is the story of millions of Americans whose families migrated to America from Europe around the turn of the century. That is also the story of millions of

Italians from the Mezzogiorno. That is part of our heritage.

Source: La Storia, Five Centuries of the Italian-American Experience, Mangione/Morreale

Emil Imbro is retired from Pfizer, Inc. He holds a degree in Business Administration from West Virginia University and an MBA from Long Island University. Emil visited Italy numerous times since college and stayed with his family in Palermo and Porto Empedocle, Sicily, where his father was born. He has contributed articles of Italian heritage to The Society for the Preservation of Italian Culture at WVU, The Sons of Italy and The Kleos. He is a native of Brooklyn, New York.

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ALUMNI NEWS AND SCRAPBOOK

Photos by Danny Thomas



The Youngstown Alumni Club held its annual Christmas party on December 7th at Brother George Guarnieri's Belleria Restaurant in Struthers. George was awarded the A.B. Flask Memorial Award for his outstanding contributions to the fraternity and community. George is pictured above on right with Danny Thomas, Jr., President of the Youngstown Alumni Club.

Photo by Joe Rahtelli



The Connecticut Alumni Club gathered on January 15, 2010. The group planned the spring semester and activities for the Delta Nu colony (Eastern Connecticut State University), and preparations for a pledge group to reactivate our Gamma Xi Chapter at Southern Connecticut State University. For information contact Rod Ragucci at rodneyragucci@cox.net or Joe Rahtelli at Rahtelli@aol.com.



Photo by John Russo

The Pittsburgh Alumni Club hosted its annual Christmas party dinner December 21st at Minutello's Restaurant in Pittsburgh. Minutello's Restaurant has a long standing relationship with the fraternity as it was originally owned and operated by Lou Minutello, Psi 1947. Upon his passing, his son Lou Jr. took over and remains loyal to the fraternity. The PAC executive committee meets there monthly on the third Monday, a tradition dating back 40 years. The Christmas gathering features traditional Italian fare of pizza, smelts, antipasto, spaghetti and spumoni. Forty brothers, wives and three adult children enjoyed a fraternal beginning to the Christmas season.

Photo by John Russo



PAC 2010 Awards Night

All in the family. The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held its annual awards banquet April 9th at Rockefeller's Grille. This year two of the winners were fraternity legacies. Chris Shipley, Psi 1999 (2nd from left) received the Outstanding Alumnus Award for his service to the PAC as secretary. His father Cal, Psi 1971, was a previous recipient of the award in 1982. Nick Bell, Psi 2008, (3rd from left) received the district's outstanding undergraduate award for his work for Psi Chapter and Duquesne University. His father Joe, Psi 1977, (right of Nick) received the award in 1979. The third award recipient was Anthony "Tony" Sallo, Psi 1963, who received the Adam DiVincenzo Award for community service. Tony was out of town and unable to be at the awards ceremony.

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Photo by Paul Zammit, Jr.

The Connecticut Alumni Club held its gathering on Friday, March 12, 2010 at Sliders in Southington, Connecticut. Over twenty brothers attended with undergraduate brothers and pledges from Delta Nu (Eastern Connecticut State University) and Gamma Xi (Southern Connecticut State University). A picnic is being planned in June. For information, contact Rod Ragucci at rodneyragucci@cox.net or Joseph Rahtelli, PNP, at Rahtelli@aol.com.



Photo by John Russo

The Youngstown Alumni Club held its 16th Annual Bocce Night at Mr. Anthony's on March 19th with over 50 brothers in attendance. Brothers from the Youngstown and Pittsburgh Alumni Clubs, along with undergrads from Beta Omicron, enjoyed a fine meal and bocce competition.

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Scholarship News: Two Scholarships Endowed

Vincent J. Muffoletto, *Epsilon 1946 (University of Buffalo)* and **James C. Muffoletto**, *Epsilon 1965*, recently became the latest brothers to endow a scholarship for the benefit of Alpha Phi Delta. The "Vince J. Muffoletto and James C. Muffoletto Scholarship" will be awarded for the first time in August at the National Summer Convention. Vince was the National President from 1968–1970 and resides in Buffalo. His son James resides in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

The North Jersey Alumni Club sponsored a scholarship in honor of **Americo "Em" Faruolo**, who died in 2008 at the age of 96. Em was originally inducted into the Delta Sigma Zeta local fraternity at the then Newark College of Engineering in 1930. In 1932, he and a contingent of brothers from the local fraternity attended Alpha Phi Delta's National Convention, with the express purpose of affiliating with the fraternity, as their membership was predominantly Italian. It did not work out at that time and for the next 20 years they conducted on and off negotiations with Alpha Phi Delta until an agreement was reached in 1952 and Beta Xi Chapter was chartered at N.J.I.T. Em was Beta Xi's alumnus advisor from 1952–1972. He was active in the Third District and attended numerous national conventions as well. He was named Outstanding Alumnus of Alpha Phi Delta in 1974.

The Alpha Phi Delta Foundation accepts donations to endow scholarships in a brother's or loved one's name. The minimum endowment is \$10,000. Scholarships are awarded to undergraduates and relatives of alumni annually. If you are interested in endowing a scholarship, please contact Scholarship Chairman Charles Fiore (address on page 2).

Photo by Charlie Velikis



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Marty Robbins,
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Thompson,
Howie Freed, Joe
Ozmanski, Bob
Calascibetta,
Billy Matyskiel,
Arnie Scheller.
Kneeling: Bob
Jalette, Gene
Bisol, Charlie
Velikis, Neil
Bronson.

Sigma Reunion

Sigma Chapter (Boston University) held a reunion for the classes of 1969–70 last August 2009. It was held in West Yarmouth at the home of Brother Gene Bisol and his wife Barbara. The reunion was a five day event with free time for the beach and golfing and sightseeing activities. The two main nights Friday and Saturday consisted of greeting late comers and BBQs. Thanks to Gene and brothers Bill Matyskiel and Arnie Scheller the group was well fed with lobster and clams.

Brothers and their families came from as far away as Ohio and Florida and Pennsylvania. Most of the brothers still live in the New England region and continue to keep close ties with each other. For some of us it has been 40 years since we had seen one another. For others it may have been just a few short weeks. The reunion seemed as though it had only been a summer break since our last contacts. A few brothers were missing because of logistics or prior commitments. We paid our respects to our departed brothers and reminisced of the "old Days." This reunion has brought together a renewed fraternal closeness we will cherish into the future.

—Submitted by Charlie (NINUS) Velikis, Boston University, Sigma 1970

IN MEMORIAM

ETA CCNY

Maurice "Monty" Montaperto, *Eta 1931 (CCNY)*, passed away in November 2009 at the age of 100 in Cortland Manor, N.Y. Monty was a long-time member of the Long Island Alumni Club and former regular at the national conventions.

PSI Duquesne

Vincent Manella, *Psi 1956*, passed away in January in Pittsburgh.

BETA MU DePaul

Anthony Laterza, *Beta Mu 1953*, passed away February 4th in Norridge, Ill. He was a member of the Chicago Alumni Club.

BETA XI NJIT

Joe Burgio, *Beta Xi 1969*, died on February 1st at the age of 60.

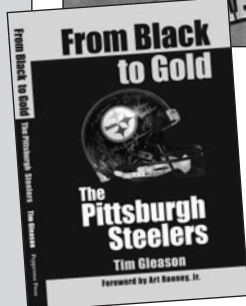
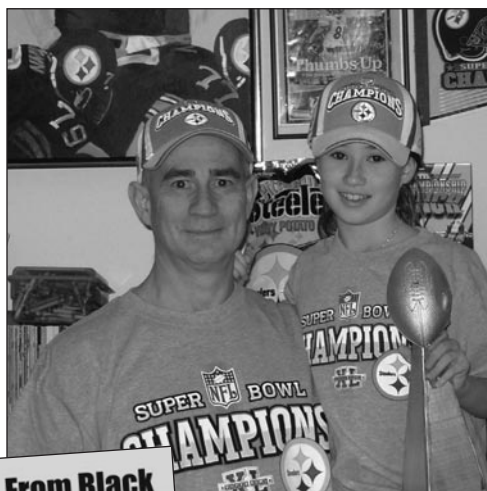
BETA OMICRON Youngstown

Donald DeLorenzo, *Beta Omicron 1966*, died in April in Youngstown, Ohio. He was a member of the Youngstown Alumni Club.



Rick Trieste (Staten Island, N.Y.), on right, and **Jerry DeBlasi** (Branchburg, N.J.) pledge brothers at Beta Beta 1982 (Manhattan) enjoyed some fun in the snow in Colorado (Greene Mountain in Summit County) in February (as if they had to leave the east coast in 2010 to find snow). They were there on a skiing trip but found time to go snowmobiling also. Rick reported that one morning was minus 13 degrees.

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Tim Gleason, *Beta Omicron* 1975 (pictured above with his daughter Mary Rose) is writing a book titled, *From Black to Gold—The Pittsburgh Steelers*. It is a historical account of the Steelers, seen mostly from the eyes of a life-long, die-hard fan.

Peppertree Press is publishing the book. The book will hit the market in late July, when training camp opens and fans start thinking about football again.

Tim writes, "I did not set out to write a book, ironically, until about a third of it was already written. I had been writing articles and vignettes for a popular Steelers' fan blog. One day the editor of the site listed them in a sidebar under the heading, "Steelers History According to Mary Rose," (my handle). I looked at the sidebar and it hit me that I had written about a third of a book. I received kind comments from the readers, so I continued. I actually penciled in an outline that, if I continued writing, could be a full-blown publication.

"About that time, I received an email from one of Art Rooney Jr.'s assistants (Rooney is the president of the Steelers), who was responsible for telling Mr. Rooney whenever his name was on the internet. The assistant said Mr. Rooney really liked what I was writing and wanted to send me a signed copy of his own book. I took the opportunity to send Mr. Rooney the chapter outline, table of contents and sample chapters, asking him if he might write the foreword for the book. Next thing I knew my phone rang and it was Mr. Rooney! We chatted for a while and he said he would be happy to write the foreword. With his name and endorsement on the cover, I was motivated to finish the project."

Tim is the commissioner of the Ohio Athletic Conference. He and his wife Sherry reside in Youngstown, Ohio and have three daughters.

Tom Noschese, *Chi* 1968 (*Penn State*) and his wife Mary are pleased to inform us that they are the proud grandparents of twin boys, Keaton Thomas and Teo Franklin, born to their son Kip and his wife Shannon. Tom and Mary live in the Las Vegas, Nevada area and their grandchildren are near Los Angeles.

Damian Armenti, *Psi* 1999 (*Duquesne*) and his wife Sarah welcome their first born son Dante Anthony into the world on January 6. Also a proud grandfather resides in the fraternity; Norman 'Lefty' Armenti, *Psi* 1956, is Damian's father.

Frank Romano, *Delta Kappa* 1998 (*Binghamton*) of Bronx, N.Y., announced that he is engaged to the lovely Jessica Damadeo of Massapequa Park, N.Y.

Sal Aloe, *Psi* 1969 (*Duquesne*), announced that he has become Director of Special Projects and Partnerships at Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center in Midland, Pennsylvania.

Mark Palermo, *Beta Rho* 1998 (*Gannon*), is currently doing a fellowship in orthopedic traumatology at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Samuel Ventura, *Beta Iota* 1956 (*Utica*) has retired from Nestle in Fulton, N.Y. He was an accountant and resides in New Hartford, N.Y.

Nicholas Ferro, *Beta Iota* 1955 (*Utica*) is a retired naval officer living in Locust Grove, Va.

John J. Liotta, *Psi* 1956 (*Duquesne*) and his wife Janet celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. They are the proud parents of three daughters and eight grandchildren. They celebrated with a trip to Las Vegas. John and Janet reside in Gibsonsia, Pa. John is a past president of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club.

Michael Sundo, *Psi* 2000 (*Duquesne*), announced his engagement to Jamie Mohler. The couple are planning an August 2010 wedding.

Joseph Mosso, *Psi* 1951 (*Duquesne*), received the John W. Dargavel Medal from the National Community Pharmacist Association Foundation. Joe was president and owner of Mosso's Pharmacy in Latrobe, Pa. for 40 years until his retirement in 1996.

Dave Desposito, *Gamma Nu* 1990, (*William Paterson*) is the video director for the New Orleans Saints and was part of the organization that won the Super Bowl XLIV Championship. Dave lives in Mandeville, La.

James "Jim" Miller, *Psi* 1972 (*Duquesne*), was appointed District Governor of Western Pa. for the national fraternity. Jim would like to give back to the fraternity and the undergraduates for many of the fraternal enjoyments he has received.

National Vice President Nick Franki *Gamma Lambda* 1987 (*Fordham University*) and Angela T. Rosinski are ecstatic to announce their engagement. The couple became engaged in the Bahamas in December and have plans to marry in the fall of 2011. It should be a real fraternal affair!

Annual Golf Classic

On Saturday September 18th, 2010, brothers, parents and friends of the Alpha Phi Delta-New York & Brooklyn Alumni Clubs will participate in our Annual Golf Classic to benefit the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation Inc.

Every dollar that is raised through this event will be donated to the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation Inc. which has a 30-year history of helping deserving students with scholarships and for providing Leadership Conferences that help to develop men of character. On behalf of everyone associated with this great event we take this opportunity to welcome you and ask for your continued support.

The Day at a glance: Silver Lake Golf Course, 915 Victory Blvd, Staten Island, NY 7-8 a.m. Registration/Breakfast, 8 a.m. tee time, 2:30 p.m. BBQ

Save the Date:

- Alpha Phi Delta—New York Christmas Dance, Celebrating our 70th Anniversary Dance!
- Saturday, December 4th, 2010, Gargiulo's Restaurant, Brooklyn, NY at 7 p.m.
- Sure to be the largest Alpha Phi Delta event of 2010! More information to follow.
- Please contact AlexFranki@aol.com or Angelo.Manganiello@yahoo.com.

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CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

■ Dinner Thursday ■ Golf Friday ■ Dinner Friday evening ■ Softball games Saturday for brothers and families
Alumnus jubilee luncheon for brothers having 50 or more years in the fraternity ■ Memorial service and mass honoring all
brothers who have passed away in the past year ■ Grand awards banquet Saturday night ■ Hospitality room nightly

HOTEL AND LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Large indoor waterpark ■ 27 hole championship golf course ■ Miniature golf course ■ Fitness center ■ Spa
■ Tennis courts ■ Basketball and Volleyball courts ■ Biking and hiking ■ Movie theater ■ Restaurants and lounge
2 Indoor and 1 outdoor swimming pools ■ Whirlpool ■ Game Room/Arcade ■ Racquetball ■ Boating
■ Archery ■ Bowling ■ Shopping ■ Scenic railway

Photos by Teresa Russo



Attend the 2010 Convention and be part of the scene like these shown here from 2009. Pictured are groups from Pittsburgh and Brooklyn Alumni Clubs who turn out in large numbers annually and have a great time.