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## OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

# Italians in Baseball

BY EMIL IMBRO, PI 1967, VICE PRESIDENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS



The first Italian sounding name to appear in baseball was Tony Defate, who played with Detroit in 1917. The first Italian to play in the majors was Giuseppe Pezzolo, who played under the name Ping Bodie. Ping played for the Chicago White Sox in 1911. Only his Chicago paesani knew he was Italian. He was called "Ping," for the sound the ball makes when it is struck by the bat. Bodie was the name of his hometown in California. In 1911, when Shoeless Joe Jackson hit .408, Ping, a young rookie, hit .287.

Ping played for the New York Yankees the year Babe Ruth joined the team and they became roommates. Ping followed the Babe in the batting

order and is thought to have given him the nickname, "The Bambino." This started the rumor that Ruth was Italian, which spawned a large interest in the game within Italian-American communities.

The first Italian to gain prominence in the major leagues was Tony Lazzeri, who joined the Yankees in 1926. Tony played shortstop for 14 seasons batting .297. In 1932, he was joined by a quiet rookie named Francesco Crosetti, also known as "Crow." These two men set the mold for other Italians who soon would join the Yankees; Phillip Francis Rizzuto and Joseph Paul DiMaggio.

Rizzuto's parents came from Calabria, but he was brought up in Brooklyn. His father, Fiore, was a subway conductor. He was originally opposed to his son playing, "basa bol," till he saw the money he could make especially in the "World Series," as it was jokingly referred to among Italians.

The DiMaggio family were fishermen from Palermo, Sicily, who came to California in 1902. There were four DiMaggio brothers: Tom, Vince, Joe and Dom. Tom, the oldest, was the best, but he chose to remain a fisherman, probably at the insistence of his father. Papa DiMaggio was a practical man who would've preferred his son Joe to become a bookkeeper, until he saw the success it brought him.

The '30s brought a second generation of Italians to the game: Lew Fonseca and Sam Gellato of Cleveland; Tony Rensa of Detroit; George Puccinelli of St Louis; Joe Cuccinello of Cincinnati; and Ernie Lombardi of the "Brooklyn Bums."

Italian-Americans thrived in the post war period and brought another generation of Italians to the game such as Vic Raschi, Yogi Berra, Sal Maglie and Carl Furillo. Furillo played the outfield from 1946 to 1957 for the Brooklyn Dodgers and was known for his rifle arm. He could throw a strike to home plate from the outfield wall. Also, A. Bartlett (Bartolomeo) Giamatti became President of the National League in 1986 and Commissioner of Baseball in 1988.

Children of Italian immigrants flourished in the game of baseball. In the '30s, Dizzy Dean once looked around the ballpark and commented, "There is nothing but Romans on this team." He was being polite as Italians were known as "dagos" by both Italian and non-Italian players.

Phil Rizzuto recalls a crucial moment in a Yankee game when a coach shouted, "Throw it to the dago, the dago." The catcher froze, not knowing which dago to throw it to, DiMaggio, Crosetti or Lazzeri; and the runner scored.

Source: *La Storia: Five Centuries of the Italian American Experience*, by Jerry Mangione and Ben Morreale.



*Sculpture at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, Hollywood, Fla.*

*"We never stand so tall as when we stoop to help a child."*

*"Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."*

—Michelangelo (1475–1564), Italian painter and sculptor



Nick Franki  
Gamma Lambda 1987

The following story is from *The Gentleman's Magazine*, 1820.

A friend called on Michelangelo, who was finishing the statue of Apollo. Sometime afterwards he called on him again. The sculptor was still at his work. His friend looking at the figure exclaimed, "You have been idle since I saw you last."

"By no means," replied the sculptor, "I have retouched this part, and polished that. I have softened this feature, and brought out this muscle. I have given more expression to this lip, and more energy to this limb."

"Well, well," said his friend, "but all these are trifles."

"It may be so," replied Michelangelo, "but recollect that trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."

In the above story we get a glimpse into the mind of a perfectionist. Michelangelo was a savant. To say that he 'went the extra mile' in his strive for perfection is an understatement. Being proud of what has been accomplished, yet never satisfied, is a delicate balance that we all must strive for. With that in mind, let us see what we've accomplished together in Alpha Phi Delta this past year, so we can better meet our challenges for next year.

1. 370 Newly Inducted Brothers (NIBs) for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters. Number four all-time annual NIB total. Highest number since 1991–1992.
2. 83% retention rate for pledges. Highest percent recorded since recordkeeping began five years ago.
3. Largest percent growth in NIBs year over year (42%), since Fall 1988–Spring 1989.
4. Saw the Expansion District become our largest district by initiating 146 NIBs. Because of this growth, we will likely reactivate/charter an additional four chapters by the next National Council Meeting at Delta Theta, Marist, February 16, 2013. This eight-chapter reactivation/chartering in two years will represent the largest undergraduate expansion period since 1992–1994 (with nine), and 1990–1992 (with 14).
5. Reactivated four chapters (Beta Mu, Gamma Xi, Delta Beta, Delta Rho).
6. Chartered the Naples Alumni Club and Gamma Mu Alumni Association, the first alumni expansion in over three years.
7. Created the CT and Upstate NY Districts to help provide additional guidance and prepare for additional expansion.
8. 0% debt and 100% undergraduate attendance at National Council. Last accomplished 1990.

9. Lowered chapter assessment 10%; Alumni Club 50% and Alumni Association assessments 29%.
10. Completed the year "in the black" despite lowering assessments over \$12,000 this fiscal year and forgoing \$5,000 of our \$5,500 Foundation Grant to re-invest in our leadership training for our future.
11. Raised our capital surplus, aka retained earnings, to 90% of the 2012–2013 projected expenses.
12. Successfully defended ourselves against frivolous litigation.
13. Held largest Summer Convention in 30-plus years and signed contracts for the next two summer conventions, 2013 and 2014.
14. Provided guidance to the largest ad-hoc committee AΦΔ ever created, the Centennial Committee and its 27 sub-committees to help celebrate our first 100 years and inspire us for the next 100.
15. Conducted dozens of leadership conferences and Brotherhood for Life Seminars, with over 500 participants fraternity wide.
16. Creation of the Central Office website, and social networking advances by Central Office.

In essence, I am proud to announce that the state of our beloved Fraternity is more than good; it's great, but I am still not satisfied. The reason things have been so good is due in no small part to the exceptional foundation upon which our current administration has been built by our predecessors and the countless hours of dedicated work our current leaders have invested in the Fraternity. We are the largest all-volunteer national fraternity, and we are proud of it. But just like Michelangelo in the story above, we can still strive for perfection.

Our challenge:

There's only one ... to stay focused.

Never are we to adopt an attitude of entitlement or that we are owed something.

Never are we to adopt an attitude that we've crested and we can now coast or put the car in neutral.

And while it is fine to say how proud we are of what we've accomplished this past year...NEVER is it ok to say that we are satisfied.

Now is the time we ensure our shoulder stays to the wheel and we keep striving and never let up. We have the cure for fraternal cancer and it's by promoting our values of Brotherhood, Love and Justice that AΦΔ will continue to be...

....the largest all-volunteer national fraternity

... the only Italian-American heritage fraternity

... and the fraternity of choice among urban Catholic universities and colleges, that induct men of character.

Let me end with a quote by Walt Disney, another perfectionist:

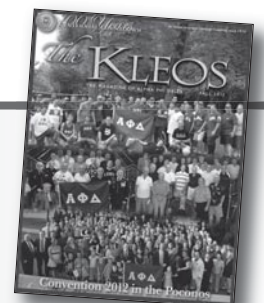
*"The way to get started is to stop talking and start doing."*

Cent'Anni

Nick Franki GL '87

## ON THE COVER:

Scenes from the summer convention: Top—softball players pose after the alumni vs. undergraduate game. Middle—the military veteran brothers (left) and alumnus emeritus brothers (right). Bottom—grand photo before the awards dinner. (Bottom photo by Chris Marcus, others by John Russo).



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# UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Jim Miller



ABOVE: The brothers of **Beta Rho** at Gannon initiate new brothers on April 22.

RIGHT: **Delta Epsilon** at John Jay inducts 11 brothers on April 29, putting them over the 50 inductee mark since their reactivation three years ago!

Photo by Sal Flagiello



*New brothers!*

Photo by Jim Miller



The brothers of **Beta Mu** (DePaul) celebrate initiation on May 18 with new brothers Trevor Grandpre, Ernie Enriquez, Abedola Oduwole and Melvin Kellam. President of the Chicago Alumni Club Sal Lombardi was present and is pictured with the undergrads.

Photo by Sal Flagiello



**Beta Eta** (Brooklyn College) welcomes four new brothers on April 28.

Reactivation photos by John Russo



## Reactivations

ABOVE: **Delta Beta**, Rutgers, is reactivated at the convention and receives its charter. These Delta Beta undergrads were on hand at the convention to celebrate their success.

ABOVE RIGHT: **Gamma Xi** (SUNY Oneonta) receives its charter at convention. District Governor Carlo Lucatino (left) shares the charter with Alex Lubich (right), Delta Rho 2010. Nick Franki, National President, and John Whyte, VP Expansion, share the moment.

RIGHT: **Beta Mu** (DePaul) receives its charter back. National Secretary James Lentini hands the charter off to Robert Carfang, Beta Mu 2011, with onlookers Nick Franki, National President; John Whyte, VP Expansion; and James Miller, Midwest District Governor.



ABOVE: Undergraduates from our new colony at **St. Joseph's College** enjoy their first-ever experience at the summer convention. RIGHT ABOVE: **Gamma Rho** (CUNY Baruch) inducts two brothers on April 22. RIGHT: **Gamma Kappa** (CUNY Staten Island) welcomes one pledge into the brotherhood on April 21.



Photo by John Russo

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# SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2012

**Alpha Phi Delta Award (\$2,500)**

Joel Tejada, University of Kent in the United Kingdom, Epsilon Beta (LaSalle)

**Anthony Carfang Award (\$2,500)**

Natalie Reizine, Loyola Univ. School of Medicine in Chicago, sponsored by her uncle Jack Consiglio, Psi

**Stanley Raffa Award (\$2,000)**

Michael Belsky, Penn State University, sponsored by his father Mark Belsky, Psi

**Brooklyn Alumni Club Award (\$1,500)**

Noel Sme, University of Alaska, sponsored by her father Ron Sme, Beta Sigma

**The Ernest Coletti Award (\$1,500)**

Gina Lee DelGreco, Niagara University, sponsored by her uncle Rocco Muffi, Psi

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

Thomas Clarke, Penn State University, sponsored by his grandfather Joe Creston, Psi

**Long Island Alumni Club John Pasta Award (\$1,250)**

Vincent Romano, Fairfield University, sponsored by his father James Romano, Beta Beta

**Lillian Anastasio Scholarship (\$1,000)**

Taylor Picillo, Rutgers University, sponsored by her grandfather Frank Leanza

**Anthony & Stella Barbieri Award (\$1,000)**

Anthony Gali, New York University, President and founder of the new Theta Beta Colony

**Brother Camillus Casey Award (\$1,000)**

Brian Sulkies, Pace University, member of Gamma Iota Chapter

**John J. Hadgkiss Centennial Scholarship (\$1,000)**

Jameyan Miller, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, sponsored by her father James Miller, Psi

**Felix Infausto Scholarship (\$1,000)**

Mary Elliott, Georgian Court University, sponsored by her father Anthony Castellano, Beta Phi

**New York Alumni Club Award honoring Albert Palazzo (\$1,000)**

Kyle Sheerin, Duquesne University, President of Psi Chapter



## New Scholarship

Brothers John Russo (Psi 1972, left) and Paul Russo (Beta Omicron 1988, right) and their families honor the memory of their parents, Anthony and Marie Russo. John serves the Fraternity as Kleos Editor and Convention Chairman, and Paul is a past District Governor. John's three daughters (Teresa, Angela, and Marie above) have been recipients of Alpha Phi Delta scholarship awards and would like to pay it forward for others to receive assistance for college. John wrote, "Our parents, Anthony and Marie, instilled in us a strong Italian heritage and a desire to achieve a college education. We are thankful for their strong family upbringing. They also enjoyed our association with Alpha Phi Delta. Our mother even attended a fraternity convention."

**Richard Rau Scholarship Award (\$1,000)**

Andrew Levesque, La Salle University, member of Epsilon Beta Chapter

**Paul J Sciuillo II Memorial Award (\$1,000)**

Angela Russo, University of Pittsburgh, sponsored by her father John Russo, Psi

**Alpha Phi Delta Resort Association of New York Award (\$500)**

Rizwan Kermaly, Baruch College where he is a member of Gamma Rho Chapter and has served as Social Chairman, Rush Chairman and Philanthropic Chairman

**Frank Cavallaro Award (\$500)**

Benedict Tieniber II, St Joseph's College, where he is a member of the founding colony

**Frank Costanzo Award (I) (\$500)**

Matthew Pellegrine, Pace University School of Law, an alumnus of Gamma Iota Chapter

**Frank Costanzo Award (II) (\$500)**

Daniel Turner, Marist College, where he is a member of Delta Theta Chapter

**A. Joseph Creston Award (\$500)**

Justin Bernard, Duquesne University, the Chairman of Public Relations for Psi Chapter

**Adam DiVincenzo Award (\$500)**

Joseph Foreman, College of Staten Island of The City University of New York, sponsored by his father, Kenneth Foreman, Beta Omega

**Eta Chapter Memorial Scholarship/Armand DeRosa Award (\$500)**

Arthur Pizza, Cornell University. Arthur is the President of the reactivated Mu Chapter at Cornell. He is a third generation Alpha Phi Delta member: the son of Beta Xi alumnus Arthur Pizza, and the grandson of Past National President Albert Palazzo.

**Fabrizio Family Award (\$500)**

Mathew Bondi, Duquesne University, where he has served as President and Treasurer of Psi Chapter

**Carmelo and Carmela Giampiccolo Award (\$500)**

Michael Buzzetta, St. John's University, where he has served as Treasurer and Secretary for Gamma Sigma Chapter

## **James S. and Theresa Giampiccolo Award (\$500)**

**John Vittozzi**, Ramapo College, where he has held several offices at Gamma Pi Chapter

## **Izzo Family Scholarship (\$500)**

**Paul DiBiasi**, Marist College, where he has served as Vice President of Delta Theta Chapter

## **Louis J. Mauriello Award (\$500)**

**Amanda Rosinski**, Utica College, sponsored by her brother-in-law, National President Nicholas Franki, Gamma Lambda

## **Domenic Mente Award (\$500)**

**Christopher Letson**, Ramapo College, where he has served as chapter President at Gamma Pi Chapter

## **Vincent J. Muffoletto and James C. Muffoletto Award (\$500)**

**Kathleen Giordano**, George Washington University, sponsored by her grandfather, Beta Beta alumnus Gasper Tiranno

## **North Jersey Alumni Club Award (\$500)**

**Raymond Rokicki, Jr.**, Columbia Southern University, an alumnus of William Paterson College. He is a past District Governor.

## **Panella Family Scholarship (\$500)**

**Matthew Silva**, Duquesne University, where he is a member of Psi Chapter

## **Robert L. Polito Beta Rho Memorial Award (\$500)**

**Christopher LaCivita**, Florida Atlantic. Christopher's grandfather, Ralph LaCivita, and uncles, John Roncone and Stephen LaCivita, are all alumni of Beta Omicron Chapter at Youngstown State University.

## **Richard Primiano Award (\$500)**

**Nicholas Marter**, St Joseph's College, where he has served as Vice President of St Jonsey's colony



## **Lillian Anastasio Family Scholarship reaches \$20,000 Level**

Last year, past Kleos Editor Neil Anastasio (Theta Beta 1973) started a scholarship in honor of his late mother, Lillian Anastasio. This year, Neil's sister, Lucille D'Elia, and nephew, Howard Carswell, together donated an additional \$10,000 to increase the scholarship fund to the next level. "We are proud to be associated with Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity. We have met so many wonderful people over the years through Neil's involvement in APD. Keeping our mom's memory alive through APD is simply wonderful," said Mrs. D'Elia. (Pictured: Lucille D'Elia; Howard Carswell; Charlie Fiore, Scholarship Chairman; and Neil Anastasio.)

## **Southern California Alumni Club Award (\$500)**

**Dennis O'Leary**, St Joseph's College, where he has served as treasurer of the colony

## **Steubenville Alumni Club Award (\$500)**

**David Macek**, Youngstown State University, where he has served as the Historian and Secretary for Beta Omicron Chapter

## **Steubenville Ladies Auxiliary Award (\$500)**

**Ian O'Hagan**, Benedictine College, sponsored by his father Hugh O'Hagan, Beta Theta

## **Rocco A. Sutera Scholarship (\$500)**

**Kevin Hunker**, Marist College, where he has served as Delta Theta Chapter Treasurer

## **Youngstown Alumni Club Donald "Red" Nolfi Award (\$500)**

**Dylan Thomas**, Youngstown State University. Dylan has served as the Fundraising and Philanthropy Chairman and President of Beta Omicron Chapter and IFC Vice President. He is the son of Youngstown Alumni Club President Danny Thomas, Jr.

## **New Awards for 2012**

### **The Pittsburgh Ladies Auxiliary of Alpha Phi Delta Alumni Award (\$500)**

**Jessica Steiner**, University of Pittsburgh, sponsored by her grandfather, Anthony Iole, Psi

### **Russo Family Scholarship (\$500)**

**Marc Iacovelli**, Marist College, where he is a member of Delta Theta Chapter

The Scholarship Fund is a division of Alpha Phi Delta Foundation Inc. a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation. Scholarship funds are maintained separately from the general funds of the foundation. In order to support an annual scholarship, a fund must have received contributions of at least \$10,000.

The Scholarship Trustees are: Richard Angelica, Anthony Barbieri, Dr. Santo Barbarino, Paul Fabrizio, Charles Fiore, Esq. (Chairman), Peter Gaudiuso (Treasurer), John Hadgkiss, Leon Panella, Ronald Sme and Anthony Thomas.

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# Summer Convention



The 2012 (90th edition) Summer Convention was held August 8–12 at the Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony, Pa. This was the site of the 2010 convention, and it proved to be a popular destination as it attracted 270 brothers and family, another high number since 1980. The convention has been on an eight year run of increasing attendance, bringing it back to the glory days of the 1960s and 1970s. As we head into our Centennial period, we are expecting to continue to grow and break the 300 mark.

The convention has continued to add new events that are increasing in popularity and attracting brothers and their families. Our alumnus emeritus luncheon honoring brothers with 50 or more years in the fraternity attracted a record 31 brothers. Along with their invited guests and fraternity dignitaries, the luncheon was a filled room of 70. Just five years ago, only four such brothers were in attendance and honored.

A brand new event was held to honor all brothers who served in the armed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard). Col. (Dr.) Charles Garbarino, Beta Sigma 1971, and Col. (ret) Carmen DiGiacomo, Psi 1960, coordinated the first military brothers breakfast on Saturday August 11, and attracted nearly 70 brothers and guests to salute the APD veterans. The brothers who served received a beautiful coin medallion commemorating their brotherhood and service. The event attracted both young and old. Joshua Ladd, Delta Delta 2012, 23-years-old and a recipient of the Purple Heart, spoke on his recent service in Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom) and his pledging this past spring. At the other end of the spectrum, we were honored by the presence of 95-year-old Dr. Vince Cotroneo, Epsilon 1934, who earned both Silver and Bronze Stars in WWII.

The annual alumni vs. undergraduate softball game was a popular event with players and spectators. The strong alumni beat the youthful undergrads 11–6. Softball and other games were followed by a cookout picnic luncheon for 200, which in turn was followed by a family miniature golf tournament. Saturday is always filled with activities. In addition to a foundation directors meeting, national officers conducted a district governor's workshop. Saturday evening, our Chaplain and National Secretary, Fr. James Lentini, Beta Sigma, celebrated a Catholic Mass recognizing our recently deceased brothers. This was followed by our huge group photo, then a cocktail party and banquet, topped off with national award announcements (which can be found on page 10).

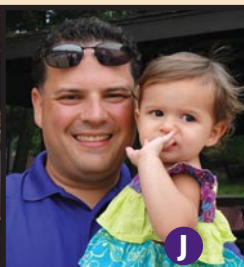


**A** Who said youth is wasted on the young? These four “old-timers” help the alumni beat the undergrads in the convention softball game. From left: Mike Iacovelli, softball chairman, Chris Mancusi, Gene Gemelli, Joe Narciso  
**B** Twin brothers William and Michael Fiore enjoy participating in the miniature golf tournament at the convention, which Will chaired and organized. They are the sons of Charles Fiore, Theta Beta 1973. **C** These four brothers are self-proclaimed members of the “zipper” club. All four have had open-heart surgery and still enjoy life. An observer made a correlation that perhaps lack of hair might be a common cause of heart disease. Pictured from left: Lt. Col. Jim Guerrieri, Delta Xi 1996; Col. Charlie Garbarino, Beta Sigma 1971; Paul Fabrizio, Psi 1963; Ray Sasselli, Psi 1961. **D** For the first time, the golf outing was rained out as the brothers who planned to play watch the radar reports at the course.



## Alumni Scores 5 in First, Holds off Undergrads 11-6

For the third year in a row, the alumni survived a late game rally to post a win over the undergrads. Pete Gaudiuso started the game with a triple, which was followed up by a Joe Rahtelli, Jr.'s homerun, setting the tone for the game. With the score 10-6 and the bases loaded, the undergrads hit a blast over the centerfielder's head which would have tied the game, but Gaudiuso made a Willie Mays-like over-the-shoulder catch in a full sprint to preserve the lead. Marc Iacovelli hit the furthest ball of the day for a ground rule double (he was halfway to third when it reached the street!). Those Delta Theta kids can hit! Till next year.



**E** National Secretary Fr. James Lentini, with the Palazzo family: Danny, Gamma Iota 1989, mother Dottie (and wife of PNP Al Palazzo), and Danny's wife Julie and sister-in-law Mary. **F** Jeri and Charlie Fedutes, Psi 1955, returned to the convention for the first time since the 1990s after being regulars for 30 years.



**G** Joshua Ladd, Delta Delta 2012, speaks at the military brothers breakfast. At 23, Josh was our youngest veteran. **H** Claude Busnell, Beta Sigma 1992, and his family enjoy the convention picnic. **I** Lt. Col. Jim Guerrieri, Delta Xi 1996, and Col. Charlie Garbarino, M.D., Beta Sigma 1971, pose after the military brothers breakfast. Col. Garbarino was the organizer of the event. **J** John Whyte, Gamma Sigma 1994, and his one-year-old daughter, the youngest conventioneer again (she attended last year as a new born). **K** Our oldest conventioneer, Dr. Vincent Cotroneo, Epsilon 1934 (center) with his family and Col. Charles Garbarino, Beta Sigma 1971.

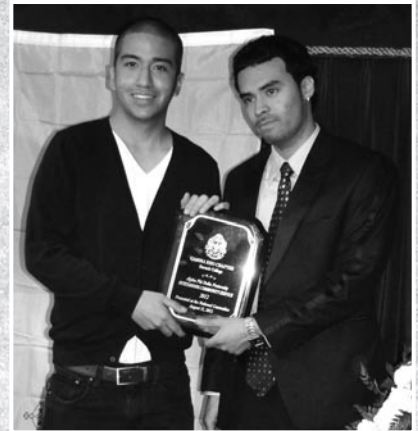
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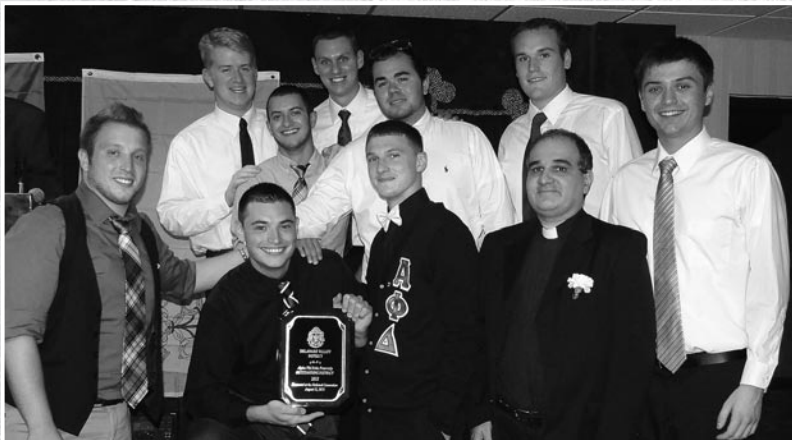
Andrew Kriger and Dan Segal were on hand from Lynn University to accept the Most Improved Chapter Award for their Delta Psi Chapter.



Dylan Thomas, Beta Omicron, receives the Outstanding Undergraduate Award for 2012 from National Secretary Fr. Lentini and National President Nick Franki.



Two brothers were in attendance at convention to accept Outstanding Community Service Award for Gamma Rho Chapter at Baruch College.



Outstanding District went to Delaware Valley led by their District Governor Fr. Lentini.



Outstanding Chapter honors went to Beta Beta (Manhattan).



New York Alumni Club gathers to celebrate Outstanding Alumni Club Award.

**Most Improved Chapter**  
Delta Psi, Lynn University

**Outstanding Community Service**  
Gamma Rho, Baruch

**Outstanding Chapter**  
Beta Beta, Manhattan

**Outstanding Alumni Club**  
New York

**Outstanding District**  
Delaware Valley

**Outstanding Undergraduate**  
Dylan Thomas, Beta Omicron

**Outstanding Alumnus**  
Rob DeVito, Gamma Iota 1985

Photo by Gene Gemelli

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BY JOSEPH BELL, PSI 1977

# 100 Years CENTENNIAL COUNTDOWN

**"H**alf the fun is getting there." That's the credo of so many travel lovers. The journey toward Alpha Phi Delta's Centennial is very much like that. We saw it again at our Summer Convention, where the planning, inspirational moments and fun continued.

The Alumni Emeritus luncheon on August 10 was the largest ever, with 31 brothers and 66 total guests attending. The prize for the oldest attendee: 95-year-old Dr. Vincent S. Cotroneo, Epsilon '34. Ray Sasselli, Psi, and Ron Sme, Beta Sigma, organized this great event. They are now planning next year's luncheon and, in particular, reunions for the Class of 1963.

One new addition proved to be an instant hit: The Military Salute Breakfast. Sixty-one guests attended this August 11 event, including 20 brothers who served their country in uniform. Each of those vets received a specially minted Commemorative Alpha Phi Delta Coin. Col. Charles Garbarino, MD, Beta Sigma and Col. Carmen DiGiacomo, Psi, spearheaded the breakfast, which drew an amazing range of veterans. We were honored to have Dr. Vincent Cotroneo on hand. He won a Silver Star while fighting in World War II. The youngest veteran was also the speaker for the breakfast. Brother Joshua Ladd, Delta Delta '12, received a Purple Heart for combat in Operation Enduring Freedom.

The musical side of our Fraternity was captured in the debut of the Centennial Compact Disc. It contains 15 tracks of Alpha Phi Delta music from the 1920–1950 era, the new Centennial Hymn, "100 Years of Alpha Phi Delta," and two dramatic narrations of written accounts from our founding brothers.

There will be all sorts of regional gatherings leading up to the Centennial year. For example, by the time you read this, the Brooklyn Alumni Club and New York Alumni Club will have hosted a Centennial Golf Outing at the Silver Lake Golf Course on Staten Island, N.Y. on September 15.

The planning is now underway for several notable events for 2013 and 2014:

**Centennial Tour of Italy June 2013.** Brother Ralph Annina will be leading this fabulous tour, through the ancestral homeland of so many Alpha Phi Delta brothers. (See details on last page.)

**Centennial Washington, DC Gala April 4–6, 2014.** This is envisioned as an entire weekend of celebration, starting with a welcoming reception on Friday evening, April 5, at a private Washington, D.C.-area club. The following day will include a selection of tours of the famous D.C. cherry blossoms, The White House, river tours and golf. That leads up to the evening's black tie dinner dance, preceded by a cocktail hour. There are plans to invite various American-Italian luminaries as guest speakers, as well as a special tribute to brothers who have served in the military.

**Centennial Grand Convention August 13–17, 2014.** This will be the crowning gathering that promises to be attractive to so many brothers and their families. It will take place at a conference center hotel in Harrisburg, Pa. with a wide array of activities and celebratory events. Details are still unfolding.

The planning of this wonderful celebration of a century of brotherhood has been no small task. Yet, as our recent Summer Convention wound down, Centennial Chairman Tony Carfang marveled, "You can taste the progress. Along every dimension we are exceeding our expectations."

## Looking Back in History

*This is the fifth in a series of history snippets looking back on our first hundred years, by decade. The series will move backward in time, culminating in the first decade to be told in 2014.—John Russo, Editor of the Kleos*

### Highlighting the 1960s

**1960...** A reshuffling of Central Office took place with the resignations of long-time Secretary Joseph DeGuglielmo and Treasurer Carlo Vannicola. They were replaced by Adam DiVincenzo, Secretary, and Joe Scotti, Treasurer, who together would run Central Office for the next 18 years. After 17 years as Treasurer, Carlo Vannicola was elected National President. The National Convention was held in Manchester, Vt.

**1961...** The Weirton AC was formed. A new directory was compiled, the first since 1952. Central Office officially moved from Cambridge, Mass., to Pittsburgh. National Convention was in Pike, N.H. Theta Beta at NYU closed (although it would reopen again in 1971).

**1962...** St. Francis College in Brooklyn, N.Y. was chartered as Beta Sigma Chapter, surprisingly in retrospect the only new chapter for the entire decade. It would be 11 years before we chartered again. Initiations were 254, a large increase (91) over 1961. Joseph Scoscia was elected National President.

**1963...** Two fraternity houses were added to the roster: at Ohio State and Youngstown State. This brought AΦΔ-owned houses to five.

**1964...** The Golden Anniversary of the Fraternity was celebrated with a gala convention at Griswold Hotel in Groton, Conn., with over 300 in attendance. Francis Paladino was elected National President at the conclusion of convention. Beta Kappa at Long Island University was reactivated. Epsilon at U. of Buffalo was doomed when the state severed all fraternity ties at the university.

**1965...** The Great Debate over whether Alpha Phi Delta should open its membership to those of non-Italian heritage ended with legislation at the national convention embarking the Fraternity into a new era of an open door policy.

**1966...** Fraternity houses were purchased for Chi at Penn State and Beta Rho at Gannon. Trent Ciarrocchi was elected National President.

**1967...** The Beta Lambda house at St. Francis, Loretto, Pa. was dedicated. It was the first new house built and designed by the Fraternity and housed 30 brothers. The National Convention attendance exceeded 400, the first time that had happened. Epsilon at Buffalo was officially closed after 47 years. Beta Kappa at Long Island University closed again after only three years.

**1968...** We lost two of our oldest chapters: Eta, which had started in 1921; and Xi at Ohio State, which opened in 1922. Vince Muffoletto was elected National President, Stan Raffa stepped down as *Kleos* Editor after 12 years. A fraternity tragedy occurred at Beta Theta, Steubenville, on Nov. 24. A car accident involving three pledges who were on their way to their induction; two were killed (one was Trent Ciarrocchi, Jr, son of the most recent PNP) and one was seriously injured (Vince Scotti, who was the son of National Treasurer Joe Scotti). National Chaplain Fr. Federici suffered a massive heart attack as did Dr. D.A. Macedoni, 18th Grand Consul, who had spoken at the executive council 24 hours before his passing. 1968 was one of our most mournful years.

**1969...** The Fraternity had 17 active chapters at the end of the decade (out of 42 which had been chartered since 1914).

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# ALUMNI NEWS

Theta Beta alums gathered July 31 in Manhattan after work. The group meets periodically in the Midtown Manhattan area. Plans are already underway to make the next gathering the biggest and best ever! (L to R, Pete Gaudioso, Keith McHugh, John Palamarik, Emil Coscarelli, Mike Iacovelli, John Logozzo, Anthony Pizzino). Camera shy: Gene Gemelli (left before the photo was taken) and Russ McHugh (came after the photo was already taken).



Photo by Emil Coscarelli



Photo by John Russo

From left, National President Nick Franki presents expansions awards to Al Fafara, Joseph Rahtelli, Jr., Joseph Rahtelli, Sr., Len Cilli with Expansion VP John Whyte. The awards were given to the four men for their efforts over the year in getting several chapters reactivated.

RIGHT: The NYC District held its annual Awards Banquet on Friday June 1, 2012. Seventy-five brothers came to help celebrate a great year for the district. Pictured are the Long Island AC contingent. The district awards presented that night were: NYC Outstanding alumni entity- New York Alumni Club; NYC Outstanding Alumnus- Todd Cusato, Beta Sigma; NYC Outstanding Community Service- Gamma Rho (Baruch College); NYC Outstanding Undergraduate- Anthony Rodrick, Gamma Rho; NYC Most Improved chapter- Beta Eta (Brooklyn College); NYC Outstanding Chapter- Delta Epsilon (John Jay).



Photo by Sal Flagello



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On May 18, 2012, the revitalized North Jersey District Awards Dinner was held at Maggiano's Little Italy in Hackensack, N.J. Over 25 brothers were in attendance to witness North Jersey District Governor Paul Zammitt present plaques to the following recipients: Outstanding Chapter: Gamma Pi Chapter (Ramapo College); Outstanding Undergraduate: Titon Rudra - Delta Omicron Chapter - (Rutgers - Newark Campus); Outstanding Alumnus: Lenny Cilli-NJAC - Beta Xi; Outstanding Alumni Club: North Jersey Alumni Club; Most Improved Chapter: Gamma Nu Chapter (William Patterson University); Community Service Award: Delta Beta Chapter (Rutgers University - New Brunswick Campus).

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ABOVE: Thirty brothers and family members from the old Third District of Alpha Phi Delta gathered at a Newark Bears baseball game on Saturday, June 30. Those in attendance were treated to an upgrade to a luxury suite by the Bears' Director of Operations, Brother Will Colavito (Delta Xi 2006) and a victory by the home team. Prior to the game, half the attendees enjoyed rodizio, seafood and sangria at Iberia Peninsula in the Ironbound section of Newark. All proceeds from this event were donated to the General Fund of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation.

On May 10, 2012, a group of Beta Xi alumni gathered for lunch at Mud City, a seafood restaurant in Manahawkin, N.J. The group consisted mostly of members of the 1956 graduating class of Newark College of Engineering (now N.J. Inst. of Tech.). Pictured from left to right are (sitting) Piave Corradi, Joe Spampinato, Murray Piazza, Joe Berenato and Don Rizzo. Standing are Sal Petoia and John Nardone. Sal was a freshman pledge under all these brothers when they were seniors, but living in close proximity to most has brought them together to reminisce the "old days." Their common bond continues.



The 36th year of the BAC Softball team has been bolstered by an infusion of youth with four new undergrads from outside the NY District: Gamma Iota and Delta Theta. They, along with first-year pitcher Christopher Gerdau (Theta Beta, '91) and Mike Fiore (son of Charlie), make it a total of 106 brothers from 16 chapters that have played with the team since its inception in 1977. Mike Fiore is the 7th son of a brother to play (Ralph/David Parmegiani, Marc/Adam Iacovelli, Greg Caldarella, John Anastasio). The current team is represented by eight chapters and players in their teens, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, and Zeke. Back Row: Rob Demartini, Jay Rattigan, Alum Emeritus Zeke Parmegiani, Chris Gerdau, Mike Fiore, John Tripodi, Adam Iacovelli, Len Plantemoli, Marc Iacovelli, Scott Giammarino, Ralphie Parmegiani. Kneeling: David Parmegiani, Luis Castillio, Joe Caldarella, Joe Narciso, Pete Gaudiuso, Tony Amato. Not Pictured: Greg Caldarella, Mike Iacovelli, John Loddio, Rob Nicotra, Leo Parmegiani, Billy Simmons, Rick Trieste.



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*Paul DeNunzio and Matt Mazza*

**Paul DeNunzio** and **Matt Mazza**, both of *Gamma Pi* (Ramapo) ran the New Jersey Marathon in Long Branch, N.J. on May 6, 2012. Paul is an undergraduate and Matt an alumnus; the two had not met until connecting on Facebook and finding their mutual interest in running. The two did well teaming up. Matt bested his previous time by about 30 minutes and Paul by about nine minutes, which qualified him for the Boston Marathon.

On May 7, 2012, **Frank Messina**, *Beta Eta 1993*, and his wife Stephanie welcomed their second child and first son into the world. Joseph Jack Messina (future pledge of 2030) weighed an even 8 lbs. and was 19 inches long.

**Anthony J. Carfang**, PNP, *Psi 1969* (Duquesne) was named to the Top 100 Most Influential People in Finance by *Treasury & Risk Magazine*. Tony is a Partner and Director of Treasury Strategies. He was noted for persuasive white papers on regulation of U.S. money market funds.

**Evan Sottosanti**, PNP, *Beta Eta 1988*, and his wife Shannon are proud to announce that they are parents of fraternal twin girls. Shannon gave birth to Madeline and Emma on July 6.

**The Youngstown Alumni Club** and the **Beta Omicron Chapter** hosted a Memorial Dinner on August 23 at The Boulevard Restaurant to raise money for St. Jude's. The dinner was a memorial to the Brothers of Beta Omicron who have passed away over the years. Dinner Chairman **Dominic Palermo** and his committee helped raise \$5200 through alumni donations for St. Jude's Children's Hospital in the name of their deceased Brothers. What was supposed to be a one-time event looks to become an annual event after the outpouring of support for this cause.



*Anthony Catalano, Beta Omicron 2003 (Youngstown), got married to Katie Berlon (inset) on May, 26, 2012 in Youngstown. Pictured are brothers who attended the wedding: Joe Rupert, Nick Ciarniello, Tushar Patel, Johnny Dubi, Dylan Thomas, Anthony Ace Catalano, Michael Koziorynsky, Patrick Burgan, Mason Shattuck, Bill D'Amico, Bob Burnside, Joe Paloski, Anthony Chimento, Jason Patterson, Anthony Melone, Joshua Congelio, Alex Kenneth Neville, Jared Buker and Chris Ruozzo.*



*These college students received scholarship grants from Alpha Phi Delta, Beta Delta Chapter Inc, Housing and Scholarship Fund. Approximately \$6,000 was awarded this year. During the last 12 years, the fund, which was originally established as a housing fund, has awarded \$40,000 in scholarships.*

*Long Island Alumni Club held a 2nd Centennial Luncheon on August 5th at the 56th Fighters Group in Farmingdale, N.Y. They had 20 guests and will be planning more centennial get-togethers as we march toward 2014. All brothers living on Long Island were invited.*



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**Lawrence P. Tosato** *Beta Xi 1955* (NJIT) passed away May 26, 2012, in Brick, N.J. He served as an officer in the United States Air Force. He attended the Newark College of Engineering Now known as NJIT, where he joined Alpha Phi Delta and played varsity basketball. He is in the NJIT athletic hall of fame for basketball. Lawrence was a mechanical engineer for over 40 years, working for many different companies.

**Nicholas "Nick" Collins**, *Beta Rho 1970* (Gannon), passed away in June in Grapevine, Texas.

**Ames F. Giordano** *Beta Xi 1952* (NJIT) passed away June 19 at the age of 88 in Orange, NJ. He married his beloved wife of 65 years, Madeline Cecere, in 1947. He enlisted in U.S. Army Reserve on December 4, 1942, and in 1943 he was called to active service. Ames' teen-years' interest in radios, his education in electrical engineering, and Army training led to his integral part in the war effort, his contributions to early television technology, and medical imaging electronic devices. Stationed in Los Alamos on the Manhattan Project with the Army Corps of Engineers, he installed and operated radio frequencies in a shelter six miles from the first atomic bomb test, July 16, 1945. On the 50th anniversary of the A-bomb, he was interviewed on CNN, where he recollected the blast he witnessed was "brighter than 10,000 suns." After earning his degree in electrical engineering in 1947 and master's degree in 1953 from Newark College of Engineering, he worked for Dumont Labs, designing and testing the earliest televisions. He then was chief engineer on U.S. Navy projects at ITT. Ames was granted many patents for his research at ITT and had papers published for I.E.E.E. He was an engineering consultant for several companies before joining Lockheed Electronics, where he designed aircraft instruments. He formed American Laboratories and American Data Labs, designing and marketing a number of products, including consumer Geiger counters, microphones, and FM radio test equipment. He retired from Johnson and Johnson Medical Products. In his retirement years, he enjoyed playing golf with his AΦΔ brothers (whom he called the Magnificent Seven).

**Jason Ross Wahl**, *Beta Rho 2012* (Gannon), died accidentally on April 14, 2012. He was from Harmony, Pa. He was a junior in the electrical engineering program at Gannon and served as an intern at Westinghouse Electric during the summer and while on Christmas break from Gannon. Jason was named to the dean's list every semester, was

## Fraternity Loses PNP Santo Barbarino



On August 27, 2012, Brother Santo Barbarino, Past National President, passed from this life, having suffered a heart attack. Barbarino, Beta Sigma '65, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. in April 27, 1947; he was initiated into Alpha Phi Delta on April 21, 1965. Following his graduation from St. Francis College in Brooklyn in 1967, he became extremely involved on the National level of the Fraternity and in its leadership.

Brother Barbarino was Third District Governor in the New York City area and was *Kleos* Editor from 1968 to 1978. He was elected National President of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity and served from 1978–80. After serving as National President, he served as an original director on the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation. He was the sole remaining active member of the original scholarship trustees formed in 1974. Most recently Santo had given much service to the Fraternity as a member of the Centennial Committee preparing for Alpha Phi Delta's 100th Anniversary. Among fraternal honors, he received the Outstanding Undergraduate Award in 1967, and in 2011 received the National Fraternity's Outstanding Alumnus Award (pictured with the award in 2011). Santo was a regular attendee of the National Convention and served as a delegate on the National Council at its most recent meeting in Philadelphia.

Brother Barbarino received his doctorate from New York University in 1987 and served many years as Principal of Lynbrook High School in Lynbrook, New York. For the past several years has served the Lynbrook School District as its Superintendent of Schools.

Santo had just attended the 2012 Convention two weeks prior to his death and was his usual jovial self. For those who knew him, he will be greatly missed.



*One of the last fraternity photos of Santo Barbarino (right) taken at the summer convention, just weeks before his passing, with fellow Past National Presidents Tony Carfang, Joe Creston, Mike Zerega.*

### Convention Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the 2013 National Convention will be held July 31–August 4 in Breinigsville, Pa. at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. That's near Allentown in eastern Pa. Several nice family attractions are nearby: Dorney Park and the Crayola factory. More details will be announced in January.

In addition, we are extremely pleased to announce the Centennial Convention will be held in Harrisburg, Pa. August 13–17, 2014 at the spacious Holiday Inn (Harrisburg East). Numerous attractions are being planned including a Centennial Grand Ball and chapter reunions. Watch for announcements in the coming year. Put the date on your calendar and plan to join us for the APD celebration of the century.

a proud member of Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honorary fraternity; vice president of Eta Kappa Nu, an honorary electrical engineering fraternity; treasurer of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and brother of Alpha Phi Delta. During high school, not only did he excel in the classroom as a member of the National Honor

Society, but he showcased his athletic abilities by lettering in soccer, basketball and even cheerleading. He also enjoyed weightlifting, was an intramural participant and was the lighting director for the fine arts. He was a Boy Scout and earned the highest ranking Eagle Scout ever in his troop's history.

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