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## OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

### “Italglish”

#### *English words “Italianized” by the Italian Immigrants*

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



The vast majority of Italians in America only spoke the dialect of their town or “paesi.” So they were unable to communicate with other Italians from different towns or regions of the country.

I experienced this personally when I left Brooklyn to attend school in West Virginia. I met brothers from northern West Virginia and western Pennsylvania, whose families came from other regions of Italy, besides Sicily. They would say something to me in their parents’ dialect; usually a slang expression or idiom. I did not fully understand the literal meaning of what they said, except from the context of the remark, as I grew up hearing the Sicilian dialect of my parents.

So, a communicable language among Italians had to be re-invented on the fly now that they were all together in this new land. But there were other problems. Words existed in English that defined concepts unknown in Italy, and there were words in English that were phonetically easier to say than their Italian counterpart.

Thus, new words needed to be found among Italians to fill this void. In some cases English words were “Italianized” by interspersing them with vowels to make them sound Italian phonetically. In other cases, the ease of just adding an “o” to an English word “Italianized” it. This led to the development of a shared new language, casually just called “broken English,” but also called “Italglish.” So, new arrivals coming off the boat would more easily acquire these “new” words and thus they became an effective medium of communication among most immigrants.

You may recognize these words and smile as they may remind you of the language your grandparents spoke. They remind me of my grandmother.

Some words in English that defined concepts or places that didn’t exist in Italy:

- ice cream – ais crema
- backhouse (toilet) – baccausa
- sandwich – sanguiccio
- picnic – pichiniccio
- yard – gliarda
- Brooklyn – Bruccolino

Some words in English that were easier to say than their Italian counterpart:

- ragazzo – boy – boya
- libro – book – bucco
- macchina – car – carro
- abito – coat – cotto
- negozio – store – storo

There were also phrases that came into being. There was a large cemetery in Flatbush where many Italian-Americans were buried. So “to die” became “andare a Flabussce,” literally meaning “go to the cemetery,” son of a gun became “sonomagogna,” and so forth. I know we all can think of more!

+ Source: *Italian-American Folklore*, Malpezzi and Clements

**ON THE COVER:** Alpha Phi Delta is experiencing some great times. Your Kleos editor was overwhelmed with great photos and great events. Competition to get on the cover is hot. This issue I had numerous entities vying for the outside cover. The two selected are really special, and I felt deserving to share the cover. Delta Psi is rejuvenating Florida for the fraternity. Read their story on page 9. The group at St. Joseph’s is quite an engaging story (see page 6) and we give a special welcome to the 50 new brothers, undergrads and alumni who came in as a group transition from a local fraternity to join ours.

*"Whatever you do, work it with all your heart."*

—Paul the Apostle, Colossians 3:23



Nick Franki  
Gamma Lambda 1987

This edition of *The Kleos* is probably arriving in your mailbox as the holiday season has come to a close and we are preparing for which teams will face off in Super Bowl XLVI. As such, let me begin by wishing you and your family belated greetings and best wishes in our new year. May the blessings of our Lord fill our spirits and prepare us for the challenges ahead.

As we prepare for another year, I thought it appropriate to look back and examine our fraternal playbook.

## Rushing, Recruiting & Retention

"If you're not growing, you're dying." Any organization, (just like any living organism), if it wants to thrive, must continually renew itself. Cell mitosis is the basic concept that for growth, a cell must divide to replicate. In fraternal terms, it's "each man must get a man." The challenge is borne not just on the back of our undergraduates... but our alumni as well.

In the last seven semesters, we have successfully crossed an annual average of 275 NIBs, "Newly Inducted Brothers," each school year. This is a far cry from our nadir of 135 NIBs in 2005. Any organization would love to boast >100% growth in that time period, and we rightfully should laud our District Governors as well as our undergraduate chapter leadership for picking up the rushing gauntlet thrown down by our most recent PNPs of DeVito, Sundo and Sottosanti. One of the keys to this growth is the use of proper rushing and retention techniques of our undergraduates. They need to find young men of character who befit our fraternity's storied history and to ensure they are successful in completing their pledging period. Baptizing a large class is not good enough. It is imperative that we teach our potential young brothers to finish what they start and for our retention numbers to exceed 80 percent. As an example, our Expansion District has done a phenomenal job by averaging an 88 percent retention ratio over the last 3.5 years, while our fraternity as a whole has a 78 percent retention ratio. Another reason for our robust growth is because of our Expansion efforts. We currently have five chapter reactivations in the hopper (Mu, Beta Mu, Gamma Xi, Delta Beta, and Delta Rho), two new colonies (Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. and St. Joseph's College) and five interest groups (Gamma, Theta Beta, Beta Omega, Delta Upsilon, and SUNY Delhi). As such, I would like to publicly thank our current and past two VPs for Expansion, John Whyte and Joe Rahtelli PNP, and Chris Mancusi for their efforts in being a great example of what all districts should strive for.

But this is not just an undergraduate issue. Our alumni clubs and associations have exploded their membership rolls and new clubs are joining our Expansion team roster. In part because of the success of our Alumnus Emeritus Luncheon and Centennial local gatherings, interest in starting new clubs or restarting older ones has proliferated. We currently have alumni interest groups in Albany, Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, the Carolina's, Mohawk Valley, Naples/Tampa and our National Capitol. I encourage any potential leads for new clubs, or if you wish to join one of these clubs to reach out to VP Expansion John Whyte [vpexpansion@apd.org](mailto:vpexpansion@apd.org) or VP Alumni Affairs Jeff Breen [vpalumni@apd.org](mailto:vpalumni@apd.org). Many thanks to them and the tireless Tony Carfang, Chairman of the Centennial Committee, for fostering these events.

## Fiscal Discipline

As you already know, prudence is one of the four cardinal virtues. We have been blessed to have two vigilant guardians of our finances over the last several years in our National Treasurer post in Rick Trieste and Joe Piras. Our budget has run "in the black" for four of the last five years. We have a significant net capital position and the only reason for last year's red "blip" was because of a vital one-time restocking of Central Office expense and in deliberately going over budget for expansion expenses to help further our future growth. Additionally, our most recent Executive Committee Meeting reduced assessments to our chapters, and alumni clubs/associations to the order of 10—33 percent. This reduction in "taxes" will help fuel future growth. We are already reaping some of those seeds in that our preliminary fall induction numbers are significantly ahead of forecast. This tied to a newly enacted Presidential policy on officer expenses will ensure our fraternity will enjoy the financial reward of our prudence in the decade to come.

## Education & Leadership

There has been a rebirth in the last three years with regard to giving back intellectually to our undergraduates. Nationally, in part because of the generosity of the APD Foundation, we revived our Member Education Committee and created numerous presentations to help educate and inspire our chapter leadership and help them become good stewards. Many officers (John Whyte, Joe Rahtelli PNP, Jim Miller, and Jim Lentini) have taken the stage and conducted several leadership and historical workshops for our undergrads across the country. Our alumni clubs... North Jersey, Connecticut and Hudson Valley, have taken up the call by the New York Alumni Club which pioneered the way and developed our "Brotherhood for Life Seminar" and now conduct these fantastic events in their respective districts. Our National VP Chris Mancusi is working with all of our districts so we have 100 percent participation in these events during the spring semester. Additionally, we have the Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, Delaware Valley, Chicago and South Florida clubs conduct career nights and similar seminars and/or host events that directly benefit our undergraduate chapters and donate significantly to the APD Foundation so we can continue these educational endeavors and reinvest in our education. "An education doesn't cost. It pays." When we tie in our wonderful *Kleos* publication that is underwritten by the APD Foundation and the blood sweat and tears of our vaunted *Kleos* Editor John Russo and the iconic Chapter Letter masterfully re-envisioned by Fr. Jim Lentini, there is tremendous educational value for all our brothers and helps keep us in touch with the goings-on in our fraternal world.

In conclusion, so much is going right for Alpha Phi Delta, it's important to count our blessings and be grateful. Adopting an "attitude of gratitude" is critical for our future well-being, because it keeps us tied to our heritage. A heritage not of entitlement, but of empowerment. By remembering our past, celebrating our Centennial, we honor our heritage of the seven Italian pioneers who set out to establish their own fraternity because they were not accepted. I challenge our brothers to honor that heritage by demonstratively taking action and doing something to celebrate our heritage. Join an alumni club... offer or help doing a leadership seminar... make a legacy recommendation or provide a lead to our VP Expansion... go to [www.apdfoundation.org](http://www.apdfoundation.org) and make a charitable donation for leadership education or *The Kleos*, but do something. Ours is a tradition of action. Honor that tradition by living the words... *Faciamus*.

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# 100 Years CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES



Boston Centennial Brunch was held November 6, 2011. In the great fraternity spirit, everyone was meeting the other for the very first time. They all enjoyed it so much, they stayed for three hours and also listened to the Founders Day recording. They were spellbound! Left to right: Mary and Jim Verni, Beta Iota '63; Tom Conlon, Beta Rho '66; Rick Barnes, Beta Chi '93; Tony Carfang PNP, Psi '69; Niall Trimby, Beta Xi '69; Mike Cappiello, Iota '35; Peg Trimby, Mike Sapuppo, Tau '49; Laura Carfang, Helen Sapuppo. Brother Mike Cappiello, Iota '35, is oldest brother yet to attend a Centennial event.



Brothers in Houston, Tex., met on October 12 for a Centennial Luncheon hosted by Frank Rubolino, Psi 1956. Seated: Tom Lunch, Mu '57; Joseph Rosenberger, Gamma Kappa '91; Frank Rubolino, Psi '56; Tony Carfang, Psi '69; Rick Januszewski, Gamma Eta '86. Standing: Ted Hamilton, Beta Theta '66; Rob Gonzalez, Beta Theta '78; Bill Selvaggi, Beta Theta '78; Don Baudo, Xi '61; Tony DiRosario, Xi '63.

Photo by Jeff Breen



Twenty brothers and guests representing 10 different chapters gathered at Cafe Symposio in Bellmore, N.Y., for the Long Island Centennial Kickoff Luncheon on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Thanks to Long Island Alumni Club VP Frank J. Messina (Beta Eta 1993) for putting this fine event together.



Boca Raton (Fla.) Centennial Kickoff was held on September 20. Attendees ranged in age from Paul Pari, Eta 1944, to 2011 Delta Psi initiates.

Photo by Nick Franki



A Centennial Kickoff Luncheon was held August 13, 2011, in Orlando, Fla. National President Nick Franki joined area brothers spanning 70 years, including Vince Amico, Theta 1938.

BELOW: The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held the inaugural Centennial Countdown Dinner Dance at the Nevillewood Country Club in Pittsburgh on October 29. The event drew 190 brothers, spouses, friends and guests including the seven brothers below. It was the largest PAC dinner dance in three decades and besides Pennsylvania attracted brothers from Florida, Illinois, New Jersey and New York.

Photo by John Russo



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# 100 Years CENTENNIAL COUNTDOWN

BY JOSEPH BELL, PSI 1977

When we begin a journey toward some far off place, we often don't foresee the amazing people and events that will surprise us along the way. This has certainly been true of the journey toward our Centennial Celebration. We have heard from brothers who have been away from fraternity activities for many years. We expected that. What was unexpected was the length some of them have been out of touch and the way they have responded.

For example, at a Boston Reunion Brunch on November 6, Centennial Chairman Tony Carfang, Psi '69, was delighted to meet Michael Cappiello, Iota '35. It was probably Cappiello's first contact with the fraternity in nearly 60 years, and he brought with him a donation of \$1,000 for the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation!

Other reunions brought their own small wonders. At the Long Island Alumni Club Kickoff Luncheon on November 12, the participants' initiation dates spanned 65 years. Among those attending was former Third District Governor Gasper "Gep" LaSala. The Pittsburgh Alumni Club's annual dinner dance on October 29 was dedicated as a Centennial Kickoff Dinner Dance. Among the 190 guests was Centennial Executive Director Mike Iacovelli, Theta Beta '81, who braved a vicious Nor'easter snowstorm to make it from New Jersey. The November 23 Chicago Alumni Club Thanksgiving Dinner had a more youthful flavor this year with the inclusion of four new brothers from the reactivated Beta Mu Chapter at DePaul University.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was an expansion that none of us might have imagined a few years ago. On November 13, a local fraternity at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, N.Y., took a bold step. Fifteen undergraduates and 30 alumni removed the letters of Delta Psi Omega and swore the oath to become brothers of Alpha Phi Delta. These men approached Alpha Phi Delta with the encouragement of their college's administration, which welcomes the idea of national fraternities becoming engaged on campus. How refreshing is THAT attitude?! Many thanks to National Historian (and PNP) Joe Rahtelli, Beta Beta '82, for facilitating the process, and a hearty welcome to our new brothers in this new colony.

**Centennial Gala**—Go to [www.apdfoundation.org/centennial](http://www.apdfoundation.org/centennial) for a clearinghouse of information about activities to make our Centennial a truly glorious event. Here you'll find information on locating missing brothers, joining an alumni club, applying for the Alpha Phi Delta Rewards MasterCard and downloading the APD Foundation's Annual Report. You will also discover a hauntingly wonderful link to our heritage. A video presentation produced by Vito DiSalvo, Psi '70, John Hadgkiss, Beta Rho '66, and narrated by Keith Bernard, Psi '66, brings to life Founding Father Dr. Ferdinand DiBartolo's firsthand account of the founding of the fraternity.

**Centennial Merchandise**—You've been asking for it. Now it's here. The Centennial website now includes a link to purchase new apparel celebrating our 100 years. Go to [www.apdfoundation.org/centennial/merchandise.html](http://www.apdfoundation.org/centennial/merchandise.html). Peruse the new Centennial golf shirts, which are available in sizes S-XXL for \$40. Centennial T-shirts, sizes S-XXXL, go for \$12. Add \$7 for shipping and handling. More items are now under consideration and should be available in the future.

**Our Military Brothers**—Within our brotherhood is another brotherhood...of those who have served in our nation's armed forces. There was an immediate and amazing response to an email blast from Tony Carfang on Veterans Day. One hundred ten brothers in the military responded to express their desire to be included in future activities. As I said at the top of this column, the road to the Centennial is filled with wonderful surprises.

## Looking Back in History

*This is the third 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 1980s

**1980...**The Housing Committee was dissolved. The Alumnus Emeritus status for brothers with 50 years was created. Gamma Gamma at Behrend College and Gamma Delta at Waynesburg College were chartered. Anthony Carfang, Psi 1969, was elected National President. Our last surviving founder, Anthony Frascati, passed away at age 88.

**1981...**The Alpha Phi Delta Foundation was established as an educational and charitable organization. Omicron at Michigan was reactivated as was Xi at Ohio State. Gamma Epsilon Chapter was chartered at Cleveland State Univ. Delta Chapter was closed.

**1982...**The midyear meeting was held in Washington, D.C., at the Capitol Building. Gamma Zeta at Villanova was chartered. Michael Zerega was elected National President. Pi Chapter at WVU closed after 60 years, our oldest continuously active chapter. Frank Ferrari, Gamma Zeta, became our oldest pledge at 72 years of age.

**1983...**Three recently chartered chapters were deactivated: Beta Upsilon, Gamma Gamma, Gamma Beta. Beta Delta at Temple was reactivated.

**1984...**The convention was held at Wildwood Crest on a Thursday to Monday for the first time. Gamma Eta at Trenton State received a charter. Richard Primiano, Beta Delta, was elected National President.

**1985...**Chi Chapter at Penn State was defunct and other chapters at large schools (Ohio State and Michigan) were in shaky condition. Eastern College was welcomed as Gamma Theta Chapter. There were 24 active chapters and 18 alumni clubs on the national roster.

**1986...**The midyear Executive Committee meeting was held at Cleveland State Univ. This also became the first National Council held in midyear amid much debate. A National Council meeting was also held at the summer convention in Lake Placid. It was the last National Council meeting held at a summer convention. Robert Valeriano, Psi 1972, was elected National President.

**1987...**The summer convention was held in Toronto, Canada, the first time it was held outside the U.S. Seven chapters were chartered for our largest expansion year ever and started us on a 10-year expansion boom: Gamma Iota, Pace; Gamma Kappa, College of Staten Island; Gamma Lambda, Fordham; Gamma Mu, Stockton; Gamma Nu, William Paterson; Gamma Xi, Southern Conn.; Gamma Omicron, Stony Brook.

**1988...**The National Council meeting was held in Utica celebrating Beta Chi's 10th anniversary and Beta Iota's 40th. Alexander Fafara, Beta Xi, was elected National President. While the National Council did not meet at summer convention, the national awards were still given out at the Convention Banquet. The growing Third District was split into three (east, west, north).

**1989...**Every undergraduate chapter attended the National Council in Pittsburgh, the first time that had occurred in recent memory. The scholarship fund topped \$200,000. Four more chapters were given: Gamma Pi, Ramapo; Gamma Rho, Baruch; Gamma Sigma, St. John's; Gamma Tau, Neumann. A Kleos special edition celebrated the fraternity's 75th anniversary. It included a special reflection by every living past National President. The 75th was also celebrated at Syracuse Univ., Alpha Chapter, on November 4.

# APD Welcomes St. Joseph's College

## *Delta Psi Omega at St. Joseph's College becomes Alpha Phi Delta*

BY JOHN WHYTE (GAMMA SIGMA '94) VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXPANSION

When Alex Lubicich, Ray Krisa, Alex Sroth and Tom Napoli from our Delta Rho Colony at SUNY Oneonta returned home to Holbrook, N.Y. this past summer, they met up with their friend, John Napoli, a student at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, N.Y. After letting John know that they had restarted Alpha Phi Delta at their college, John, who at the time was president of a local fraternity Delta Psi Omega at St. Joseph's, informed them that DPO had been looking into possibly going national over the past several years but had not found the right fit. Thus an idea was born! Delta Psi Omega, founded in 1996 as the first fraternity at St. Joseph's College and with 111 total brothers inducted, was to become the latest colony for Alpha Phi Delta.

John Napoli contacted then Vice President for Expansion Joe Rahtelli PNP to discuss the possibility of this conversion. After some initial meetings and discussions, it was determined, based upon the many similarities between the two organizations and the fact that St. Joseph's College is the type of school where Alpha Phi Delta has the most success, that we would like to convert this local fraternity to a colony of Alpha Phi Delta. In addition, not only were we going to bring the undergraduates to Alpha Phi Delta, but also a large group of DPO alumni were also interested in becoming brothers of Alpha Phi Delta.

After I transitioned into the VP for Expansion role this summer, I empowered Joe to continue with the project in his own vision. I offered some suggestions but he developed a solid six week pledge/transition program that began promptly after the October 1 Baptism of the undergraduates. The program included Joe meeting weekly with the undergraduates and with the alumni, participation in the Hudson Valley Brotherhood for Life Seminar, visits to other chapters and visits to other Alpha Phi Delta points of interest in the New York City environs. In addition, several alumni and current national officers visited the group during the transition period that included not only myself but National President Nick Franki, Long Island Alumni Club member Frank Messina, Dr. Santo Barbarino PNP and Past National Secretary and Current Scholarship Trustee Ron Sme.

On Sunday, November 13, 2011, the 15 undergraduates and 35 alumni from Delta Psi Omega participated in the ritual of induction and became brothers of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity. I along with National VP Chris Mancusi and National Treasurer Rick Trieste ran the ceremony with Joe Rahtelli serving as the group's pledgemaster. Several prominent alumni including Dr. Barbarino, Ron Sme and Frank Messina were in attendance along with several Gamma Omicron brothers including Kenny Ferro (older brother of Joe Ferro, one of the 15 DPO undergraduates). The DPO undergraduates who crossed were Thomas Ballato, Nicholas Cilluffo, Joseph Cosmai, Robert Daulton, Daniel DiIorio, Joe Ferro, Shawn Flower, Nicholas Marter, Michael Mihnovich, John Napoli, Dennis O'Leary, Anthony Rando, Joseph Reyes, Eric Ringfield and Christopher Tellarico.



*The 15 new undergrads from St. Joseph's College*

In addition, the 35 DPO alumni brothers that became Alpha Phi Delta brothers are John Bailey, Peter Carney, John Ceramello, Matthew Colson, Brandon Cubano, Brian Cutaia, John Diaz, Justin Donovan, Tyler Eckhoff, Michael Giacalone, Bryan Gill, Michael Haufe, Jr., James Heick, David Hinde, Steven Hoffman, James Iovino, Justin Kern, Benjamin Krakaur, Christopher Nicklas, Jr., Edward Olechnowski, Michael Paxson, Richard Poveromo, Anthony Powell,

Ryan Rao, James Reed, David Renahan, Jorge Romero, Jr., Justin Schimmenti, DJ Schiulaz, Mitchell Serrano II, Benedict Tieniber, Paul Torpey, Benjamin Vecchio, Robert Walter and Alan Zollo. Alumnus George Romero was seriously injured and hospitalized after his involvement in a car accident on the Thursday night before the induction. He was released from the hospital late Saturday night and was in attendance for the induction early Sunday morning aided by a cane, neck brace and medication. One DPO brother was inducted as an honorary brother. As an undergraduate, Dion Arroyo passed away in 2002. DPO has kept Dion and his family close to the fraternity and there was no question about bringing Dion over to Alpha Phi Delta with the rest of the brothers. Dion's family was touched by the display of true fraternalism.

The colony and alumni have already begun to immerse themselves in APD life. Several alumni and undergraduates attended the NYAC Christmas Dinner Dance at Gargulio's Restaurant on Saturday, December 3 and most of the undergraduates and alumni plan on attending the National Council meeting in February. They have set up a Facebook group for the upcoming spring rush and they have attracted several prospects. Furthermore, they continue to assist us in working with the school administration as they themselves prepare for their first national fraternity on campus.

The best way to sum up this historic event, according to PNP Santo Barbarino, is that "They (DPO brothers) comprise perhaps the most impressive group I have ever experienced. It is a solid organization that we are fortunate to absorb into our APD family. The alumni and undergraduates have a wonderful fraternal relationship, and now that relationship will further enrich the brotherhood of APD... As I left the campus today, I told Ron (Sme) that I simply cannot recall a point in time when I have been more proud of our fraternity. With the spirit of the Centennial that increasingly fills our air, together with events such as these, we cannot help but feel blessed and grateful for being part of Alpha Phi Delta."

I would like to give a special thank-you for the efforts of Joe Rahtelli throughout this pledge/transition period. Joe ran with this project from the get go, first by bringing together DPO and Alpha Phi Delta; then by meeting, on my behalf, with school administrators and filling them in on the transition process and especially for his efforts as the group's pledgemaster. He sacrificed a lot over a six-week period to make this happen.



Photo by Joe Rahtelli



Our **Delta Rho Colony** at SUNY Oneonta inducted Todd Baumgartner, William Breen, Todd Connally, Clinton Fagan, Jr., Tyler Kuznia and Brian Tighe, Jr. on Oct. 17, 2011. The colony now has more than 20 brothers in less than 18 months and plans a very large freshman pledge group in the spring. The group should be receiving chapter status at the National Council meeting in February.

Photo by Joe Rahtelli



**Beta Beta Chapter** at Manhattan College inducted three new brothers on Nov. 6, 2011. Timothy Feeney, Joseph Mattioli and Joseph Veteri were inducted by Hudson Valley District Governor Joseph Carcione and Assistant District Governor Frank Arena II. Foundation Director Tony Barbieri and National Treasurer Rick Trieste were in attendance.

Photo by Joe Rahtelli



The brothers of the newly chartered **Delta Nu Chapter** at Eastern Connecticut State University welcomed three new brothers into the fraternity on Nov. 12, 2011. The newly inducted brothers are Jason Gentile, Antonio Squitieri and William Tweed. The ceremony was conducted by newly elected Connecticut District Governor Carlo Lucatino and past District Governor Joseph Hughes.

Photo by Sal Fiagello



**Beta Eta** at Brooklyn College welcomed nine new brothers into the family on November 26, 2011: Bryan Becker, Michael Toddeo, Zach Yoselowitz, Nick Sagona, Antonio Sigillo, Matteo Agrusa, Chase Yoselowitz, Joseph Tripodi, and Adam Babayoff.

Photo by Sal Fiagello



**Delta Epsilon** at John Jay inducted seven brothers on November 20th to reach the amazing mark of 40 inductees in less than two years! Welcome John Soehngen, Chris Rogers, Chris Corapi, Gary Caceres, Nick Disibio, Alvaro Arredondo, and Steven Velez.

Photo by Joe Rahtelli



On Nov. 12, 2011, **Delta Theta Chapter** inducted 11 brothers at Marist College. Our new brothers are William Cahan, Brandon Craig, Giananthony Damasco, Zachary Deweese, Connor Farley, Anthony Giaquinto, Bryan Kaplan, Jorge Medina, Colin Neilon, Gabriel Sloan and Eric Vasquez. National Historian Joseph Rahtelli ran the induction. Delta Theta becomes the only chapter in the fraternity to have inducted at least 10 brothers in this school year and the previous four years!



# UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Jim Miller



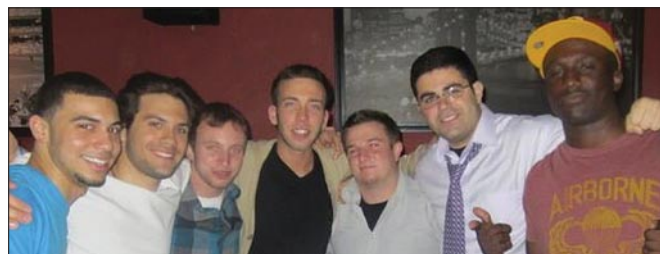
The Award-Winning **Midwest District** held their first district meeting September 17th hosted by **Beta Rho** at their house at Gannon University. The presentation of the Outstanding District plaque was made to the brothers. A great time was had by all—21 total brothers plus one alumnus. The district comprises longtime active chapters at Gannon, Duquesne, Steubenville, Youngstown and the newly reactivated Beta Mu Chapter at DePaul University. The district had an outstanding year in 2010–11 to capture its first ever outstanding district award. District Governor Jim Miller held four district meetings, initiations were up, and Beta Rho Chapter hosted the 2011 National Council meeting. The district stretches from western Pa. to Chicago and in addition to established chapters, has strong alumni clubs in Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Steubenville and Chicago.

Photo by Jim Miller



Photo by Joe Rahrelli

The **Gamma Xi** colony at **Southern Connecticut State University** inducted five new brothers on Nov. 19, 2011. The new brothers inducted as the Rho Pledge Group, (the 17th since founding), are Kyle Levy, Matthew Prackup, Jon Reynolds, Jamaal Sancho and Matt Tazzioli. The colony now has 15 brothers and only one graduating senior. The group should be receiving chapter status at the national council meeting in February.



Most of the **Gamma Iota** chapter Beta Nu pledge class of spring '09 from Pace University in Pleasantville gathered to celebrate one of the brothers receiving the top scholarship in 2011. Left to right: Daniel Hernandez, Brandon Lentine, Nicholas Sarvaideo, Vincent Birkenmeyer, Brian Smith, Brian Bolletieri and Rich Tolbert. Lentine was the recipient of the top Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship and was sponsored by Bolletieri. Birkenmeyer and Bolletieri are past chapter presidents and Bolletieri is the Hudson Valley District Governor.

**LEFT: Psi Chapter** at Duquesne University initiated two new brothers (Colin Drummond and Max Bowie) October 29, 2011. The induction was performed by District Governor Jim Miller.

Photo by Emil Coscarelli



**Delta Beta** Rutgers, New Brunswick held its fall induction ceremony November 13 and inducted six new brothers (pictured in the back row) bringing the chapter total to 22. Back row (l to r) Jake West, Ryan Austin, Ben Jasper, Leo Lee, Aaron Dielman, Christopher Roman (all new brothers), Chris Mancusi, Alex Fafara. Front row (l to r) James Oh, Paul Zammit, James Montgomery (Pledgemaster), Zion Kim (chapter president). The group will be up for chartering at the winter council meeting.

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## Sunny Days Returning to Florida

BY EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT CHRIS MANCUSI

Last March, I visited the **Delta Psi Chapter** at Lynn University to get an idea if the chapter and district were truly the foundation we needed down south. I left discouraged realizing that Delta Psi was a chapter on life support. The chapter had to expel a few members that refused to pay dues, constantly had in-fighting and were losing members and not replacing them with new initiates. After my short visit, I found the chapter suffering from apathy—the cardinal sin for chapters. We were in serious trouble of losing this chapter and in effect this district. How horrible would it be to shrink our fraternal border down south from Florida to Delaware!

I'm glad to say that under the leadership of Chapter President Andrew Kriger the chapter has turned around 180 degrees. My latest visit in October gave me a much different impression of the chapter. Quite simply, the chapter seems hungry to do more. They baptized five pledges and inducted all of them. They are involved in campus and are "excited again." As a matter of fact, as of this writing, they are in the process of starting their second pledge period of the fall semester. A chapter of 4–5 has now grown to be 15 plus. After a spirited induction ceremony, 20–25 brothers went out for a nice dinner planned by one of the undergraduates.

Now that Delta Psi has apparently turned the corner, there is a renewed discussion on expansion in South Florida. Possible schools include Nova Southeastern (30 minutes away) and FAU which is a few blocks from Lynn University. With a brother enrolling at Nova, this seems to be the best situation for us. I'm glad to report that Delta Psi is back in business and will certainly be a contender for the "Most Improved Chapter" award at this year's summer convention. Well done brothers!



Photo by Chris Mancusi

Chapter President Andrew Kriger and Pledgemaster Daniel Akoglianian were a big reason for the turn-around at Delta Psi.



Photo by Joe Rahtelli

**Beta Iota Chapter** at Utica College held their induction on November 21, 2011. Pictured left to right are Chris Buchner, Chris Philpott, Eric Ketemepi, Jordan Santiago and Kojo Yeboah. Above the banner are Matt Rosenbaum and Phil Hayes. The chapter now has nine brothers. The group is planning on doubling the size of the chapter with its spring pledge group.



Photo by Sal Flagello

**Beta Sigma** at St. Francis College welcomed six brothers to the family on November 20th: Michael Parham, Edward Greene, Joseph Fiurito, Alex Marino, Aaron Whitmore, and Aidan Folan.



Photo by Sal Flagello

Keeping it in the family! Twin brothers and their cousin are inducted into the **Beta Eta Chapter** November 26th, all because of an older brother from Gamma Omicron. Pictured from left to right: Chase Yoselowitz (Beta Eta), Andrew Tripodi (Gamma Omicron), Joseph Tripodi (Beta Eta), Zach Yoselowitz (Beta Eta).



Photo by Sal Flagello

On November 27th, **Gamma Rho**, Baruch College, welcomes six brothers to the fraternity: Stephen Kounas, Kevin Kraljev, Rodrigo Oliveira, Manjeet Singh, Jason Kao, and Justin Johnson.



# WESTWARD BOUND

National Officers cover 1,100 miles in a weekend road trip.

Photo by Jim Miller



*The National Officers' road trip was highlight by attending the Midwest District Meeting hosted by the brothers of Beta Omicron at Youngstown State University. Beta Rho, Beta Theta, Psi and Beta Omicron all had representatives attending.*

It's been said to truly witness Alpha Phi Delta at its best, one must travel more than 100 miles away from home. To lead by example, National Officers Mike Albano (VP for Undergraduate Affairs), Jeff Breen (VP for Alumni Affairs), Todd Cusato (Asst. NYC Governor) and I took a trip to visit the chapters of the Midwest District. We surpassed the 100-mile mark as our trip totaled 1,100 miles! To say the officers witnessed the fraternity at its best would be an understatement.

We left New York City on a Friday evening and set out toward our first stop—Beta Rho at Gannon University. After a few hours of rest, we were greeted at the chapter house by the brothers of Beta Rho on Saturday morning. The brothers surprised the officers and provided bagels, juice and coffee for our meet and greet. In the spirit of PNP's Stan Raffa and Al Palazzo, we asked the chapter (as we did at all of our stops), "We're 'National,' how can we help you?" After Beta Rho, we headed out to the Midwest District Meeting hosted by Beta Omicron, Youngstown State University.

At last year's summer convention, Bro. Jim Miller led his district to the coveted "Outstanding District" award. We saw

Photo by Chris Mancusi



*The weekend road trip started off with a visit with the brothers of Beta Rho at their chapter house on the campus of Gannon University in Erie, Pa.*

firsthand this outstanding district in action. Bro. Jim engaged the undergraduates and there was some lively conversation. The district discussed ways to celebrate the Centennial in a cost effective way for maximum participation by the undergraduates in addition to many other goals and expectations.

After the district meeting, we were able to speak separately to the representatives of Psi, Beta Theta and Beta Omicron. Psi Chapter President Matt Bondi talked about V-Ball and Psi's commitment to our interest group at Robert Morris University. We spoke with Kyle McGroerty and the Beta Theta brothers about ways to incorporate the "Brotherhood for Life" event into their pledge schedule. It should be noted that Beta Theta is hidden from most of the

fraternity and we were especially impressed by the fact that almost the entire chapter took the 1.5 hour drive for the district meeting. This, from a chapter that was basically dead a few semesters ago was quite impressive. With the host chapter, we discussed possible expansion leads and encouraged the chapter to take a road trip to Philadelphia for the National Council meeting. Jared and his BO brothers were very hospitable and we enjoyed a lunch together with them.

After a few hours in Youngstown, we were on the road once again and headed to Pittsburgh for dinner with the Pittsburgh Alumni Club. We had a nice meal with Leon Panella and John Russo and happened to bump into Rebecca Jamrozik, the Director of Greek Life at Duquesne





*ABOVE: The road trip stopped over at Beta Lambda Chapter at St. Francis in Loretto, Pa.*

*LEFT: The officers pose with Beta Omicron brothers at the chapter house in Youngstown, Ohio.*

University. Rebecca expressed her admiration for the efforts of our Psi brothers and her excitement for the V-Ball event which she "wouldn't miss for the world." The relationship between Psi/PAC and the school administration at Duquesne is truly remarkable. This is a breath of fresh air considering the negativity between some administrations and Greek life as a whole on other campuses. After catching a few hours of sleep, we were once again on the road to see our Beta Lambda chapter at St. Francis University, Loretto, Pa.

I had the pleasure of working with the initial reactivation pledge class of Beta Lambda in 2008. With the entire first pledge class now graduated, I'm glad to say that the tradition has continued to this new generation of brothers. We were impressed by the fact that all but two of the 18 brothers were on campus and met us for lunch. It was a fraternal Sunday afternoon in the student cafeteria as we gathered to break bread—the Alpha Phi Delta way. The brothers reported on their recent activities and we set some

goals for the spring semester. Amongst our goals was to set up a "district attitude" by having Beta Lambda work closer with Chi at Penn State. In addition, the brothers set a goal of 10 initiates for the year with big expectations for a large spring class. After some great conversation, we headed to the car for the six hour trip back home.

I must report that the chapters and entities that we visited are doing quite well. There is a good amount of enthusiasm and brothers who hold positions are eager to tackle the tasks that lie ahead. With such a good amount of confidence, I expect even greater things from this area of the fraternity. Our message to all of the guys was that the national fraternity cares, appreciates their daily efforts and is there to support them; and it certainly hit home.

I challenge the rest of our brotherhood to get in a car and witness the greatness of Alpha Phi Delta. The farther you go, the more you'll feel at home!

—Submitted by Chris Mancusi,  
National Vice President

## Undergrad VP Has Trip To Colorado



Vice President of Undergraduate Affairs Michael Albano recently made a trip out to Colorado to visit Delta Chi Chapter during homecoming weekend October 21 to 23. He was accompanied by two brothers of Beta Sigma: James Gerritty and Peter Piroso. They had a great time and the brothers of Delta Chi were excited to have them stay for the weekend. Clay Harris, the chapter president, showed the Beta Sigma brothers great hospitality and offered them his apartment to stay at for the weekend. This picture was taken on Friday during a Greek Parade which route led the brothers through the center of Boulder's downtown. The crowds were cheering and the Beta Sigma brothers were taught school fight songs and chants along the way and were engulfed in the college life style of a school much different than their own. The next day the brothers all went to the homecoming game where unfortunately the Buffs were crushed by the Oregon Ducks 45–2. Regardless of the score, the brothers went back to the chapter president's apartment where they met the pledges and much of the rest of the chapter and shared many memories that will be hard to forget.

## Brotherhood for Life



The Rocky Mountain District held its first Brotherhood For Life meeting on November 11. In attendance were all the pledges and brothers from the Delta Chi Chapter as well as 10 alumni. Everyone enjoyed pizza and wings during the meeting.

*More brotherhood pictures and story on page 12.*





*The brand new Connecticut and Hudson Valley Districts held a joint event at Beta Beta, Manhattan College.*

## A New National Initiative Begins

*"In Alpha Phi Delta we don't say 'I was in APD,' we say 'I AM APD'."*

A new national initiative is in full swing while having each district put together "Brotherhood for Life" (B4L) seminars. The event started a few years back in NYC with a goal of showing pledges that Alpha Phi Delta was more than just a four-year college experience. At each event, pledges are shown a Powerpoint presentation of "The History of Alpha Phi Delta" by Father James Lentini, National Secretary. This presentation helps put faces to the names of those pledges study and breaks down our history in a much more visual way. After that, a few chosen alumni speak to the pledges about their fraternal experiences after graduation.

We have had many PNPs and other distinguished alumni speak to the pledges. Following the speeches, pledges and brothers are treated to pizza and soda purchased by the national fraternity. This has turned into a great bonding experience. At the conclusion of the meal, pledges are given an opportunity to meet the brothers and have their pledge books signed.



*The North Jersey District did their "Brotherhood for Life" event at Delta Omicron, Rutgers University (Newark).*



*The Delaware Valley District held their event at Epsilon Beta, LaSalle University.*

Since its inception in NYC, many brothers have stated that the B4L seminars were what helped them conquer their insecurities and worries in their pledge period. Quite simply, they saw the bigger picture.

I'd like to thank all of our National Officers, District Governors and PNPs who participated in this semester's "Brotherhood for Life" seminars. I'd also like to credit all of our great alumni clubs, especially the NYAC, for making sure that these events were a success in their districts. The "Brotherhood for Life" seminars will get bigger and better as we march toward our Centennial in 2014!



# APD CELEBRATES COLUMBUS DAY

Photo by Chris John Barbaro



On Monday October 10, more than 150 brothers, family and friends marched in the 67th Annual Columbus Day Parade in New York City. This was the third year in a row that Alpha Phi Delta, the Italian Heritage Fraternity, was represented in the world's largest celebration of Italian-American achievements and contributions to society. The parade was broadcast live on NBC New York, was hosted by comedian Joe Piscopo, and the Grand Marshal was philanthropist and business

executive Joseph Plumeri. Our 2011 contingent represented our fraternity well by riding our own Alpha Phi Delta float down 5th Avenue. Many thanks go to all who participated, especially our organizer, Bro. John Barbaro, Beta Sigma 1993, who as Italian Culture Chairman of the New York Alumni Club, coordinated our efforts with fantastic results. For more information about our plans for next year's parade, please contact John at [jbarbaro13@gmail.com](mailto:jbarbaro13@gmail.com).

Photo by Karen Panella



The Pittsburgh Alumni Club and Psi Chapter participated in the Columbus Day Parade in Pittsburgh's Little Italy section of Bloomfield on October 8, 2011. The group is shown with Carla E. Lucente, Ph.D., Honorary Consul of Italy/Pittsburgh in center.

Photo by John Barbaro



The New York Alumni Club gathered and marched at the second largest Columbus Day Parade in the country! Bensonhurst, Brooklyn hosted by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations (F.I.A.O.). Organized by John Barbaro NYAC VP. In attendance Mike Young, Pete Gaudiuso, Michael Conenna, Frank Di Maria, Michael Albano.



NYAC VP John N. Barbaro, Beta Sigma '93, serving complimentary Espressos at the Columbus Day Parade on 18th Avenue Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.

Photo by John Barbaro





Photo by Len Cilli



Twenty-three brothers and guests representing ten chapters and spanning five decades celebrated the 97th Birthday of Alpha Phi Delta during the North Jersey Alumni Club's Founders Day Dinner at at Ill Amici Ristorante in Linden, NJ. Grazie al fratello Len Cilli, NJAC President, for coordinating a great event!

## New Scholarship!

The Pittsburgh Ladies of APD Auxiliary (LAAPDA) presented Ross Alessandro, Foundation Trustee, with a check for \$10,000 to create their new scholarship. The main fundraiser was an *Italian Cookbook*, several of which are still available. Contact Karen Panella at [leonapd@zoom-internet.net](mailto:leonapd@zoom-internet.net). Pictured from left: Karen Panella, Joy Miller, Marie Iole, Ross, Teresa Scotti, Camille Cash, Marguerite Iole, Joan Bernard, Patty Sasselli, Charlene Fabrizio, Mary Russo.

Photo by John Russo



In the spirit of the upcoming Alpha Phi Delta Centennial several brothers inducted at Delta Chapter in the 1960s get together each year for a summer reunion. The reunion is hosted by Brother Joe Fragola at his home in Oceanside, NY. The festivities start on Friday evening with a

Photo by Ben Ruggiero



dinner at a local Italian restaurant selected by dinner host, Joe Fragola. The attendees then travel to Joe's nearby waterfront home for a full weekend of story telling, cigars, lively political exchanges and some good Italian home cooking. The attendees come from such far away places as Kentucky, Florida, Washington D.C., Washington state and throughout the New York metropolitan area. Pictured on the deck are Ben Ruggiero, Rich Ferricane and wife Mary Ellen, Pat Cisarano, Gerry DiBono, Johanna and Arnold Ferrerri, Tom Mauro, Jimmie Morano, Rich Contrera and wife Catherine. Also in attendance were Joe Fragola, Dave O'Connor, Carl Dzierzawiec and Rich DeSantis, Bill Helmers and Dr. Charles Laudadio and Tony Musillo.

Joseph Zapf, Gamma Pi '11, (pictured left), a sophomore at Ramapo College, and his teammate Jeff Voss blew away the competition to win the National Guard FLW College Fishing Northern Division Regional championship hosted by Penn State University. Zapf and Voss tallied a three day total of 14 bass weighing 27 lbs. 2oz., topping second place Fairmont State by an impressive 7 lbs. 12 oz. The victory earned Ramapo's Bass Fishing Club a \$25,000 Ranger 177TR with a 90-horsepower outboard wrapped in school colors and \$12,500 as well as an additional \$12,500 for the school.

Zapf and Voss are now qualified for the 2012 National Guard FLW College Fishing National Championship along with their fourth place finishing counterparts from Ramapo, Charles Danza and Bob Rieder.

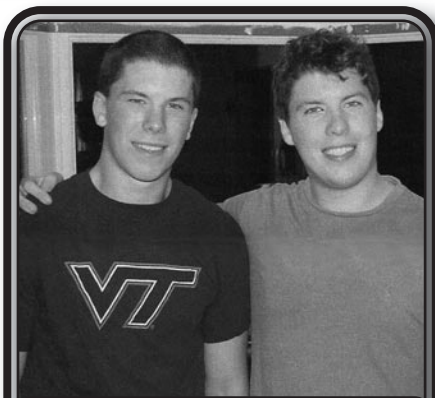


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# Scholarship Winners



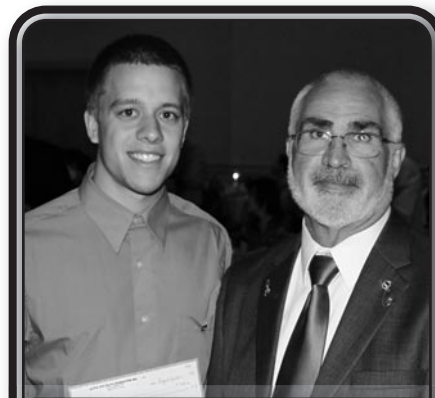
Josh Ingeholm, Virginia Tech '13, with his brother and sponsor Chris, Psi. Josh received the Frank Costanzo Award.



Angela Russo, University of Pittsburgh, with her father and sponsor John, Psi, right, and Anthony Barbieri, Beta Beta. Angela received the Anthony and Stella Barbieri Award which Anthony founded.



Gina DelGreco with her uncle and sponsor Rocco Muffi, Psi. Gina received the Fabrizio Family Award.



Matt Bondi, Psi (Duquesne), with his sponsor Jim Miller, Psi. Matt received the Paul Sciuillo Award.



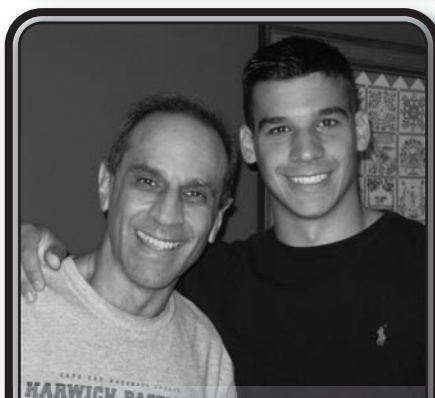
Harold Couch, Delta Chi (University of Colorado), with his brother and sponsor, Chipper Couch, Delta Chi. Harold received the Steubenville LAAPDA Award.



Marc Iacovelli, Delta Theta (Marist) with Neil Anastasio, Theta Beta. Marc received the Lillian Anastasio Award which Neil founded.



Marc Syslo, Gamma Pi 2009, receives the Em Farulo Award from NJAC President Len Cilli.



Vinny Romano, Fairfield University, with his father and sponsor, James, Beta Beta. Vinny received the Frank Cavallaro Award.



Noel Sme, Roger Williams University, with Maria Raffa. Noel received the Stan Raffa Award. Maria is Stan's sister.

Applications for the 2012 Alpha Phi Delta Scholarships must be submitted by May 31, 2012.  
Go to [www.apdscholarship.org](http://www.apdscholarship.org) for more information and an application. Hard deadline is May 31st.



## DiGirolama, Chi, WWII Veteran

**Jack S. DiGirolamo**, *Chi* 1926 (Penn State), died September 25, 2011, in Natrona Heights, Pa. He served in World War II under the command of General George Patton and received numerous awards, including two Purple Hearts. Jack was an instrumental factor in his community as a Harrison Township commissioner, helping to pave streets, establish the water authority (serving for 20 years as its president), and develop the Heights Plaza and the surrounding area. After 40 years with the company, Jack retired from Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp., where he was highly valued for overseeing plant operations and production. Among his many contributions, Jack was also a lifelong member of the Tarentum Area Lions Club. Jack and his wife, Mary, enjoyed traveling to warm climates and delighted in golfing with friends and family.

## Richard Melfi, Xi, Deputy Attorney General

**Richard "Dick" Melfi**, *Xi* 1965 (Ohio State), passed away September 30, 2011, in Noblesville, Ind. He received his undergraduate degree from Ohio State University and his law degree from Capital University School of Law in Columbus, Ohio. Dick began his professional career as a negotiator and administrator with the Ohio Department of Transportation in 1967. Subsequent positions included Chief Real Estate Counsel for the City of Cincinnati and Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana, where he retired in 2010.

## Giulio Mannino, Beta Pi

**Giulio Salvatore Mannino**, known by most as "Sal," was born May 29, 1975, and sadly lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on July 19, 2011. He was 36 years young.

Sal was a Xaverian High School and St. John's University graduate where he joined Beta Pi Chapter in 1993. Sal and best friend/brother Charlie Gambino (Beta Pi '91) both agreed that the experience left them with great memories. Charlie had been as close to Sal as a blood brother would have been, being friends from children and on into adulthood and having their own children. He stated that "Sal had touched the hearts of everyone who had the pleasure to meet and know him. He was humble, kind, funny, unbiased, and had an endearing quality of making people feel special. He knew how to savor every moment in life, and more importantly always found a way of turning something

negative into a positive. His family and friends will remember Sal as a big-hearted person with a top-flight personality. Sal is loved, missed, and will never ever be forgotten!"

*"Until we meet again...." —Charlie Gambino, Beta Pi '91*

Sal leaves behind his parents, Pauline and Salvatore, two sisters, Ann Marie and Cathy; his niece Emma, nephew Salvatore, wife Rosalba, and nine-month-old beautiful daughter Giulianianna ... and 18,000+ fraternity brothers. —*John Barbaro, Beta Sigma '93*

## Pasquale Granata, Beta Pi

**Pasquale A. Granata**, *Beta Pi* 1990 (St. John's) died on Friday, November 11, 2011 at his home in Jamesburg. He was 40 years old. He served as chapter president at Beta Pi. He is survived by his wife Anna whom he married this past April.

## Carlo Ascari, Theta Beta, WWII Vet

**Carlo Ascari**, *Theta Beta* 1947 (NYU), passed away in October in Naples, Fla. He was buried at South Florida National Cemetery with military honors as a veteran of World War II.

## Lou Corraggio, Beta Eta

**Lou Corraggio**, *Beta Eta* 1960, passed away on Veterans Day, November 11, suddenly and unexpectedly.

## William Speidel, Mu, Outdoorsman

**William C. Speidel**, *Mu* '56 (Cornell), passed away September 18, 2011. Brother Speidel was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and was a graduate of Cornell University Hotel School. He retired as the Senior Vice President of Development for Carlson Co. He moved to Macon, Ga. in 2009. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed a lifetime of travel including all seven continents, sixty countries and all fifty states.

## Sean Cox, Zeta, State Representative

**Sean Cox**, *Zeta* 1988 (Rennselaer Poly), passed away December 10, 2011, at the age of 39 in New Hampshire. He was serving as a State Representative at New Hampshire General Court. He leaves behind a wife and two children.

## Francis Ambrosio, Delta, Architect

**Francis J. Ambrosio**, *Delta* '43 (Brooklyn Poly), went home to the Lord on October 29, 2011. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. July 18, 1926. Francis graduated from Brooklyn Polytech in 1945, at the age of 19, with a degree in Civil Engineering. He designed 333 by the Sea, formerly the Apollo building in Cocoa Beach, Fla. He retired to Florida in 1981.

## AIG Matching Gifts Surpass \$10,000

Many brothers "double" their gifts to the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation through their employers' matching gifts programs. We are pleased to recognize the AIG matching gifts program. Over the past five years, AIG's match of their employees (our brothers) has now surpassed the \$10,000 level. Brothers have designated their gifts for the APD Leadership Fund, the Kleos Fund and Scholarship.

We regularly receive matches from other employers including Bank of America, Bristol Myers, General Electric and the Fidelity Charitable Giving Funds. Please be sure to check whether your employer will match your annual gift or your Centennial pledge. For more information, please email [matching\\_gifts@apdfoundation.org](mailto:matching_gifts@apdfoundation.org).



## APD Merchandise— a Click Away!

Are you looking to buy APD sportswear—like hats, shorts, sweats, shirts—from the convenience of your home computer? Well, now you can. Just go to our APD store at [apd.org/shop](http://apd.org/shop) and see the variety of items they offer. Shop for sportswear, jewelry, books, Centennial merchandise and more.





On Sunday, October 9, 2011, National President Nick Franki married Angela Rosinski. The ceremony was on the beach in Staten Island, N.Y. Most of the 60 plus brothers and wives in attendance thought the couple must have sold their souls for the 85 degree weather that day which was a record breaker. The Italian feast was blessed by Rev. James Lentini and fun was had by all into the wee hours of the morning. The next day, Nick and the brothers marched in the NYC Columbus Day Parade, many of whom were betting on whether he would show up in his tux. Pictured from left to right (all of whom are brothers except for the bride): Bill Beuther, John Whyte, Todd Cusato, Neale Muccio, Chris Mancusi, Frank DiMaria, Jeff Breen, Mike Young, Peter Gaudioso, Nick Franki, Angela Franki, Rick Trieste, Al Fafara, Sal Flagiello, Frank Messina, Alex Franki, Len Cilli, Paul Zamitt, Joe Rahtelli.

**Jim Tarangelo**, *Eta 1956* (CCNY), was appointed Chairman of the Board of the South Jersey Technical Park which is associated with Rowan University. For more than 12 years, he has been involved in many of the Boards and Advisory Committees at Rowan.

**Chuck Gloman**, *Chi 1977* (PSU), has been promoted to Associate Professor and Chair of the TV/Film Department at DeSales University. He has published eight books, more than 300 magazine articles, and 1,000 TV commercials.

**Vince Palazzo**, *Theta Beta 1971* (NYU), introduced his first novel in November, *This Little Piggy Belongs to the Devil*. Vince explains, "I began writing *This Little Piggy* after a life-shattering tragedy. On June 26, 2010 a catastrophic fire in Fort Edward, N.Y. claimed the lives of six children. Two were my grandkids, Hope and Mackenzie. Their loss devastated my family and left individual members desperately seeking some mechanism, anything really, to face tomorrow. Writing became a way of focusing my head, maybe even keeping myself sane. In the beginning, it did not matter what I wrote. Just sitting at the computer, hammering away, was what I seemed to

need. Eventually, I found an old story idea and that idea took flight and became this novel." Additional information is available at [mycroftpress.blogspot.com](http://mycroftpress.blogspot.com). The book is available for sale at [www.createpace.com/3678792](http://www.createpace.com/3678792) and at Amazon. Vince made arrangements to donate a portion of the royalties earned in memory of Hope and Mackenzie to Toys for Tots as well as earmarking money toward scholarships for college-bound seniors at both the Lake George and Bolton High Schools.

**The Honorable Alfred J. DiBona**, *Beta Delta 1954* (Temple), had his portrait unveiling in a ceremony in Philadelphia on October 26, 2011. The portrait honors his career as a judge which started in 1976 in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County.



Judge DiBona was recognized for his contributions to the Philadelphia community, the court system, and the Justinian Society. He has presided over criminal, civil and family court matters. He is an active member of the Delaware Valley Alumni Club.



Gamma Pi AA Annual Autumn Happy Hour was held Saturday, October 15. Pictured: Peter Q. Morris, Gamma Pi 1991, Michael Colasurdo, Gamma Pi 1989, Joseph Phillips, Gamma Pi 1989. Middle: Ray Morro, Beta Xi 1985, Kenneth Scott Hughes, Gamma Pi 1991, Thomas Ammazalorso, Gamma Pi 1993. Back: Frank Simon, Gamma Pi 1988, Shawn Lickun, (Gamma Pi 1992, VP of Alumni Affairs, Jeff Breen, Gamma Sigma 1989.

## Italy Trip

See Italy this June with your fraternity brother, Ralph Annina, Beta Eta 1974. We will be visiting Rome, Venice, Florence, Pisa and Assisi. The trip departs June 19, 2012 and returns June 26, 2012. Price includes meals (breakfast and dinner), hotels, private coach, guides, and airfare. For more information call 414-350-0730 or email [rannina@wi.rr.com](mailto:rannina@wi.rr.com). You can sign up at [www.explorica.com/Annina-1945](http://www.explorica.com/Annina-1945).



Gamma Sigma brothers enjoy bachelor party.

On Saturday, October 29, **Gamma Sigma Alumni** brothers Robert Landi, '02; Anthony C. Saraceno, '02; Pawel Jasioneck, '02; Dean Fazio, '02; Frank Chiofalo, '03; and Patrick Jasioneck, '06, attended a Maxim Halloween Party while in New Orleans for brother Rob's bachelor party. The brothers of the alumni association went as WWE wrestling legends Undertaker, Roddy Piper, The Million Dollar Man, Shawn Michaels, Macho Man and Hulk Hogan. It was an unforgettable weekend that was enjoyed by all who attended.



## Eta Chapter Reunion

The brothers of **Eta Chapter (CCNY)** and their spouses held another great reunion from October 17 through October 19 at the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz N.Y. A million thanks to Tom and Nancy Scali and Ron and Bea Bové for all their efforts in organizing the event. The Mohonk Mountain House, built in the late 1870s, offers magnificent views of the surrounding valleys. We enjoyed the many amenities of the resort including hiking, boating, touring the beautiful gardens, the daily 4:00 p.m. High Tea and the excellent meals. We renewed our Coed Bocce Ball Tournament which we started at our last reunion as well as our "game night" featuring a competitive Balderdash contest led by the incomparable Bea Bové. We vowed to meet again in Spring 2013, tentatively planned for Williamsburg, Va., said our tearful ciao-ciaos and bid each other safe passage home.—Submitted by Len Farano



Photo by Tom Scali

*The brothers of Eta Chapter held another great reunion at the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz N.Y.*

## Brothers of SFAC and Lynn University Celebrate Founders Day

On November 5, alumni from the South Florida AC along with undergrad brothers from Lynn University celebrated the 97th birthday of the founding of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity.

The affair was held at Massimo's Restaurant, in Boynton Beach, Fla. Vince



Photo by Emil Imbro

*Alumni and undergrads from Lynn University and their families celebrate Founders Day.*

Verdile spoke briefly and said he wondered if those seven brothers at Syracuse University could've imagined that in 97 years what they began would be remem-

bered in Florida. Emil Imbro, VP of Cultural Affairs, was present at the dinner along with newly appointed District Governor Nick Tratoros.

## 71st Annual Alpha Phi Delta New York Christmas Dance

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, brothers from three different states gathered in Brooklyn, NY at the famous Gargiulo's Restaurant to celebrate the 71st Annual Alpha Phi Delta New York Christmas Dance. The dance is a New York tradition that dates back to 1930 and is sponsored by the New York Alumni Club. Brothers from 13 different chapters and from seven decades were in attendance; the total attendance of 165 represents



Photo by Gene Gemelli

one of our largest dances ever. Special recognition goes to the Beta Beta Chapter (Manhattan College) who had 40 in attendance and our newly inducted brothers at our St. Joseph's Colony who brought 10 to the dance less than a month after crossing in mid-November. Work is already in progress for our 2012 Christmas Dance which will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012! Contact [AlexFranki@aol.com](mailto:AlexFranki@aol.com) for more information or to place a journal ad.



## Pittsburgh Alumni Club 5th Annual Bocce Tournament

Photos by John Russo



The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held its 5th Annual Bocce tournament August 19, 2011 at Three Lakes Golf Club (yes a golf course that has bocce courts). Thirty brothers and spouses attended for an afternoon that turned to an evening of food, drinks and the annual double elimination bocce tournament, won this year by the team of Paul Fabrizio and Pete Iole. The first four PAC Bocce tournaments were at the home of Kathy and Rod Belsky, who sold their home this past year which included the bocce courts in their back yard. Bocce and APD seem to go hand in hand as family and fraternity fun.

## West Virginia Brothers Reunite

On Saturday, October 22, 2011, alumni brothers of Pi and Beta Tau met at Oliverio's Ristorante in Morgantown to reunite and begin re-establishing the West Virginia Alumni Club. The meeting was chaired by Doug Wiley and there were 20 brothers and wives in attendance. Discussion centered around what kind of organization the club would be. There was considerable discussion about the re-establishment of Pi at WVU and Beta Tau at Fairmont. Both schools have become less enchanted with fraternities because of the headaches they can cause. It was suggested that as a volunteer, service oriented fraternity, APD may receive a more positive response. The floor was opened and comments and questions abounded. One important area discussed was the memorial dinner for Ann Dinardi who house mothered the men of Pi for many years. Stories of Ann's maternal care of the brothers abounded. National addressed the need to establish a core group as the basis of approaching any schools in WV to re-establish or colonize with a service oriented project ongoing. Establishment of a scholarship was suggested. Brothers from Charleston agreed to touch base with the school in their area and the Morgantown brothers will look into Fairmont. Dan Esposito, Pi '74, works at WVU and will talk to some people about re-establishing Pi. The establishment of Pi would have to be without a house and many suggestions such as the Psi model were suggested. Vice President of Cultural Affairs Emil Imbro, Pi '67, spent several days in Morgantown meeting with brothers and deserves kudos for all his hard work. I believe we can expect movement by the WVAC in the immediate future. National promised full support.— Submitted by Jim Miller, MWDG, Psi '72



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