

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Blue White Weekend

April 24

### Arts Fest

July 8-11

### Homecoming

October 9

## IN MEMORY

We have recently learned of the deaths of the following Kappa brothers:

John Maurey '52  
Thomas Morgan '54  
William Johnston '59  
Thomas Wall '66  
Frederick Koons '74  
Christopher Goff '78

## ON THE WEB

### Are You Our Fan on Facebook?

Reconnect with other Kappa alumni on our Facebook page, where we already have 85 fans and counting. You can find a link at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com), or search for "Phi Sigma Kappa Penn State" using Facebook's search engine.

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We hope you enjoy full access to our site. We keep some areas password protected because we take our brothers' privacy very seriously.

# Kappa News

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Kappa Chapter  
Phi Sigma Kappa at Penn State

April 2010

## ALUMNI NEWS

### First Annual "Man of the Year" Awards Presented

The Founders' Day 2010 celebration at Kappa Chapter ushered in the beginning of another new tradition. The "Man of the Year" award is given to an outstanding Active brother and to an Alumnus brother who have shown commitment to the ideals of Phi Sigma Kappa through their actions embodying brotherhood, scholarship and character. Alumni candidates are nominated by other alumni, then selected by the Board based on the entry submission. Actives select their candidate, and both are presented a personal plaque memorializing their award. A plaque will also be placed in the Kappa house foyer as an ongoing tribute to award winners.

This year's winners were **David Hyland** for the Alumnus award and **Neel Shah** as an Active brother. David was recognized for his house renovation project management efforts. He was quick to point out that there were many alums who should share in the award since it was a true team effort bringing Kappa house back to life. Neel Shah has shown leadership in all areas of Active brotherhood and was grateful to all his brothers for helping him.

Start thinking about who you will nominate for next year's award now. And make plans to attend Founders' Day for the presentation and celebration!



Alumnus of the Year **David Hyland**, Active of the Year **Neel Shah**, and **Dick Doherty**



**Gary Best**, **Martin Barbato**, **Michael Bache** and **David Hyland**



**Bill DeGrandis**, **Dick Doherty**, **Gary Best** and **Michael Bache**



**Pam Santoro**, **David Hyland**, **Michael Bache**, **Ben Jarmul**, **Cathy Hyland** and **Martin Barbato**

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### '60s

#### Glenn Jones '67

(16050 Viewfield Rd., Monte Sereno, CA 95030; gcj16050@aol.com) If you're traveling to the Northern California bay area, please call so we can share a glass of vino and old stories, and some new ones. Bring your golf clubs, too.

2010 has arrived, and so much to be thankful for! Had NYE celebration with Deano and Judy; well OK, maybe it was early evening celebration and we all headed home for safe abodes. Too much fun away! Flork, Deano and their spouses visited us (Jones and Aitas) recently in northern Calif., and the state survived. I think we may have eaten all the oysters available in Tomales Bay though.

Too many stories.

I also had a delightful dinner with Jerry Kiger and Lorraine over the holidays... more stories!

Next year the Burts are going to visit... I have faith! Joe caught me my first fish ever, at his plantation on Dataw Island, SC. I am indebted to that master forever!

### '00s

#### Brian Leahy '01

(64 Seminole Ave., Oakland, NJ 07436; bg1106@yahoo.com) I got married in September 2009. Living and working in Manhattan, working in D&O Insurance Underwriting.

#### Jay Brunetto '05

(528 Gia Circle, Apt. B, Clifton Heights, PA 19018; jasonbrunetto@gmail.com) Brother Christopher Beck '05 got married to



his college sweetheart in the summer of 2009 (see photo). A long time practicing Catholic, brother Beck converted to Judaism to make his wife happy. Several Phi Sigs were in attendance.

## 2009-10 ANNUAL FUND

### Don't Forget the Annual Fund

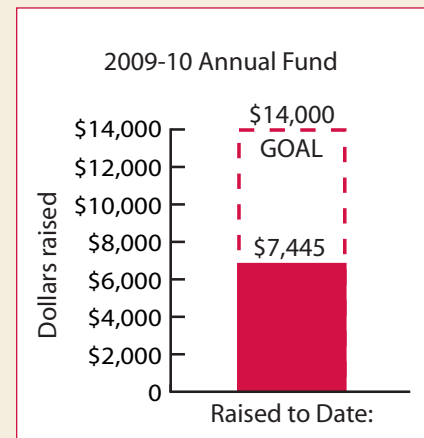
As we wrap up our Reason to be Proud capital campaign to fund the recent renovations at the Kappa Chapter house, we ask that you remember to support our separate yet equally important fundraising drive: the annual fund.

The annual fund serves as our yearly operating budget, enabling us to continue communications, host alumni events and keep you in touch with the Kappa Chapter throughout the year.

If you aren't yet listed on the 2009-10 Honor Roll of Donors (below), please make a gift today to support this vital ongoing effort.

There are three ways to make a gift:

1. Online at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com).
2. By calling 800-975-6699.
3. By returning the response card that was enclosed with your recent appeal mailing.



## ON THE WEB

### Send Us Your Email Address!

Having a high percentage of email addresses is a critical advantage to our alumni association. Why? It saves us money on paper and printing, it enables us to communicate with you more frequently, and it allows us to put you back in touch with long lost Kappa brothers.

We will never sell, trade or give away

your email address – ever. Your email address will be stored in our secure database and used solely for Phi Sig communications.

So please update your email address today to stay informed on the latest news and activities from Kappa Chapter undergraduates and alumni. You'll also receive electronic reminders when we're

getting ready to publish an issue of Kappa News so that you can submit your latest news and photos for publication.

**You can send your email address directly to our alumni relations firm at [feedback@affinityconnection.com](mailto:feedback@affinityconnection.com) (mention Phi Sig at Penn State) or update it at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com).**

## CAMPAIGN NEWS

### What Alumni are Saying about the House

#### *"I'm Prouder than Ever of Our Chapter"*

Thanks to **Jon Little '66** for submitting the following after a recent visit to the house...

He writes "...the House looked great when I visited during Homecoming 2009, and I'm glad that I was able to help a tiny bit. And what does it say about different

brotherhoods when you compare Phi Sigma Kappa's broad, nickel and dime sustained success with Beta's multi-million-dollar renovation followed by the collapse of the chapter? And can you believe that Phi Delta Theta is no longer viable at PSU? Wow. I'm prouder than ever of our chapter

and alumni: adapt and grow; or stagnate and die."

*Join Jon as a supporter of our capital campaign. Make a pledge today. Find more information at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com).*

## 2009-10 ANNUAL FUND HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

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*Reflects annual fund gifts received as of March 22, 2010.*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES...

Thanks to **Tim Finn '92** for answering our recent call for photos. He sent us this great picture of the Winter 1988 pledge class. Pictured are the "Road Dogs": **Rob Carter, Bill Garoman, Troy Thornton, Rick Derrickson, Dave Grey, Tim Finn, Mike Pries, Marc Horowitz** and **Sean Babik**.

We want to see the best pictures from your era too! Send them to us at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com), or upload them at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com).



## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

### It's Time to Finish What We Started

By **Bill DeGrandis '77**; Chairman, Reason to Be Proud Campaign  
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The time has come to wrap up the *Reason to Be Proud* campaign. It is time to bring it all together to close The Phi Sig Circle of Brotherhood and finish what was started five years ago.

Now is the time to make that investment in the future of Kappa Chapter and the many young brothers yet to be. This will assure the learning and brotherhood for many decades to come unlike the several chapters that have closed at Penn State in the past few years. Many of you have already contributed to the campaign. We thank you for your generosity and support. But we are not out of the financial woods yet. With a loan in excess of \$900,000 and a changing interest rate every five years, we must take every precaution to protect the financial stability of



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the chapter. Download your pledge form at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com).

We have all experienced a strong bond with Phi Sig over the years in spite of where our travels may have taken us. Let us all join in supporting the future of Kappa Chapter as we

continue to grow in the second century of our proud traditions. Again this can be done by making your investment now in the campaign.

The campaign and renovations have been the largest and most significant event for Kappa Chapter since the house was built in 1926. I look forward to having you all join in making this a very successful campaign as we all "Hail the Ever Growing Throng of Phi Sigma Kappa."

#### A Reason to Be Proud: A Timeline

##### September 2006

\$1.5 Million Capital Campaign Announced

##### March 2008

Renovations Begin with \$950,000 in Alumni Commitments

##### April 24, 2008

Groundbreaking Ceremony held at Chapter House

##### May 2008

Bear Koehler Posthumously Becomes our "Million Dollar Man," putting the campaign over the \$1MM with his bequest

##### November 2008

Grand Re-Opening Party Held

*Do you love old Phi Sig photos? So do we! Find out how you can help us to publish more on page 3.*



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