

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Our 4th Annual Phi Sig Golf Outing & Cookout will be May 30-31, 2014



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**Penn State Traditional Reunion Weekend**  
June 5-8, 2014

**Central PA Arts Fest**  
July 10-13, 2014

**Penn State Homecoming**  
Sept. 26-28, 2014

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Phi Sigma Kappa at Penn State

Spring 2014

## ALUMNI REPORT

### A Weekend of Fire and Ice

#### Alumni Return and Reunite During Founders' Day 2014

On Saturday, March 29, approximately 30 Kappa Chapter actives, alums, family

looking shirts!

Following the Pegula visit and a mid-afternoon bar tour, more than 70 Phi Sigs and guests celebrated at the House, enjoying a Founders' Day Feast prepared by House Cook Jen Pressler and featuring cheesesteaks grilled by Brother Mark Dobil and his dad.

Highlights of the evening included the presentation of the Men of the Year Awards to active Andrew Dreibelbis '14 and alumnus **Robert "Doc" Landis '63**. Congratulations to these two brothers for their standout



Alumni and actives caught a few minutes of a State College Youth Ice Hockey tournament at Pegula.

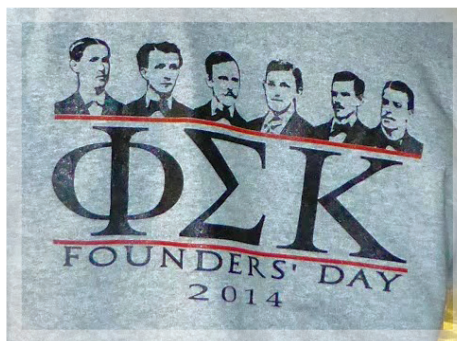
members and friends met at Penn State's new Pegula Ice Arena to kickoff the weekend's Founders' Day celebration. The exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the new facility moved from the lower level locker rooms, weight-training facility and media room all the way to the top-level private suites, including just about everything in between.

During the tour and throughout the weekend, many of the participants wore special Founders' Day T-shirts designed and produced by one of our actives, Brother Tyler Cromleigh. Thanks, Tyler, for some great-

performance and commitment to our brotherhood.



(l-r) Phi Sigma Kappa Association President Dick Doherty '58 with the weekend's Men of Year Award winners, Doc Landis '63 and Andrew Dreibelbis '14.



Alumni sported Founders' Day t-shirts (designed by Tyler Cromleigh) throughout the weekend.

Thank you to all who made it a very successful and memorable Founders' Day Weekend. If you are interested in reviewing more photos from the weekend, please go to the News section of our website, [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com). Under the Founders' Day article, you can find a link to the entire photo album. Our additional thanks go to Brother **Fred DeCock '76** for serving as weekend photographer.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### Damn Proud? ... Then Participate ... at Any Level!

By Bruce Balmat '70, Phi Sigma Kappa Association Board Treasurer

What does it mean to be Damn Proud? It means caring enough to participate in a chapter that supported you through your time at Penn State. All we ask is for one gift each year ... at any level. As you read through this financial update, consider how you can participate and send in your contribution today!

#### ANNUAL BUDGET

The annual budget for the Phi Sigma Kappa Association is presently set at \$148,000. Major sources of revenue include 1) rent from actives living in house and 2) annual fund donations. Major expenditures include 1) mortgage payments, 2) taxes, 3) property insurance, 4) maintenance, 5) management/administrative expenses and 6) alumni relations/outreach.

In December, we were able to reset the interest rate for our mortgage for the next five years. With today's lower rates, this resulted in a lower monthly payment and savings of more than \$500 per month.

#### RED SHUTTER DRIVE

As of April 15, 2014, we have collected \$3,000 from 18 donors toward the \$5,000 needed to complete this project. Last October, during a Class of '73 reunion, **Bill Albertson '73** made a request for alumni to help with this drive. Several folks contributed at the reunion. Please note that this drive will end on June 30, 2014.

#### ANNUAL FUND

Currently, we are collecting the remaining pledges from our Capital Campaign during which we received more than \$1 million for the refurbishment of the House. Beyond that, our short-term fundraising goal is to bring in \$14,000 each year to the annual fund.

The annual fund is our yearly fundraising drive to support our alumni relations program, including publication of *Kappa News* and maintenance of our website. In addition, these funds maintain the House. Recent projects have included a new range/

oven, additional ceramic tile in the Party Room, colorful stair treads leading to the Party Room and repointing of the mortar on the House exterior. Our current needs are to support a new scholarship fund, improve landscaping and provide new dining room tables and window treatments.

The annual fund begins Sept. 1 each year. Last year, we raised \$11,290 from 82 donors. This year, the 69 donors listed below have contributed \$10,301 toward our \$14,000 goal. There is still work to do!

To make a gift, please go to [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com) and click on "Donate" in the upper right-hand corner. You can also call (800) 975-6699 to make your donation or send in your check, payable to the Phi Sigma Kappa Association, to Phi Sigma Kappa Penn State, Alumni Relation Processing Center, P.O. Box 7007, Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007.

## 2013-14 ANNUAL FUND HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank you to these alumni for their annual fund contributions so far in our 2013-14 giving year giving year, which began September 1.

Joseph A. King	1942	James M. Parris Sr.	1967	Charles E. Donnelly Jr.	1976
Edward L. Trabold	1949	John R. Lloyd	1968	James R. Leonard	1976
James C. Hancock	1953	Richard W. Newell	1968	Michael D. Bache	1978
John E. Russ	1953	Richard B. Pierce	1968	Edward F. Bridgens	1978
Edward J. Baranski	1955	Steven H. Brose	1969	Jeff Pepper	1978
Ralph D. Turley	1956	Frederick W. Jacobs	1969	Brian C. Auman	1979
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Joseph A. Weader	1959	Richard D. Richardson	1970	James E. Rock	1981
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Anthony Fusaro	1962	Paul F. Robertson	1971	A. Roy Kern Jr.	1983
John B. Lloyd	1962	William R. Warfel II	1971	John F. Caspero III	1986
Ben McLure	1962	William A. Albertson II	1973	Robert M. Glass	1986
William (Bill) F. Funk	1963	Edmund J. Pescatore	1973	Brian C. Trapani	1987
Curtis G. Hepler	1964	Dan T. Stearns	1973	Edric E. Fetter	1994
Kenneth W. Marta	1964	Stephen W. Yorks	1973	Matthew M. Nichols	1998
A. R. (Al) Sharp	1964	L. Steuart Brown	1974	Bryan Page	1999
David C. Teather	1964	Edward G. Buchan	1974	Nathan Howard Anthony	2002
Michael Shanahan	1965	Stephen P. Handwerk	1974	Erik Silko	2005
Thomas F. Florkiewicz	1966	John F. Robison	1974		
Geoffrey W. Gates	1966	Curt D. Steel	1974		
Jon H. Little	1966	Gregory M. Stevens	1975		

*Reflects gifts received as of April 15, 2014.*

## 4TH ANNUAL PHI SIG GOLF OUTING

### Ready to Hit the Links? We Are! Join Us May 30-31 in Happy Valley!

By Bruce Balmat '70, Phi Sigma Kappa Association Board Treasurer

Attention all golfers, both aces and novices. The 4th Annual Phi Sig Golf Outing and Steak Cookout is less than two months away. Scheduled for the weekend of May 30-June 1, 2014, we have golf outings planned for both Friday and Saturday.

Friday's golf outing will take place at the Mountain View Country Club, which used to be the Elks Country Club. Dinner at the club that evening will be on your own. In addition to golf, Saturday's schedule also includes an afternoon bar tour for those not hitting the links. Following Saturday's afternoon events, we will be hosting a steak cookout on the lawn of the house followed by an award presentation. What a great time to return to Happy Valley, kick back, see old friends, tell a few stories and just have fun. Spouses, children, relatives and friends are welcome as well.

Advanced registration is required for all events. To register, go to our website, [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com). Click on Events in the navigation bar and go to the 4th Annual Phi Sig Golf Outing and Steak Cookout. Here, you can register for the weekend's events.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Days Inn on Pugh Street. Contact the Days Inn at (800) 258-3297 or (814) 238-8454 and be sure to mention Phi Sigma Kappa (Group Code CGPHIK) to get the preferred room rate of \$89 per night.

If you have any questions, want to help select bar tour destinations or would be willing to help prepare dinner, please contact **Bruce Balmat '70** at [balmat123@verizon.net](mailto:balmat123@verizon.net).

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, May 30

**11:40 a.m.:** First tee time at the Mountain View Country Club (on Route 45 east of Boalsburg). Each golfer pays his/her own greens fees. We have reserved three tee times (12 slots).

**6:00 p.m.:** Dinner on your own at the Mountain View Country Club (pay as you go).

### Saturday, May 31

**11:57 a.m.:** First tee time at the Penn State Blue Course. We have reserved eight tee times (32 slots), so sign up early to ensure you have a spot. Cost is \$80 per person.

**1:30 p.m.:** Bar tour leaves from the house. Several new establishments are on the tour.

**5:30 p.m.:** Beverages and refreshments served at the house.

**6:30 p.m.:** Steak dinner served on the lawn of the house. Award presentation to follow dinner. Cost is \$35 per person.

**\*All events require advanced registration.**

## CHAPTER REPORT

### Kappa Chapter Brings in \$49,000+ for Cancer Research!

By Sal Mastrobattista, Chapter President

This semester, in addition to spring rush and the addition of four new members, the focus of Kappa Chapter has been centered on philanthropy and service. Our two largest events, THON and Superstars, raised over \$49,000 for cancer research.

#### SUPERSTARS

Kappa Chapter held our annual Superstars philanthropy on Sunday, April 6. Now in its 31st year, Superstars is a day of fun competition among Greek, club and independent teams to end each year of fundraising. The event is held in memory of Brother Vincent Scott Sandoe. Vincent lost his battle with leukemia in 1983. This year, the chapter raised \$3,033 for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

#### THON 2014

It is a scene like none other. For those of you who have been part of THONs past, you know.



Dancer Lauren Scamdome joins Phi Sig brothers (l-r) Christian Guerriero and Anthony Scaringelli on the floor of the Bryce Jordan Center.

Where else can you go to experience the energy of a truly altruistic group of college students — complete with water pistols, balloons, games, plungers, hula hoops, crazy socks, line dances, pep rallies, inspirational speeches from some of Penn State's most notable personalities, incredibly choreographed performances and 46 hours of no sleep?

And it is all ... FOR THE KIDS ... to continue Penn State's 37-year tradition of saving children from the grip of pediatric cancer. Thanks to our chapter's yearlong canning and fundraising efforts, we contributed \$46,060 toward Penn State's \$13,343,517.33 total that

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will be given to the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

On Saturday afternoon, Jay Paterno — former assistant football coach and son of Joe Paterno — paid a visit to the THON dancers. He summarized the impact of pediatric cancer in a very powerful way. "A couple of weeks ago, I was in Hershey and toured the children's hospital. The woman who runs the Four Diamonds Fund was asked what the survival rate was. She said, 'We save four out of every five children here.' I couldn't bear to be without one of my five kids. Think about that. That is why you are here ... because we are going to make it five out of every five ... Every year

you do this, we are knocking at the door a little more and a little more. In the very near future, Penn State students are going to kick in that damn door."

As the crowd erupted in screams and applause, parents could be seen holding tightly to those THON children who have embraced the hearts of our Greek community at Penn State. It is the power of hope ... hope for one more day, week, month or year ... that our chapter is helping to give to families across the state. We are fortunate to be part of such a life-giving effort at Penn State that does, in fact, redefine the possibilities.

Also speaking to the dancers was Penn

State's newly appointed football coach, James Franklin. "Everybody thinks that what makes us special is the football stadium or the basketball arena. That has nothing to do with what makes us special. What makes us special is the people ... the people that understand we are part of something greater than just ourselves. We can make a difference in people's lives."

So, thank you to our dancers, brothers who stood by the dancers, captains, parents who attended, alumni who stopped by and to the entire THON organization for its incredible support. This is why ... WE ARE. Thank you to all alumni who supported these fundraising efforts!

### What if Phi Sig Decided to Ban Pledging?

Recently, Sigma Alpha Epsilon made an announcement that represents a shift in the way the fraternity approaches new-member practices.

As stated in their official press release, "Effective March 9, 2014, new-member (pledge) programming will be eliminated completely from our operations, and the classification of new member (pledge) will no longer exist. All chapters and colonies will be required to implement this important change." Is pledging becoming a thing of the past?

As the Greek community moves to strengthen its focus on leadership,

scholarship and philanthropy, some are taking radical steps they hope will change the culture of chapters from drinking clubs to ... well, something more than drinking clubs.

Will it work? We want your opinions. Log in at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com). Once logged in, go to the News section to this same article. There, you can leave a comment (via Facebook).



### What Are You Missing?

*Don't miss out on your opportunity to benefit from your fraternity relationships. Reconnect using the online alumni directory at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com). Or e-mail us at [connect@affinityconnection.com](mailto:connect@affinityconnection.com) to send in your updated e-mail and mailing addresses.*

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