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Support Kenyon AND Delts

Looking to donate to both the Kenyon College Annual Fund and Delta Tau Delta? You can designate your Kenyon Annual Fund donation to the **Robert Burns Scholarship Fund**. The Fund was started by Kenyon Delt alumni to honor long-time faculty advisor Doc Burns. 100% of the Fund goes to support Kenyon members of Delta Tau Delta. Just indicate on your annual fund contribution form that you want the donation directed to the Robert Burns Scholarship Fund.

EVENTS

Open House

May 28, 3-5 p.m. @ The Lodge
Alumni, friends & family
welcome

5th Alumni Leadership Panel

September 24

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JANUARY 25, 1881

Happy 135th Anniversary, Chi Chapter!



January 25th of this year marked the 135th anniversary of Chi Chapter's founding. Chi Chapter was founded in 1881 and has been in continuous existence since. We want to take the time to thank each of our outstanding brothers for their ongoing support and for making this chapter something we can all truly be proud of.

CHAPTER UPDATE

We Have Another Busy Year Planned

The Alumni Association's mission is threefold: i) own and maintain our Lodge; ii) mentor the undergraduate Chapter; and iii) enhance communication among alumni. 2015 was a very active year for the Alumni Association and we had many successful projects that furthered our mission.

In May, we hosted the 20th annual Open House at the Lodge. Many brothers were back and enjoyed spending the afternoon at the Lodge reconnecting. In September, we hosted the 4th annual Alumni Leadership Panel. Five distinguished brothers spent the morning discussing their personal and professional backgrounds with the active chapter. The actives loved meeting their alumni brothers and hearing some great Delt stories. At Homecoming we hosted a tailgate party before and after the football game. Thanks to Don Gest '86, John Cannon '83 and Chris Bonnacci '88, the tailgate was held under a large tent next to McBride Field and included lots of food and beverages.

For 2016 we have another busy year planned. All alumni, friends and family are invited back to our Lodge on May 28 for the Reunion Weekend open house. The Open

House is a great time to reconnect with your brothers, meet some actives and check out all the improvements that have been made to our Lodge over the past years.

The 5th Annual Alumni Leadership Panel is scheduled for September 24. The Alumni Panel is becoming recognized at Kenyon and among Delta Tau Delta as an example of the positives that fraternities can bring to young men. The actives learn about career choices and opportunities in addition to providing them with leadership examples.

Alumni support and involvement is critical to maintaining a dynamic chapter. Many of us view our Delt experience with significant fondness, and we hope to provide that same experience to many more future Kenyon Delts. We encourage you to consider sharing your time and talents with the Chapter and providing a positive role model for our young members. It can truly make a difference in their lives.

Yours in Chi,

Jeff Moritz '86
Alumni President

ANNUAL FUND

Almost 80% of us Have Never Contributed!

Our annual fund for the 2015-2016 giving year began on September 1 and, so far, we have received 38 donations for a total of \$8,635 toward our goal of \$12,000 from 75 donors. We greatly appreciate all donations we have already received, however, we have a ways to go during the next six months. Did you know that almost 80% of all alumni have never made a donation back to Chi Chapter?

The holidays are over and tax returns are on

their way, so now is the perfect time to make your contribution to Chi Chapter! It's easy to do, just visit our website at www.chidelts.com and click "Donate" in the top right hand corner. You can then choose to mail in a check, call our donation hotline or make a donation online.

Alumni communications. Events. Scholarships. House updates. These are just a few of the things that donations to our

annual fund help us to provide. Our chapter relies 100% on alumni donations to ensure the bright future of Chi Chapter of DTD at Kenyon.

We would like to thank our top five all time donors; Jeffrey Moritz '86, Philip Moyles Jr. '86, Charles Stimson '86, Robert Burns '51 and John Cannon '83 for their generous donations over the years, as well as the 85 men who contributed so far this giving year:

Pierre McBride Society (\$1,000+)

John Cannon	1983
Jeffrey Moritz	1986
Philip Moyles Jr.	1986
Christopher Bonacci	1988

1881 Society (\$500 - \$999.99)

Robert Burns	1951
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Kokosing Drive Society (\$250 - \$499.99)

Dan Patterson	1974
Timothy Stautberg	1985
Harvey Stephens	1985
Christopher Burgess	1991
Ronald Harrington	1991
Robert Wilson	1999

Purple Iris Society (\$100 - \$249.99)

David Bell	1950
Randolph Bucey	1950
William Schneebeck	1950
Silas Axtell	1952
Grant Cooke	1952
Berton Craig	1952
Robert Warmeling	1953
Bruce Richardson	1955
Ronald Greiser	1957
Thomas Sant	1965
William Yost	1968
James Kuhn	1976
Richard Parke	1976
Sean Cottle	1986
Donald Gest	1986

Andrew Winson	1987
Jeff Clark	1990
Seth Peter	1995
Bryon Manna	2005

Chi Society (\$50 - \$99.99)

Theodore Jennings	1950
David Newhall Esq.	1963
Dean Miller	1969
Peter Groustra	1989
Geoffrey Thompson	1994
Blake Preston *	2012

Other (Up to \$49.99)

Joseph Rubin	1986
Jonathan Lawrence *	2009

UNDERGRADUATE EVENT

Chi Chapter Winter Retreat



On January 23, Chi Chapter held our first winter retreat at the Lodge. We opened the retreat by discussing the state of Chi Chapter, our strengths and weaknesses and what we want Delta Tau Delta to represent; our main takeaway from this conversation was we want to renew our emphasis on fraternal brotherhood in the coming year.

After this, we discussed our internal infrastructure and the role of chairs and officers. We will continue to conduct most of our business in weekly chapter meetings, but we hope to make these meetings more efficient by sharing an itinerary with the brothers before these meetings to allow more thoughtful and focused input.

As a group we went through each officer and chair position to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each position, and set finite achievable goals for the current semester.

Key points from this discussion were an emphasis on rushing throughout the fall semester, an increased focus on community, more programming from the Road chair, a desire to improve academically (which will lead to a more prominent role for the academic chair), and ways to keep chairs and officers accountable for their responsibilities.

We concluded the five hour meeting with a delicious dinner grilled by our co-Brotherhood chair, Will Spencer.

This Alumnus Owes 53 Years of Marriage to Delta Tau Delta

We recently asked each of you who met your significant others through Chi Chapter to share your love stories with the rest of us in honor of Valentine's Day. Brother Phil Hammond '58 shared his DTD love story with us:

"When I was in high school in the early '50s in Columbus, OH (actually, my high school was Upper Arlington High School), I attended the First Community Church, which had a very active youth group. I met a girl there. She was two years ahead of me and attended Grandview High School, our high school's arch rival. Her name was Connie Conklin and I had a crush on her. Coincidentally, our fathers knew each other and our parents were social friends.

When she graduated from high school, she went to Ohio Wesleyan and pledged Kappa Alpha Theta. She became pinned to Bruce Richardson, the Delt president at Kenyon. I was not a jock, other than golf, and did letter my two years at Kenyon, 54-56. I am sure Connie convinced Bruce to get the Deltas to pledge me, for which I was eternally grateful. Bruce graduated in 1955 and I dated Connie my second, and last, year at Kenyon, despite our age differences. She was three years older than I, as I had skipped a grade in elementary school. During her last year at Ohio Wesleyan, she was the Theta president.

After two years at Kenyon, I transferred to Ohio State for my third year, took my fourth year abroad and returned to OSU in the fall of 1958 to start law school. After my first year of law school, I spent the summer in Los Angeles working as a law clerk to the Sears & Roebuck west coast counsel.

When I returned to Columbus to start my second year of law school, the Friday night in September before the first OSU football



game, I went to the Delt house on campus to see if anything was going on. Since there wasn't, I walked next door to the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house. There were four Kappas sitting on the front porch and I asked if any of them wanted to go out for a beer with me. Corky Hummon raised her hand and we had a pleasant beer together. The next afternoon I walked to the stadium with her to watch the football game. Shortly thereafter, we each got pinned but to different people.

My pinmate graduated after my second year in law school and moved to CA. At the start of the winter quarter in my third, and last year of law school, I called the Kappa house, looking for a date. I asked to speak to Corky Ballentine but was informed that the only Corky at the Kappa house was Corky Hummon, so I asked for her. By that time she was the sorority president. I asked her out, she accepted, and we dated until we both graduated at the end of spring quarter. Corky took a job with United Airlines as a stewardess and was based in Los Angeles. After six months in the Ohio National Guard, to avoid being drafted, I took a job with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) as a fledgling trial attorney. I was to report to the NLRB office in Albuquerque, NM, but the day before I left to drive to Albuquerque, I received a phone call from the NLRB office in Washington, D. C., asking if I could go to Los Angeles instead.

Of course, I said yes. Corky and I hooked up again and were married six months later in June of 1962. We celebrated our 53rd wedding anniversary this past June. We have two sons and five grandchildren, twins and triplets who were born two months apart in 2001 and who are all now 14 years old and freshmen in high school. The twins live with their parents in Sandwich, MA, which is on Cape Cod, and the triplets live with their parents in Scottsdale, AZ, fifteen minutes from us."

If you didn't share your DTD love story, you can send it to our editor at alumninews@affinityconnection.com.



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ALUMNUS UPDATE



Photo from a Delt visit at Doc Burns' in summer of 2013

What's Up, Doc?

Doc Burns, Faculty Advisor Emeritus, reports that he misses Gambier and Kenyon tremendously but is adapting to his new life in Florida. Doc, who will be 87 years young on February 28, has started hormone treatment for prostate cancer. While he is not looking forward to the heat flashes, he is glad that his fraternity brothers are not around to rib him about getting in touch with his feminine side. Doc would welcome any calls or letters from his Delt brothers at 10901 Johnson Blvd, Apt J207, Seminole, FL 33772-7704 or 740-390-1018.

What have you been up to? Have any big news to share with your brothers? Or are you, perhaps, just looking to reconnect with some brothers? You can submit your news to our editor at alumninews@affinityconnection.com. Your submission could be published in future editions of The Chi Delt.

Want to see more of what your brothers have been up to? Visit our website at www.chidelts.com and click on "Alumni Updates" under the "Alumni Corner" tab.

IN MEMORY

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Brothers **Robert Mitchell '39**, **Charles DeWitt '51**, **J. Benjamin Rise '57** and **Thomas Edwards**.

Robert A. "Mitch" Mitchell '39

Mitch was the oldest alum of Chi! He passed away on July 21, 2015.

Charles E. DeWitt '51

Charles Evans DeWitt, 85, of Boca Raton passed away on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Charles was born in Flushing, New York on August 18, 1929 a son to the late Charles W. and Marion DeWitt. His family moved to Racine, WI in 1933.

J. Benjamin Rice '57

Passed away on June 15, 2015. James Benjamin (Ben) Rice passed away June 15, 2015, in Barton City. He was born March 30, 1935, in Midland, to Howard Loren and Lois Elizabeth (Nickless) Rice. He attended Pine School in Homer Township, and graduated from

Midland High School in 1952, and Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, in 1957. He then joined the U.S. Army (Army Security Agency) in 1958, and served in Korea, Japan, and various duty stations around the world, being honorably discharged as a 1st. Lieutenant in 1965. After the military, he joined The Dow Corning Corp.

Thomas Edwards

Honorary Delt

Chi Chapter mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends. Though they are no longer with us, they will forever remain in our hearts and memories. You can submit any stories and photos you have of these brothers at www.chidelts.com by clicking on "Alumni Corner" and selecting "Submit an Update."