



The Delta Penn

Pennsylvania Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon University of Pennsylvania
Established 1904 – First Undergraduate Editor: Stuart R. Trottmann Jr. '39

Upcoming Events

24th Annual McCron Dinner
April 04, 2013, 6:30–9:30pm

O'Casey's Irish Pub
22 East 41st, New York, NY
2nd Floor

Cost: \$75 per person –

Fellow level

\$100 per person –

Good Fellow level

\$150 per person –

Jolly Good Fellow level

(RSVP deadline: 3/29/13)

Alumni Weekend Gathering
May 11, 2013, Chapter House

Families and guests invited

RSVP for one or both events
to **Brett Danko**,
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Chapter Eternal

Paul H. Strehle Jr. '40

passed away in January. He died at the age of 94 in an orderly fashion typical of the way he liked things—he died of a failing body with a touch of a broken heart since he lost his wife of 67 years in August. He was proud to be an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

We have also learned of the recent deaths of the following brothers:

Charles Thompson Jr. '42
Thomas Riordan Esq. '82

Alumni Profile

Friends Forever, Brothers for Life

Rich Pzena and Wayne Palladino Share Their Story of Brotherhood and Being Business Partners

When done right, a fraternity provides an ideal environment to form bonds, make lifelong friends and even find business partners. This was the case for 1980 Penn graduates Rich Pzena and Wayne Palladino, both of whom were in Wharton. (Rich also has his MBA from Wharton). The talented and dynamic pair, both Penn Delta SigEp brothers, recently talked to The Delta Penn about fraternity life, what they are up to now and their advice for future new members.

Rich and Wayne met their freshman year at Penn when they were living on the first floor of Butcher dorm. After both men married and started families, Wayne went on to become a chief financial officer, while Rich worked in the oil business with Amoco in both Chicago and New Orleans. After six years, Rich joined the investment world, specifically for Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., as an analyst and head of research.

He then decided to start his own business, Pzena Investment Management, managing money for institutional investors. He knew he wanted to work with Wayne, but it wasn't until 11 years ago (and after six years of convincing!) that Wayne decided to come on board. **In fact, it was at a SigEp NYC Dinner that the two finally decided to work together – how is that for networking!** There was concern that working together would impede the friendship. To the contrary, after a decade working together, their friendship has strengthened.

When Wayne teamed up with Rich, Pzena Investment Management had only 20 employees. Currently, the firm has over 70 employees and

manages approximately \$19 billion. Rich is highly respected throughout the investment community and the company is listed on the NYSE under the ticker symbol PZN.

This brings up an interesting question about fraternities and friendships. Do brothers often keep in touch with each other after graduation? According to Wayne and Rich, the answer is a resounding YES! Not only have they remained friends since graduation, but they continue to be close with many of their brothers from their era.

They add that having to live together as undergraduates allowed them to form tight bonds and prepare for life. Both Rich and Wayne agree that fraternities provide a collegial opportunity to get along, have fun and learn life lessons together, all while forming lifelong friendships. They reflect that to this day, they can rely on their brothers for anything from finding doctors to supporting each other through thick and thin.

One of the best ways they keep in touch is going to campus events and the annual Raymond C. McCron '43 dinner in New York that allows them to talk with fellow alumni, as well as current brothers. Both agree that these gatherings generate exposure to a wide generational span and promote fraternal continuity.

They also have fond memories that could last for a lifetime. Some of their favorites include getting pizza from Tony's Pizza truck in front of the Quad and eating it under the steps of Vance Hall, and road tripping cross country with several other brothers.

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Alumni Updates

David Callahan '60 (719 Maiden Choice Ln. Apt. Hr501, Catonsville, MD 21228; DAVEat4904@aol.com) I've been retired almost nine years now from my engineering career with Westinghouse/Northrop Grumman in Baltimore. Moved with my wife Ginny into Charlestown Retirement Community here two years ago, and now realize we don't miss all the home ownership responsibilities at all (still get plenty of DIY 'opportunity' on the buildings and grounds committee of my church). Am re-learning some woodworking skills in our excellent shop and we are enjoying lectures, short courses and musical events here. Ginny's health now precludes much travel, but we enjoyed many pre- and post-retirement trips in the U.S. and abroad. We have a son in northern Virginia with our two youngest grandkids, a daughter in Seattle with three older boys, and another daughter in Pittsburgh.

Richard Davis '68 (PO Box 1345, Buffalo, NY 14205; RKDKR@aol.com) My wife Karen and I are now splitting our time between Port Dover, Ontario, right on Lake Erie, and Bluffton, SC.

David Gingras '75 (PO Box 406, Winnowed, PA 19096; dgingras58@gmail.com)

One major benefit of joining Sigma Phi Epsilon is the great network of thousands of brothers who went to hundreds of colleges and universities beyond the borders of Penn Delta. That network could be a tremendous benefit to you as you advance in your chosen career and possibly move away from the Philadelphia area. The greatest lessons learned in a fraternity are leadership. No other college activity gives you the level of leadership you get from getting personally involved in fraternity management and leadership. Having a house budget with accountability is a unique background for an undergraduate. All of the value-added in society comes from assuming leadership. You can now take formal courses on Leadership but the only way to really learn leadership is to lead your peers. Fraternities give that experience to more students than any other activity. Living in a fraternity house is a unique way to develop leadership skills and prepare you for life. I personally think it is the best way because you practice leadership by actually leading your peers with some supervision.

Paul Gabos '87 (7742 Still Lakes Drive, Odessa, FL 33556; pgabos@lincare.com)

I am wrapping up my service as CFO of Lincare Holdings, Inc., having announced my retirement after 20 years with the company. Lincare was a publicly-traded healthcare services company until its acquisition this year by The Linde Group of Germany for \$4.6 billion. My wife Suzanne and I are the proud parents of a Wharton undergraduate student, Christopher (Class of 2016), and our daughter Victoria is a high school junior. We continue to reside in Tampa, Fla., and look forward to our annual reunions with my SigEp brothers from Penn at our lake house in the North Carolina mountains.

Brian Connolly '03 (623 Clermont St. Dallas, Tx., 75223; Bconnolly03@alumni.upenn.edu) I just launched my own consulting practice in Dallas, called Victus Advisors (www.victusadvisors.com), and we specialize in market research and financial advisory services for sports teams, arenas/stadiums and events.

James Saksa '08 I'm a corporate attorney in Philly focusing on small and mid-cap businesses. I'm still playing rugby and writing essays.

Undergraduate Report

Penn Delta Has Had a Successful Start to the Year

New Chapter Initiatives and More Actives Have Contributed to the Growth

by Greg Chianetta '13; President, Penn Delta Chapter

I am excited to report a successful start to 2013 and the continued strength and growth of Penn Delta. As we complete our spring recruiting season, we are proud to welcome 19 new brothers into our fraternity, which has grown to more than 70 active undergraduates—the largest size in several decades.

The final semester of the 2012-2013 academic year promises to hold exciting opportunities for SigEp undergraduates as we feature several brothers in leadership positions across campus. SigEp, a now dominant force on Penn's campus, is proud of its brothers holding leadership positions in the Inter-Fraternity Council, Student Government, varsity athletics, and many other organizations at Penn.

We are proud to support our intramural sports teams as they see continued success in the inter-fraternity league. SigEp football finished the fall season in second place and SigEp basketball and soccer are off to strong starts in their spring seasons. Juniors **Nader Jouzy** and **Reidel Bello** captain the teams under athletic director sophomore **Austin Powell**.

Off the field, SigEp leads the campus in philanthropy as the

largest contributor to the annual Inter-Fraternity Council philanthropy drive to benefit the Red Cross and Hurricane Sandy relief. Philanthropy Chair sophomore Daniel Brooks has led the charge to lead SigEp to the position of highest contributing fraternity.

As new member education progresses in the spring, we are excited to incorporate the unique talents and abilities of the brotherhood into a challenging and rewarding continual development process. Junior **Chung Tee Lim** leads Muay Thai martial arts lessons at the Manor every Tuesday; Senior **Chris Chike** coordinates "Chike Chats," in which brothers are encouraged to speak honestly and openly about issues such as overcoming adversity, academic pressures, and visions for SigEp's future; Junior **Chris Yamamoto** leads new members on excursions around Philadelphia to learn more about the city they will call home for the next four years.

On behalf of the undergraduate brothers, I would like to thank all of you for your continued interest and support of Penn Delta and I hope to see you all soon at the Manor.

President's Report

The State of Penn Delta

Member Participation and Direct Financial Support Key to Our Growth

by Brett R. Danko, '90 President, Pennsylvania Delta Foundation

The state of our undergraduate chapter is strong. The undergrads continue to build on the positive momentum of the past two years.

In January, Penn Delta welcomed 19 new members and, per the Fraternity Affairs Office, achieved one of the highest bid acceptance rates on campus.

Further, all the chapter house bedrooms are filled and there is a waiting list to live in the house for the third year in a row. Our undergrads are thrilled about the renovations on the first floor and in the bedrooms and take appropriate pride not only in the physical house, but in each other.

The chapter is on a solid financial footing and the undergrads are a very tightly knit group who have increased mixers and other social gatherings, participate strongly in athletics and campus doings, and upped their community service in West Philadelphia. Oh, yes, grades are good, too.

The alumni board is pleased with the present trajectory of the chapter as evidenced by their having earned two well-deserved awards at the recent Carlson Leadership Academy in February.

Lastly, the board has also been given a great gift by the strong participation

of recent SigEp alumni from Drexel, Lehigh and La Salle who have assumed valued roles as results-oriented coaches for the chapter, as well as the support and similar coaching from Richmond Regional Director Dan Sullivan.

Nothing (repeat, nothing) is more important to the continuing success of a chapter than regular, consistent support. This will enhance an environment where our younger brothers can make the long-standing friendships that so many of us cherish. They can also learn the leadership skills for an ever-changing and competitive world.

Your volunteer participation, where you can, and your direct financial support of the Pennsylvania Delta Foundation—on a regular, sustained basis—is key to our growth.

When I hear that some alumni don't choose to support the Penn Delta Foundation now that they are "finished," and in the next breath elaborate about how they are looking forward to a brother's wedding, vacationing with a group of their fraternal peers, or meeting in, say, Vegas for their annual fantasy football draft, I can only conclude that they get it and it will be merely a

period of time before they demonstrate their support.

Now is that time.

As directly as I can, we need your support, for were it not for brothers like **Otto Wiedman 1904, Bed Wooley 1916, Charlie Hilton '29, Dave Ffrench '51, Jim Hughes '52, Don Bux '53, Don Sontag '53, George Quinn '55, Conrad Eberstein '65, David Lloyd '74, Larry Bove '79, Tim Games '84** and many (many!) others, we would not be gearing up to celebrate our 110th anniversary on campus next fall.

We welcome you to be a part of the alumni board even if you have limited time (who doesn't?) and/or live far away. For example, **Andrew Hua '92** has been our treasurer for 14 years—and Andrew lives in Hong Kong. His dedication, living half way 'round the world continues to inspire.

So when you get to your dues notice, which is included with this mailing, send it back with a check. And if you can support some of our other projects, please do so.

I look forward to seeing many of you at one or both of these events. Please contact me with any questions or if you need any further information at brett@brettdanko.com or (609) 203-3477.

On the Web

Stay connected with fellow SigEps

Penn Delta has an online presence on multiple social networks, including:

- www.pennsigep.com
- Facebook
- LinkedIn

Find more information on how to join one or more of these online communities at

www.pennsigep.com.

Capital Campaign

Second Phase of House Updates Begins

The second major phase of the Penn Delta capital campaign will be starting later this year. To date, we have spent more than \$500,000 and have another \$300,000 remaining to put forth to the next phase.

The first phase consisted of an entire overhaul of the electrical and heating systems, and a complete renovation of the first floor and bedrooms.

Moving forward, we plan to enclose the courtyard and move the driveway to the back alley, creating

a walkway and social area/BBQ pit along the side of the house. We also plan an addition to the back of the house which will include much needed storage and bicycle parking area on the basement floor, along with a first floor suite of rooms to be used by the undergraduates or a resident scholar. This is the national trend.

We are currently working with Penn and our architect to get a cost estimate so we understand the fundraising task ahead of us.

Clarke Glennon

Celebrates 80th Birthday with Fraternity Brothers

Brothers and Their Families Came from Around the Country to Celebrate Clarke's Birthday

At a strongly Irish-flavored gathering of the clans on January 20th, **Clarke Glennon '55** was joined by family friends, colleagues and fraternity brothers to celebrate his 80th birthday.

Replete with an Irish band, Irish dancers and Irish bagpipers, the occasion was one of great joy and occasional wisdom.

Attending from as far away as California and New Jersey, the community room of Irene and Clarke's Delaware River apartment



building bustled with late afternoon greetings, song, good food and drink and the kind of revelry you would expect from a group of

people just glad to be with each other in honor of Clarke.

'55ers included Bonnie and **Vince Rettew** (from California), New Jerseyites Emma and **Joe Zahn**, locals Pat and **Bob Johnson**, and Jackie and **Aram Jerrehian**. These stalwart '55ers were joined by Penn Delta Foundation President **Brett Danko '90** and '65s Jackie and **Conrad Eberstein**.

... and we're all waiting for Brother Jerrehian's big do—hint, hint.

New Kitchen Staff

Chefs Steven Van Niel and Kevin Adams Are Welcome Additions to the House

by Joseph Pasteris

For a long time after the passing of William "Jack" Shores in January 2011, the SigEp Pennsylvania Delta Chapter was hard pressed to find someone to fill his shoes. **While nobody can supplant Jack's presence at the chapter house**, the undergraduates have been searching for new culinary staff. At the beginning of this spring semester, the chapter found new cooking staff. Starting on Martin Luther King Day, chefs Steven Van Niel and Kevin Adams began cooking dinner for the fraternity. Steven and company are the best of the best, as they are all attending The Restaurant School, a school for chefs that is located west of SigEp's chapter house on Walnut Street.



The SigEp brothers and the chefs arranged for a new meal plan in which Steve and his crew cook dinner Monday through Thursday for the fraternity. The food is always homemade and the brothers have been extremely impressed with its quality. The new meal plan has

been good, not only for the brothers' stomachs but it has also encouraged members of the chapter to visit the house more often. Since both residents and non-residents of the house are signed up for the meal plan, dinners taking place at the house attract non-residents to 4028 Walnut at least once a day. It has been nice to have more than thirty brothers gathered together for dinner each weeknight this semester.

The brothers are extremely appreciative of the new chefs, who have provided us with excellent dinners throughout the past two months. We could not be happier about our new meal plan arrangement.

Alumni News Comedians At Law

Alum Takes Unusual Brand Of Humor On The Road



Mike Fernando '13, Andy Tekriwal '13, Al Fan '13, and Greg Chianetta '13, with Alex Barnett '89 (in the middle), attended the show

Recently **Mike Fernando '13, Andy Tekriwal '13, Al Fan '13, and Greg Chianetta '13** showed their support for Penn Delta Alumnus **Alex Barnett '89** and his comedy group, *Comedians At Law*, at Philadelphia's Helium Comedy Club. Alex and his group have been touring the country sharing their brand of humor as a group of lawyers desperate to not practice law since 2011.

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So what advice do they have for people who want to join fraternities? Rich says the best advice he can give is to join with people that you know and take your time to make sure the fraternity you join is a cultural fit. He says that SigEp was a good fit for him since it was so diverse. Wayne echoed his sentiments, saying he liked the balance of SigEp.

In short, fraternities are a wonderful place for people to become friends, form bonds and prepare for the real world in terms of working with and dealing with others. We thank Rich and Wayne for sharing their stories of friendship and coming together as business partners.

Honor Roll of Donors

Thank you to the following brothers who have supported us so far this giving year, which started September 1.

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Reflects gifts received as of
March 14, 2013.

Recruitment 2013

Penn Delta Welcomes 19 New Members

Our New Brothers Are a Diverse, Eclectic Group

SigEp Pennsylvania Delta's recruitment process was definitely a success this year. Thanks to an abundance of planning by Vice President of Recruitment Mendel Chen and hard work by the entire brotherhood, the house recruited 19 new members this spring. Spring Rush, which took place during the first week of spring semester, included an open meet-the-brothers event at SigEp Manor and a dinner out for both brothers and rushes. The brotherhood is excited about its new members and looks forward to their future contributions to the house.

Get to Know Our New Brothers

Tadas Antanavicius, Vilnius, Lithuania; Computer Science/Engineering 2016. Interests and activities: Following professional sports, robotics, reading, programming, Kings Court House Council, SigEp basketball.

Davis Samuel Cooper Berlind, Denver, CO; Philosophy, Politics, and Economics 2016. Interests and activities: reading philosophy, policy debate/PFYD, Sig Ep Soccer, Ski Team, UCI Pro Tour.

Franklin Brown, Bryn Mawr, PA; Biological Basis of Behavior 2016. Interests and activities: Movies, film-making, cooking, BBB society.

William Cheng, Taipei, Taiwan; Materials Science 2016. Interests and activities: Swimming, water polo, student government, random trivia/useless knowledge, collecting weird trinkets, sleeping, chilling.

David Chun, Scarsdale, NY; Economics/Psychology 2016. Interests and activities: Music, football, lacrosse, sports, Hill House Council, Club Rugby.

Benjamin Thomas Damon, San Francisco, CA; History/Economics 2015. Interests and activities: Music, WQHS Student Radio, volunteer at Penn Museum, cooking.

Donald Mark Davis, Undecided 2016. Interests and activities: Music, following European soccer, good movies, good books, Club Lacrosse, SPEC Concerts, SigEp Intramural Soccer.

Carlos Jose "CJ" Diaz, Miami, FL; PPE or Political Science 2016. Interests and activities: Kickboxing, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, competition, film, Posse scholar, SigEp Soccer, cooking (especially bfast), dance, politics, movie nights.

Stefan Hortnagl, Vienna, Austria; Finance and Accounting 2016. Interests and activities: Sailing, scuba diving, kite surfing, snowboarding.

John Anthony Jimenez, Gardena, CA; Management and Marketing 2016. Interests and activities: TV shows, reading, traveling, eating different cuisines, running, volleyball.

Nathan Michael Johnson, Maple Grove, MN; Economics 2015. Interests and activities: roller hockey, music, squash.

Kevin Christopher "KJ" Johnston, Eatontown, New Jersey; Finance and Statistics 2015. Interests and activities: Squash, chess, Wharton Trading Group.

Ezra "Enoka" Kawika, Honolulu, HI; Finance 2016. Interests and activities: UPENN Hawaii Club, cooking, reading, boxing, volleyball, television.

Gannon Killion, Philadelphia, PA; Engineering/Bioengineering

2016. Interests and activities: Irish Culture Club, intramural sports, Biosphere, concerts, books, volleyball.

Dustin Klein, St. Louis, MO; Physics 2016. Interests and activities: Chess, guitar, weather, scuba diving.

Toru Mihama Hockessin, Delaware; Undecided 2016. Interests and activities: Soccer, Japanese game shows, comedy activity, JSA, Hill House Council, SigEp Soccer.

PraiseGod "PG" Charles Nyamundanda, Harare, Zimbabwe; Actuarial Science 2016. Interests and activities: Penn Actuary Society, Intercultural Leadership Program, Penn Enactus, Black Wharton, intramural soccer.

Aman Puri, Dubai, UAE; Economics 2016. Interests and activities: Tennis, literature, theatre, trading, International Affairs Association, Student Federal Credit Union, Parliamentary Debate Club.

Ethan Song, San Diego, CA Biochemistry 2016. Interests and activities: Basketball, skateboarding, music, Wharton Trading Group, guitar, trivia.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Pennsylvania Delta for winning two awards at the Stamford CLA. First, the Excelsior Cup for improvement/excellence in Member Development. Second, the Chapter Home of the Year award for the region. Both of these are very well-deserved awards. Keep working hard to make this the norm for the chapter.