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## LOST BROTHERS



Chi Delt has 58 alumni brothers with no mailing address on record who are not receiving copies of *The Chi Delt* like this one. Please visit www.chidelts. com and check our list of lost brothers under "Alumni Corner" > "Lost Lists." If you find a brother you know, email his contact information to us at alumninews@affinityconnection. com. Help us stay connected.

# THE CHI DELT

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# **ALUMNI PRESIDENT UPDATE**

## **Renovation Projects Planned for Delt Lodge**

The past year has been very trying for all. I hope you and your families are safe, healthy, and happy. To any of you who have lost love ones to COVID, I would like to express our sympathies on behalf of all your DTD brothers.

The pandemic has impacted your alumni association in many ways. We canceled our annual open house last May and, unfortunately, we will not be holding it this year either. This event has occurred annually for 28 years and while we will not be able to get together in May, we are hopeful that we can host a similar event this fall.

With Kenyon's decision to reduce housing fees, our revenues have been reduced. In addition, we have waived lodge dues for the chapter for the past two semesters. I have included a summary financial snapshot.

On the positive side, your alumni association leaders have begun planning for the next big renovation project at your lodge. Lead by **Don Gest '86** and **Greg Stephenson '00**, they are developing a plan to renovate the kitchen and lower bath, install a roof over the top deck, and replace the wood flooring in the upstairs. In addition, they are looking at opening up the downstairs to provide more light and functionality to the space while at the same time offering more storage and privacy options for the

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residents. They are still in the planning phase and hope to announce it more formally to you this spring. Stay tuned!

Thank you to all who have donated to our annual fund. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are confident that you can take great pride in Chi Chapter. Many of us view our Delt experience with significant fondness and we hope to provide that same experience to many more future Delts at Kenyon. We welcome your support and comments.

Yours in Chi,

#### Jeff Moritz '86

President, The Chi Chapter Alumni Association

	Year Ended,	
	9/30/2019	9/30/2020
Revenue		
Annual Fund*	\$10,225	\$13,252
Room Rents	17,390	16,940
Lodge Dues	2,500	2,750
Misc Revenue	<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>
Total Revenue	\$30,140	\$32,957
Expenses		
Newsletters, Web, Postage	\$8,767	\$9,736
Fundraising	2,565	3,237
Lodge Insurance	3,132	3,394
Lodge Furniture, Supplies	1,929	1,211
Lodge Repairs, Renovations	1,760	4,628
Lodge Utilities	5,232	4,291
Lodge Property Tax	3,124	3,088
Alumni Receptions	1,674	30
Education	0	1,300
Misc Expenses	218	38
Total Expenses	\$28,401	\$30,953

\*Excludes contributions to Chi Educational Foundatio

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

140 Years of Chi Chapter 52 Year-Old Lodge \$15,000 Annual Fund Goal \$10,065 Raised as of Feb. 23 34 Alumni Donors

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Ways for YOU to Give

- 1. Make a gift online at www.chidelts.com.
- 2. Call our toll-free Donation Hotline at **1-800-975-6699**.
- 3. Mail a check using the enclosed envelope and donation form.

# **CHAPTER UPDATE**

## Alumni Relations Chair Rocco Danese's Letter to Chi Grads

Chi Delt Alumni:

Happy New Year Brothers! I hope this message finds you well during this crazy time. My name is Rocco Danese '23 and I'm honored to have been elected as the new Alumni Relations Chair for 2021.

After an extremely challenging 2020, we have many updates on the chapter since our return to campus last week. Last semester, Chi initiated fifteen new brothers (myself included) despite being in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Many of the new initiates have been elected to leadership positions within the fraternity. Our new President Eddie Weber '22, swimmer and third-generation legacy Delt, has been working urgently and efficiently to ensure Chi Chapter thrives in its 140th on the Hill.

Chi plans on hosting Winter Retreat soon where President Weber will lead discussions on Chi's decision to rush the class of 2024 (current freshmen) in the fall of 2021 as only sophomores, juniors, and seniors are on campus this semester due to COVID-19 policies. Interest in Delt is very high so we will have no shortage of men who will seek to pledge in the fall.

This spring, we will instead dedicate our time to developing the bonds between Chi Delts who have been apart for over a year. Elected Social Chairs, Niall Regan '21 and Teddy Kamin '23 will work with Brotherhood Chair Ethan Shapiro '23 to come up with creative ways to maximize time spent together as a chapter. We believe investing in our brotherhood now will be the most effective way to bring new members into the chapter in the future.

I am beyond excited to assume the role of Alumni Relations Chair and am looking forward to working with Chi Alums for the rest of 2021. If you have any comments, questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me at danese1@kenyon.edu.

In X, Rocco Danese

Kenyon College Class of 2023

## **ALUMNI CORNER**

## Delts from the '50s to the '80s Remember Funny Nicknames, Top Social Events, and More!

What were the best nicknames you called your brothers and how did they come about? When's the last time you saw a Chi Chapter brother in person? What do you remember about the top social event the year you graduated and do you remember who your date was? What was DTD known for during your time at Kenyon? Read how other Chi Delts answered these questions.

#### Phil Hammond '58

#### LAST SAW A BROTHER: I saw Fred

**Bergold '59** about two years ago at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix with our wives. He was in town for a wedding anniversary celebration and bought us breakfast.

**SOCIAL EVENT:** Spring dance weekend 1956, date was Connie Conklin, theta from Ohio Wesleyan. She had been pinned to Chi president Bruce Richardson who had graduated the year earlier. I had known Connie from high school days, she attended a rival high school in the Columbus area. I had a secret crush on her during high school. **DTD WAS KNOWN FOR:** The Delts were jocks.

#### Niles Keeran '77

LAST SAW A BROTHER: I was at Dr. Robert D. Burns, Ph.D. Celebration of Life event in the Fall of 2019 at the Chi Delt Shelter on Kokosing Drive in Gambier, Ohio with **Brother James Kuhn '76, Bill Montei '75**, and a host of current active Delts. DTD WAS KNOWN FOR: Swimmers. All-American swimmers.

#### Kim Peterson '82

**NICKNAMES:** The last person I saw on a regular basis was **Kevin Sweeney** in NYC because I travel there for work. We see each other about every two years or so.

**DTD WAS KNOWN FOR:** DTD was known for great parties at the Lodge often playing great tunes. I would

often playing great tunes. I would say we were known as a very athletic group that carried a big emphasis on academic excellence. We had a number of recognized athletes that liked to have a good time.

#### William Taylor '85

NICKNAMES: David Peebles '85 was known as "Peebs" and Stuart Gutchsche was known as "Gooch" for obvious reasons. There was a "Wild Bill" Taylor who was a Beta, so I sometimes became known as "Mild Bill" Taylor. Harvey Stephens '85 was known as "Harv." Rennie Worsfold '86 was known as "RenDog"

LAST SAW A BROTHER: I played golf in Ireland in the summer of 2019 with Tim Stautberg, Chi 1985; Rennie Worsfold, Chi 1986; and Lawrence Shannon, Chi (Honorary) 1985.

**SOCIAL EVENT:** I remember the last Christmas Formal. As usual, I escorted my



William Taylor and Rennie Worsfold

girlfriend, Jennifer Luce (as I had done my sophomore and junior years), who became Jennifer Luce Taylor in 1986. I also would escort "Ma Enck" to the party each year. She was a widow who lived in Gambier whose husband was a Delt from another chapter. We invited her to most of our formal events.

**DTD WAS KNOWN FOR:** The Delts were often known as the swimming fraternity, but those who were not swimmers tended to be other campus leaders. We tended to be good students.

Want to share your own stories? Email your answers to the questions above to alumninews@affinityconnection.com. We'll publish your response in a future alumni newsletter!

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# **ALUMNI IN THE NEWS**

## **Congrats to These Distinguished Chi Delts on their Many Achievements!**



Captain Charles "Cully" Stimson '83

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delivered the 2020 annual Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization (AHI) Veterans Day lecture to honor General Josiah Bunting III, a charter member of AHI's board of directors. Captain Stimson spoke at the Heritage Foundation on "The Dignity of Military Service." See his full speech at **bit.ly/cullystimson**.

**Rob Ix '87 and John Morris '89**, Crestwood Advisors and founding partners, were named as one of the top 100 RIAs in the United States by *Barron's Magazine*. See the full list at **bit.ly/ix-morris**.



Bob Noyes '89

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Bob Noyes '89 and his business

RockyMounts, a leading bike-rack and lock manufacturer based in Grand Junction, CO,

were featured in a July article for Outdoor

Magazine. Bob discusses the challenges that

the pandemic has posed to his business and

what he is doing and has done to survive

and thrive. Read the full article at bit.ly/

**Daniel Rooker '12** was given a shoutout on the *Kenyon Alumni Volunteer Bulletin* 

for his work as part of the committee that

brought the Kenyon Alumni Mentorship

Program (KAMP) to the Men's and Women's

Swimming and Diving team earlier this year



Daniel Rooker '12



Ben Reingold '20

and recruited 60 alumni volunteers. Read the full shoutout at **bit.ly/danielrooker**.

**Ben Reingold '20** created a new board game called Risky Chicken! It's a game of "strategy, danger, trust, and betrayal." Read about it in *The Kenyon Collegian* at **bit.ly/riskychicken**.

Were you recently featured in a news story? Email it to us at alumninews@ affinityconnection.com so we can include you in a future newsletter!

# CHAPTER ETERNAL Honoring Our Brothers

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We regret to announce the passing of the following brothers into our Chapter Eternal since our last edition of *The Chi Delt*. Our condolences go out to their families and to the brothers who knew them well.



**Brother Carl Clement Cooke, Jr. '47**, age 95, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, July 7, 2020. He welcomed seven children and twelve grandchildren into the world with his wife Macy. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Carl's honor to the

Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund at **heartlandhospicefund.org**. Hospice and home health care aides made it possible for the family to keep Carl at home for the last years of his life. Read his full obituary at **bit.ly/carlcooke**.

**Brother Bob Warmeling '54** passed on October 31st, 2020, at 89-years-old. As a member of Kenyon College's Lords football team, he was inducted into the College's Hall of Fame for posting its first undefeated season in 1950. He married Joan Opre and together they raised their 6 children and were blessed with 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's at 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106. Read his full obituary at **bit.ly/robertwarmeling**.



**Brother Gordon Fraser '97** passed unexpectedly on November 1st, 2020 at the age of 44. He was battling cancer at the time. Contributions in Gordon's memory may be made to the GoFundMe education fund for his 4-year-old son, Liam Glas Fraser, **bit.ly/liamfraser**. Read his full obituary via

bit.ly/gordonfraser.



**Brother Samuel Althans '16**, age 26, passed on December 18, 2020. Samuel served as president of Delta Tau Delta at Kenyon. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers contributions to University School, Samuel S. Althans Memorial Science Fund, 2785 SOM Center Road, Hunting Valley, Ohio. 44022. Read his full obituary at **bit.ly/samuelalthans**.

**Randolph Downs Bucey '50** passed away peacefully on February 27, 2021. He leaves behind Ann, his biggest fan throughout their 67-year marriage, caring daughter Carolyn, and cherished grandchildren Ethan and Maya. The family suggests directing your generosity to the Randolph Bucey Scholarship Fund at Kenyon College in Gambier, OH in his memory.

## **LETTER TO ALUMNI**

# Chapter Advisor of 35 Years Signs Off One Last Time Thanks for your many years of service to Chi Chapter, Drew!

Dear Chi Alumni:

My exposure to Chi actually dates to the summer of 1980 when I first met "**Doc**" **Burns** at the Pittsburgh Karnea soon after my freshman year ended. Although Bethany and Kenyon are different in many ways, the small liberal arts college connection gave us an affinity from the start, and Doc welcomed "co-patriots" of small schools in a land of many giant universities.

The ties were strengthened at the 1982 Karnea in St. Louis when Doc invited me and the other Bethany delegate to join his "Famous Delt Dinner" as we had none of our own alumni present. That in turn led to **Jack Emens '83** (my class year also) getting in touch to put together a Chi initiation at the Bethany Founders House – one of three which has now occurred.

Close to law school graduation, I attended the Lexington Karnea in 1986, and ask the "powers that be" which chapters nearby me perhaps could use some additional involvement. As one might expect, Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, and Kenyon were discussed. After meeting **Chris Obetz** and **Kent Karosen**, the choice was made – by them I think! Although I'm pretty sure I'd have come to the same decision. So beginning in the fall of 1986, I started making the 22-mile late-night journey to Gambier; something that would be repeated hundreds of times thereafter, many times in less-than-wonderful winter road conditions.

I could write quite a bit on the Chi I've seen since but won't at this point except to note perhaps the greatest accomplishment, that the chapter is no longer dividing itself, nor being divided from the greater fraternity. I think Chi gets its due and appreciates that DTD need not be the same thing at all schools which have a chapter.

When my daughters were born eight years ago, naturally my time for Delt things was taxed. As many of you know, in



Drew McFarland being presented with an engraved Jefferson Cup in 2018 by then-Chapter President, Rad Savage '19.

"If there is one thing I would most hope to motivate one of you Chi alumni to do, it's to preserve Chi history." more recent years I served Chi not only as Advisor but as Division Vice President as well. Although that extra role didn't have any practical difference at Chi, having the DVP role of Ohio Wesleyan as well added yet another dimension and more obligations. Then in October of 2020, I was invited to join a Delt oversight board that manages relations with Bethany College related to our Delt Founders House. Not a large time commitment but a project I have long wanted to be involved with, and an opportunity to once again work with my own alma mater.

Still, after 35 years as Advisor, both as an assistant to Doc Burns and on my own, it pained me to leave Chi, especially with so few alumni close enough to Gambier to be able to lend a hand. (It's extraordinary to look at the difference in "hands-on" alumni participation at OWU versus Kenyon, caused by nothing more than that additional 30 miles farther from Columbus). That being said, I realistically can't say I have confidence in the direction Kenyon's administration is taking, nor Delta Tau Delta "national" itself in some ways, and as such can no longer feel comfortable being associated with them by giving tacit support via the roles I held.

If there is one thing I would most hope to motivate one of you Chi alumni to do, it's to preserve Chi history. As you may know, there's a book entitled *The First Sixty Years of Chi Chapter*. We are now into the third sixty years and no one has updated what's come since that first work. Undoubtedly more is lost every time an alumnus passes away. I very much hope one of you can pick up that challenge. Without it, the "Lone Delt" may survive in history, but everything since may be lost.

Yours in Chi, Drew McFarland (Bethany '83)

## **ON THE WEB**

