

EVENTS

Alumni Work Weekend

April 22-24

White Sox vs. Orioles

Aug. 5

Homecoming

Oct. 29

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BY THE NUMBERS

Delta Chapter works with a third-party alumni relations firm to maintain an updated database of Brothers to ensure our communications reach as many members as possible.

As Brothers move and change jobs, we sometimes lose their current addresses and lose touch with them. Here is a snapshot of our current database:

Total active alumni: 507

(have a mailing address on file)

Lost brothers: 73 (12.59%)

(no current mailing address on file)

Valid email addresses: 310

(53.45%)

Help us stay up-to-date by updating your Brothers' contact information (as well as your own if it has recently changed) by emailing us at alumninews@affinityconnection.com.

Our database is used solely for Delta Chapter communications and will never be traded or sold.

Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity

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CHAPTER UPDATE

Farewell, Chef Jim, Renovation News and Meeting Recap

Brothers,

It is with a heavy heart that I bring news to you regarding our beloved Chef, Jim. He has been the Delta Chapter's Chef since 1986, and so, after three decades, this semester will be his last in that role. He announced to the active members in mid-March that his lung disease has progressed, and the prognosis is not good. I know that he would cherish hearing from you if you would call him at 217-369-4476 or email him at chefspud2000@yahoo.com and wish him well.

There is good news about the renovations planned for the chapter house over the course of the summer. An approval was given to move forward with reconstruction of the front patio along with tuckpointing, cleaning and weatherproofing of the exterior masonry of the entire house. Come down for **Alumni Work Weekend April 22-24!**

Delta Alumni held a successful Castle Renovation kickoff meeting on January 23. Shout out to the Alumni Executive Team and committee members for setting aside extra time to make this happen!

The winter meeting featured a presentation by **Brother Don Buckner '89** about the Castle Renovation plan. A 50/50 drawing was won by **Brother Kevin Serafin '92**, who then donated it back to the cause. A portrait of Chief Illiniwek and a jersey from Dennis Rodman were raffled and all proceeds went to the Castle campaign. There were 34 brothers present and we broke into four subcommittees, strategy, communications, fundraising and implementation, to lay the groundwork for the project. A good time was had by all.

Check out our website at www.spdillini.org to review the Castle Renovation Team Kickoff deck. For more information, or to volunteer for a subcommittee, contact Brother Buckner at don@donbuckner.com.

Andy Hill '88

President, Delta Alumni

INSPIRATION

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why join a
[fraternity]?

+ \$20 million

was raised and donated to
philanthropic causes by fraternity
and sorority members in 2013-14.

—Statistic from the North American Interfraternity Conference

IAMAFraternityMan.org

I Am a Fraternity Man

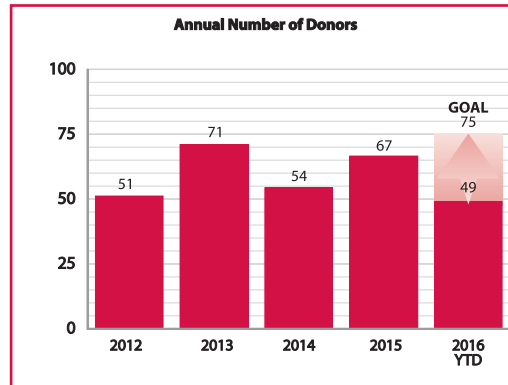
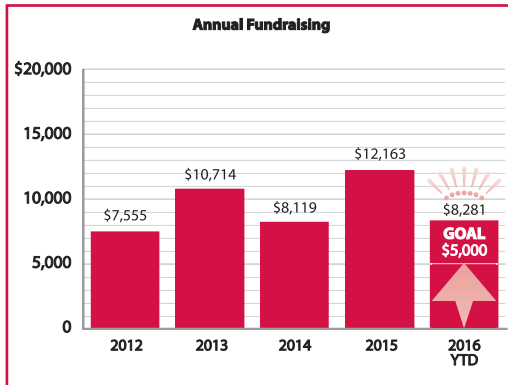
Who are fraternity men? They are military heroes, servicemen, strong and inspirational men, musicians, celebrities, pastors, activists, humanitarians, visionaries, athletes and so much more. There is plenty of inspiration out there in the fraternity world and one way to find it is at I Am a Fraternity Man's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/iamafraternityman/. Check it out for your daily dose of fraternity news and submit your own stories about outstanding brothers right here in Delta Chapter.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

60% of Us Have Never Stepped Up to the Plate

Eight months into our 2015-2016 giving year, which began on September 1, 2015, we've raised \$8,281.33 from 49 donors toward our goal of \$5,000 from 75 donors. Thank you to all who donated and helped us surpass our goal for this giving year. As the graph shows, however, we are capable of so much more than that! Did you know that **60% of all alumni members have never made a contribution?**

It is tax return season, so now is the perfect time to make your contribution to



Delta Chapter! It's easy to do, just visit our website at www.spdillini.org and click on "Donate" in the upper right hand corner of the screen. You can then choose to mail in a check 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 Delta Chapter of SPD at the University of Illinois.

We would like to thank our top five all time donors, **Joseph Kennell '58, Thad E. Briggs '90, Rick Woods '86, James McMahon '85 and Steven P. Seaney '90** for their generous donations over the years, as well as the 49 men who contributed so far this giving year. Check out the included donation letter for a full 2015-2016 Honor Roll list.

PHILANTHROPY

SPD Partners With FIRST

We are happy to announce that our partnership with FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is official! FIRST, an international K-12 non-profit organization that inspires young people's interest and participation in science and technology, recently announced new alliance collaborations with three organizations: Alpha Omega Epsilon, Electronics Component Industry Association (ECIA) Foundation and Sigma Phi Delta. FIRST shares a fundamental vision with these organizations for sustaining key programs that engage young minds.

These important new Strategic Alliances will join FIRST to:

- Advocate and promote career opportunities in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), in grades K-12 and higher education

- Build on existing STEM related programs
- Seek ways to engage their memberships in FIRST Mentor/Coach opportunities as a means of workforce development, increased community involvement and/or to encourage employees to give back to the communities where they live/work



"Sigma Phi Delta is thrilled to be a Strategic Alliance of FIRST as we have a shared goal of advancing the engineering profession," said Eric J. Pew, Grand Vice President, Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity. "Our members are looking forward to volunteering at FIRST events and mentoring teams. Because our members are engineering students or working engineers, we will be able to provide real world experience to FIRST students."

ACTIVE CHAPTER UPDATE

Delta Chapter: GPA, Philanthropy and Leadership Development



Carl Remler,
Chapter President

The Delta chapter of Sigma Phi Delta continues to grow, with nearly 60 active and new members from different engineering disciplines, different states and even different countries. Scholarship is steadily increasing with the average chapter GPA at 3.2680, which is well above the undergraduate average and 8th overall in the UIUC Interfraternity council.

Delta chapter has maintained a strong tradition of community service and philanthropy. This semester,

the new members are co-hosting a candidate week of service with Alpha Omega Epsilon to raise money for a local charity. Finally, the chapter continues to be an excellent source of professionals and increased leadership development, with members securing prestigious roles in other student organizations as well as jobs and internships at top engineering companies.

-Carl Remler, Chapter President

Retired, Married, Traveling the World... What Your Brothers Are Up To



Randy Theis '72



Layne Shottenkirk, John Voll '11,
Tom Parkinson '14



Frank Fronczak '72

Randy Theis '72

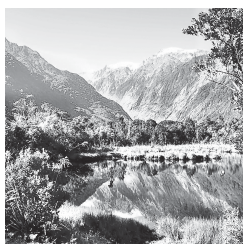
"I worked my entire career in the concrete industry spending the last 13 years in Chicago working for Ozinga Bros. No, we did not make cement boots for clients. I retired at the end of 2008, moved to the mountains of North Carolina and thoroughly love it. I really appreciated the brotherhood of the fraternity. It really helped a guy fresh off of the farm that had gone to a small school. It's hard to believe that in three years it will be 50 years since I was a pledge."



Dean Pulliam '73

"I'm proud to admit playing 'Cupid' by encouraging my biological, little sister

(Dale) to visit the Delta Chapter House in her freshman year and consider becoming one of the chapter's "Little Sisters." This led to her meeting one of my SPD Brothers, Ed Wicus '75, who subsequently became my "brother-in-law" as well!"



John Voll '11
"Tom Parkinson '14; my girlfriend, Layne Shottenkirk and myself visited New Zealand for two weeks in

February! We jet boated, luge raced, hiked two mountains, won the Golden Mile in Marlborough and narrowly missed a hurricane in Fiji."



Jonathan Dandurand '16

"I got married in August of 2015 to Brittany Doris."

Frank Fronczak '72

"I am enjoying retirement from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where I had been a professor of Mechanical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering for more than 30 years. I have been keeping busy with consulting work, both as an expert witness in patent and other intellectual property cases and technical consulting for a number of companies, particularly Marvel Medtech, a medical products company that is developing an MRI image guided breast cancer biopsy needle positioning device. I am also keeping busy in my shop where I make furniture, tools and product prototypes for my company—Fronczak Engineering Consulting and Design LLC.

My wife, Linda, is still working as a school nurse, but will be retiring soon. Our

daughter, Jennifer, is a product line manager for a biotech firm in Madison, and our son, Joseph, is a member of the History faculty at Princeton University and a visiting fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institute.

We have two grandsons and a granddaughter who are absolutely delightful and full of energy. The only downside is that they live in New Jersey, so we don't see them enough."



Wayne Hood '77

"I retired from Ameren Illinois after 38 years as a Natural Gas Storage Facilities Engineer.

I spent last year and one-half closing parents' estate, working on the family tree on Ancestry.com, following the Illini and playing lots of tennis and golf—I'm better at tennis. I hope to get my yard in better shape and paint my home's interior. I'm still living in Decatur, Ill."

You can send your own update to our editor at alumninews@affinityconnection.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Delta Chapter would like to wish these brothers a very happy birthday:

Thomas Muir—April 21, 1931
Waldemar Rawicki—April 11, 1932
John Holmquest—April 11, 1933
Donald Carr—April 13, 1933
Rudolph Polacek—April 17, 1935
John Perry—April 2, 1937
Ernest Karras—April 23, 1938
Thomas Hintz—April 5, 1945
John Hipps—April 7, 1946
James Koller—April 27, 1949
Frank Fronczak—April 24, 1950
Richard Bohn—April 9, 1951
Edward Zielinski—April 28, 1952
Fred Baker—April 4, 1955
Bradley Adams—April 23, 1959
James McMahan—April 8, 1963
B. Geaghan—April 23, 1968



Jeffrey Johnson—April 1, 1970
Henry Crull—April 14, 1970
Carlos Jimenez—April 6, 1971
Jeffrey Nelson—April 19, 1971
Brian Burdzilaskas—April 21, 1972
Christopher Nippert—April 30, 1972

Michael Drymalski—April 16, 1973
Michael Wilson—April 1, 1976
Aaron Brown—April 22, 1976
Richard Fifarek—April 26, 1976
Patrick Cox—April 13, 1979
Ross Talbot—April 4, 1980
Daniel Vehe—April 6, 1980
Jared Bottorff—April 25, 1980
Daniel Fay—April 9, 1982
Philip Gonski—April 16, 1985
Samuel Goodman—April 26, 1986
Christopher Garner—April 6, 1989
Michael Brophy—April 12, 1990
Joseph Masessa—April 16, 1990
Charles Busse—April 5, 1996
Christopher Schofield—April 23, 1996
Li Ye—April 30, 1996

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni Work Weekend starts Friday, April 22nd!



Please join us for our annual Alumni Work Weekend Friday, April 22 through Sunday, April 24. Various activities are planned throughout the weekend, including a meet up at Brothers Friday night starting at 8 p.m. Saturday, the work begins bright and early and will be followed by lunch. After an afternoon of finishing more Work Weekend projects, dinner will be provided by the Delta Alumni Chapter. Sunday starts with an evaluation of projects completed, followed by the Delta Alumni Chapter meeting at 10 a.m.

Join the Delta Alumni at Illini Night with the White Sox at US Cellular Field, Friday, August 5!



Following the large attendance last year, the Delta Alumni Chapter has reserved a block of seats for Illini Night at US Cellular Field to watch the Chicago White Sox take on the Baltimore Orioles. Tickets are \$40 each and include a free White Sox/Illini hat and early admittance to batting practice at 4:45 p.m. Also, the Delta Alumni will also be hosting a tailgate in the parking lot with food and beverages prior to the game (donations welcome). If interested, please email Brother **Brendan Joyce** at brendanjoyce6@gmail.com or call him at 847-946-0719 for more information.

