

## HOMECOMING 2016



### Friday, Oct. 28

- 4 p.m. Meet and Greet at the house
- 7 p.m. Homecoming parade watch
- 8 p.m. (after parade) meet up at Brothers Bar & Grill located at 613 E. Green St.

### Saturday, Oct. 29

- 9 a.m. Tailgate begins at the house- the alumni will provide a Bloody Mary bar
- 11 a.m. Illinois football game vs. Minnesota
- 3 p.m. Post-game cookout at the house
- 5 p.m. Scattering of **Jim Callahan's** ashes/ announcement of Jim Callahan scholarship

### Sunday, Oct. 30

- 9 a.m. Active vs. Alumni football game
- 11 a.m. Alumni meeting at the house

Please contact **Rick Woods** ([rwoods613@gmail.com](mailto:rwoods613@gmail.com)) with any questions and keep an eye out for your Homecoming eVite.

If you have any photos that you would like to share from our recent events, you can send them to our editor at: [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity

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# Delta Dispatch

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University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### Vegas Boy's Trips and 40+ Year Marriages

#### Carter Wright '71

"There are six couples who occasionally get together for various events. We have been doing this for years. What is extraordinary about this is that all of us have been married more than 40 years each to our lovely wives. Our group includes Carter and Linda Wright, Gary and Fran Klein, Terry and Kathy Foley, Steve and Patty Denny, Jim and Anne Koller and Bob and Valerie Giurato. We recently were all together for the Denny's son's wedding. It was a good time being together for such an important event."



Five of us having some fun at Murphy's before the Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals game. (L-R) Gary Klein, Carter Wright, Jim Koller, Brad Hull and Terry Foley. Brad is the only Cardinals fan. Unfortunately for him, the Cardinals lost that day.

#### Scott Steele '90

My favorite memories were Brother **Randy Hein '90** testing his mountain climbing sleeping gear by sleeping suspended outside of his third floor room, and us giving him all kinds of grief for it on our way home from the bars. Close behind is Brother Hein and Brother **David Forder '90** creating Harry's Surfside Bar and Grill (without the grill...) during room parties. Awesome! I still keep in touch with Brothers Forder, Hein and **Andrew Cich '90** during our annual Las Vegas boys' trips and, recently, I've been able to catch



(L-R) Scott Steele, Dave Forder, Andy Cich and Randy Hein in Las Vegas, September 8-11.

up with Brothers **Mike Rohan** and **Carlos Jimenez** during their trips to San Diego.

## The Renovation Committee Needs Your Help!

We are forming the Chapter House Renovation Committee, and we are looking for alumni and friends with experience in the following areas to join the team and lend their expertise:



- Architecture and Design
- Commercial or Multi-Family Housing Design and Construction
- Construction Project Mgmt.
- Banking/Finance
- Legal/Contracts
- Sales & Marketing
- Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC
- Environmental including solar/wind power and LEED Certification
- Information Technology including whole house wireless internet and automation

If you have the experience we are looking for or know somebody who does, please contact Alumni President **Rick Woods** at 815-262-1602 or [rwoods613@gmail.com](mailto:rwoods613@gmail.com) for more information.

# ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

## Help Us Kick Off the 2016-17 Giving Year Strong!

Our 2015-16 giving year just came to an end on August 31 with \$15,382.80 donated to the annual fund by 77 brothers...more than triple our goal! We want to thank each and every one of you who made a contribution back to Delta Chapter this previous giving year.

Our 2016-17 giving year began on September 1 with a goal set for \$20,000 from 100 brothers. So far, we have received six donations for a total of \$1,630. **Who will be next to join our 2016-17 Honor Roll?!**

### We have added a recurring donation method to our website!

Donation Information

Donation Type:  One Time  Recurring

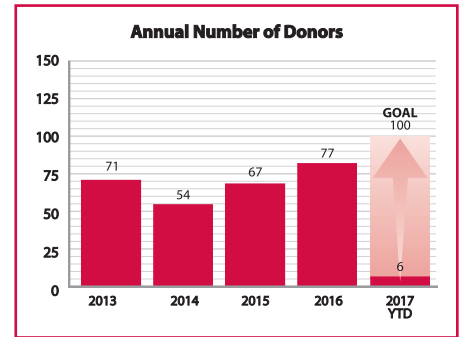
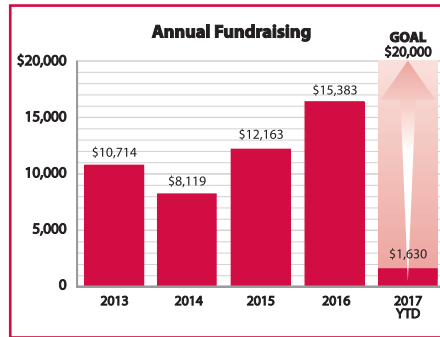
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Payment method:  PayPal

Now, you can choose to sign up to donate on an annual, quarterly, monthly, and even weekly basis. We encourage all brothers to donate what they can and



the recurring donation method allows for this to be distributed throughout the year automatically!

The donate button can be found at the top right of the home page at [www.spdillini.org](http://www.spdillini.org). In addition to the recurring method, one-time donations can also be made online, through our toll-free Donation Hotline at 1-800-975-6699, or by sending a check made payable to Delta Alumni of Sigma Phi Delta, Inc. to:

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Our college days came and went, but the real Delta Chapter experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift today to get our year off to a strong start.

## Honor Roll 2015-2016

### Robert J. Beals Society (\$600+)

Donald R. Buckner	1989
Sam Cox Jr	2000
Patrick A. Cox	2001

### Russel C. Smith Society (\$400-\$599.99)

Paul A. Lindner	1988
Kevin T. Serafin	1992

### Castle Level (\$250 - \$399.99)

Joseph F. Kennell	1958
Robert S. Giurato	1971
Arthur L. Walsh	1979
Marc J. Van Dyke	1982
Rick Woods	1986
Michael P. Rohan	1993
Thomas J. Dagenais	1999
Peter S. Lindquist	2001
Jeffrey M. Leesman	2003
Steven Jastrzebski	2012

### Cog Level (\$100-\$249.99)

Raymond A. Mueller	1954
Raymond F. Siewert	1954
Hubert C. Edfors	1957
Duane W. Pick	1957
John S. Perry III	1959

Theodore W. Johnson	1962
Gerald K. Kita	1963
Richard E. Thompson	1963
Glen A. Zumwalt	1963
Robert D. Malinowski	1964
Gary G. Hunt	1965
James N. Blecker	1966
Ronald D. Davis	1969
Michael M. Perz	1973
Fred P. Baker	1977
Mark A. Ray	1979
Mark B. Snyder Ph.D., P.E.	1979
William J. Broersma	1982
Timothy A. Staber	1987
Andrew S. Hill P.E.	1988
Eric A. Anderson	1990
Scott A. Steele	1990
Craig M. Anderson	1993
Burt A. Wagner III	1993
Mathew P. Grismer	1995
Dino E. Tsoukatos	1996
Derek Z. Chen	1997
Justin D. Durfee	1998
Daniel J. Brian	1999
Matthew Elliott Bain	2007
Ryan Johnson	2010
Erik Victor Lynch	2010
Christopher Ryan Garner	2011

Michael Lynch	2013
Tom Parkinson	2014
Kyle Sheehan	2014

### Chapter Room Level (\$50-\$99.99)

Roy R. Johnson PE	1964
Michael D. Allard	1968
Gary J. Gross	1968
Kenneth L. Jerina	1968
Fred D. MacMurdo	1968
Steven K. Denny	1972
Terrence R. Phelan	1972
John P. Kos	1976
David L. Hulsman	1988
Dennis J. Duchene	1991
Aaron D. Leppin	2000
Ian P. Santarinala	2002
Trevor Schaaf	2011
Paulo Llanes	2012
Brendan P. Joyce	2013
Henry Zarnowiecki	2014
Daniel Christian McGovern	2015

### Delta Brotherhood Level (Up to \$49.99)

Matthew Dane Hewitt P.E.	2009
Dean D. Santarinala	2012



## RECENT ALUMNI EVENTS

### White Sox Game, Cubs Game, Work Weekend... What Your Brothers Are Up To

#### Record Number of Brothers Return for Work Weekend 2016!

Work Weekend 2016 was a smashing success with a record number of brothers returning to Champaign! We started Friday night with planning and organizing at Brothers Bar, then on Saturday we got started on the lawn, the kitchen and in the file room. New annual plants were put in, along with a new bed of mulch to really dress up the house for



the spring. Various plaques and memorabilia were updated, restored and re-hung in the file room and in the library. A new sink was installed in the kitchen, and some electrical issues were resolved.

Many brothers went to see Jim during the afternoon. He was in a special bed at his home on West John Street. We presented him with a plaque of recognition, which declared him to be the Grand Old Chef of Delta Chapter. On Sunday we wrapped up projects and held a meeting to further discuss the renovation plans. We also met the recently initiated spring 2016 class and honored the Highest GPA from the fall semester.

#### Illini Night at the White Sox Game

The Delta Alumni Chapter attended the Illini Night at the White Sox game at US Cellular Field on August 5. A great tailgate was hosted by Brother **Rick Woods '86** with brats and beverages after all brothers entered US Cellular Field to receive their free Illini themed



White Sox hat and to cheer on the south siders. Even though the White Sox could not bring home the win against the Orioles, the SPD Delta Alumni had a great time catching up at a Friday night ball game. The tailgate also helped raise money from the generosity of all in attendance.

#### Big Ten Appreciation Night

The Delta Alumni Chapter reconvened for another ball game on September 21 at Wrigley Field for Big Ten Appreciation Night. A brief gathering at a local bar allowed for



some catching up prior to the Wednesday night game. The brothers left to cheer on the Chicago Cubs and receive their Illini themed Cubs scarves. The Cubbies were able to bring home the win for the home crowd with a 9-2 score.

*If you are interested in any Delta Alumni social events, please email Brother **Brendan Joyce** at [brendanjoyce6@gmail.com](mailto:brendanjoyce6@gmail.com).*





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**ALUMNI Q&A**

**Captain Jason Hartwig '12**

*“For a bunch of engineering students, you’d think we’d be better at building things...”*

**Q: What is your favorite memory from the chapter?**

A: I have a lot of chapter memories, all fighting for first place. Working on Homecoming floats is probably my favorite. For a bunch of engineering students, you’d think we’d be better at building things, but we managed to make it work most of the time. There was also the time I rallied my pledge class to go on walkout without our Active Advisor, **Trevor Schaaf**. That was a good time. I think he forgave us.



*Julie and I at a recent Cubs game*



*My first solo flight in a jet*

**Q: Tell us about your career path.**

A: After graduation, I had about a year before reporting to The Basic School for training as a Marine officer. I put my aerospace degree to good use washing airplanes at a small airport, and then selling shoes at a sporting goods store. Three years (and one minor heart surgery) after THAT, I am finally closing in on earning my wings as a naval aviator flying tactical jets, and have been selected for promotion to Captain. Currently, I’m stationed in Meridian, Mississippi.

basis. **Connor Smith** and **Ryan Pecora** are down here in The South with me, and we’re actually meeting up to watch a football game at the University of Alabama this weekend.

**Q: Tell us about your family/hobbies.**

A: I am engaged to another engineer, Julie Fry, who I met through the SPD/AOE link during my college years. We’re geographically separated while she gets her Master’s degree at Penn State, but within a year we should be back to happily cohabitating...and getting married next fall (October ’17)! Most of my non-flying time is taken up with wasting time on the internet, playing computer games and cooking. I also have an unhealthily large collection of Star Wars X-wing miniatures and play the game whenever I can.

**Q: Do you keep in touch with any brothers? Who?**

A: I send **Chris DeFlumeri** several inappropriate messages per week via various social media outlets, and occasionally bother many more brothers too numerous to mention here on a less continuous

