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## Chi Phi Rejuvenation

### Exciting Plans and Structural Changes for Kappa Chapter

**A**s all of you know, there are times in life where you must refocus priorities. I have been blessed by joining a new company. Business is very good, and the opportunities that are ahead of me are awesome—life-changing. That being said, I have resigned as president of the Kappa Chapter Alumni Association to focus my attention on my career. I do plan to stay on our board and serve as liaison to Chi Phi National and chair the Chapter Advisory Committee as we recolonize this fall and go through recruitment in coming semesters.

#### NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED

Brother **Russ Lein '81** has taken the presidency after being unanimously elected at our August 16 board meeting. The hardest part of our journey has been accomplished, and Russ will have the honor of carrying the ball as we rebuild Chi Phi at Wisconsin. Russ will do an outstanding job, and I call upon each of you to support his efforts to the best of your abilities.

#### CHAPTER HOUSE IN GOOD CONDITION

Our Association is in fabulous shape financially. The Pikes have exercised their fourth-year rent option, which will keep cash flowing. Our board consists of seven dedicated individuals who are planning for Kappa Chapter's successful restart. The house and

property remain under the care and watch of Brother **Mark Paschal '84**. Mark has done a fantastic job with maintenance and repairs as needed, and the house is in good condition.

#### RECOLONIZATION EFFORTS MOVE FORWARD

Our next task to tackle successfully is recolonization. We are working closely with National and expect a positive recruitment turn-out. Having five legacies as pledge candidates helps greatly. We hope they bring along their friends, as well. National is recruiting on campus at this time, so we do not have any results to post. Please send out some good Chi Phi karma.

#### CHAPTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REENERGIZED

Joining me on the Chapter Advisory Committee are Brothers Russ Lein, **John Powles '58**, **Joe Hildebrandt '66**, **Jerry Kulcinski '61**, **Bill Steinberg '68**, **Andrew DeMarco '90**, **Dave Bunke '76**, **Ben Schmidt, Iota Delta '02** (studying for his MBA on campus), and **Brad Duesler '80**. The idea is to have at least eight committee members share the responsibility and divide the time commitment so we alleviate any burden. National trained us in leadership skills to guide and coach the new active Chapter.

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*The first annual Chi Phi Summer Retreat was held July 31 in Madison. John Powles '58, Ray Warell '81, Russ Lein '81, Chris Hayward '84, Jim Trotter '78, Dave Porchetta '82, Mark Paschal '84, Tom Rowe '60, and Bill Saemann '77 gathered at the Memorial Union in Madison. Make plans for 2011's retreat on July 30.*



*Kappa Brothers enjoy a beautiful day on the Lake Mendota shore. Front: Jim Trotter '78, Mark Paschal '84, and Tom Rowe '60; Back: Dave Porchetta '82, Ray Warell '81, Russ Lein '81, and Bill Saemann '77*

**Kappa Chapter's Mission Statement**  
Kappa Chapter of Chi Phi endeavors to create an environment where young men can learn and live a connected and respectable Greek lifestyle as a student at the University of Wisconsin.



**CHI PHI**  
Authentic



# Chi Phi Rejuvenation

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## CHI PHI EVENTS

We had our first annual Chi Phi Summer Retreat on July 31. It was fun to see each other and visit on a wonderful summer afternoon in Madison. We all remarked how awesome our next summer retreat will be on July 30, 2011, back in our house with an active Chapter moving in. Wow! Do you realize what we have accomplished?

Spring semester 2011 marks the 100th anniversary of The Red Triangle, the founding UW Social Club that petitioned and became a chartered Chi Phi Fraternity chapter known as Kappa Chapter.

This will be a big event, so please mark your calendars for July 30, 2011. Plan to be in Madison for a social extravaganza and gala event. The bash will be on our front lawn and hopefully go into the wee hours.

## HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED

What you can do: donate, donate, and donate! Madison guys, get involved. Join us at the football obelisk after the Homecoming game for a post-game social event. Join us at the Christmas party or at the summer retreat. Prepare to give back financially as the Chapter plans for house improvements and renovations. Gather to bring back the Chi Phi spirit and celebrate the return of your Fraternity. Keep me posted on legacies coming to school at the UW.

It has been a great and challenging pleasure to serve this association as president. Our fraternity was gone, but, with commitment and resolve, we brought it back in remarkable fashion. Building a strong active Chapter is key to our future. I am confident this new board will succeed, and we need every Kappa Brother's support now!

Very Sincerely in the Bond,  
**Jim Trotter '78**  
Alumni Association President  
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# In Trying Times, Greatest Generation and Their Forebears Preserve Chi Phi – Part 2

Our story picks up again in November 1935. Brother **Robert Murphy '29** sends a note to all active alumni pleading for funds to rescue the house from its perilous financial condition. **Emery Hueston's** reply is emblematic of the era. He writes:

“Dear Brothers, My present financial condition will not permit me to help out at this time. This is no comfort or relief to you; neither do I find it a comfort or relief to be so hard pressed for funds.”

Fast forward a year to 1936. Brother **Al Haake's** urgent appeal to alumni members to meet a \$3,000 cash requirement includes selected financial information. In the assets section of the balance sheet, Brother Haake adds the following entries that ring true today:

### Asset

- The influence, traditions and fellowships of Chi Phi, and a permanent reunion home
- A live and active chapter, sufficiently large to fill the house and fully disposed to do its part

### Value

- Incalculable
- Enough to justify our complete support

Brother Haake goes on to say:

“The active chapter has ‘come back’, we have lived through the depression that killed off fraternity houses by the hundreds, it is worthwhile, the hardest part of the job is behind us, and a renewal of our interest in the house will do the rest. We are frankly depending on you.”

In spite of the financial condition of the Chapter, the alumni planned a 20th anniversary celebration. The call went out to all Brothers to invite them back for the celebration. *The Meteor* included the following gems in its update section:

**Fred Kaplan** won the saber championship of the Big Ten this spring and qualified to enter the primaries for the Olympic team.

**Ade Dornbush '22** visited Madison recently, he is one of the high ups in the Roosevelt Administration in Washington. [Brother **Adrian Dornbush** founded an art colony in Stone City Iowa and later became a friend of Mrs. Roosevelt. His involvement in the administration stemmed from the creation of a FERA (later WPA) arts program in 1935.]

**Ev Baker** is a fellow at Taliesin, the establishment of the famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

The reunion would prove a welcome respite as war in Europe loomed on the horizon.

*\*Part two of a three-part story. Look for part three in the next Meteor newsletter.*

# Alumni News

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

**John Hovind '52** entered Chapter Eternal in April 2009.

**James G. Ozark '68** entered Chapter Eternal on November 30, 2009, at the age of 63.

## ALUMNI UPDATE

**Benjamin F. Bennett '41** retired in 1983 after 41 years with General Electric. He and his wife, Constance, live in Roanoke, Va., and have two sons,

Douglas and David. Ben says he stays in contact with Brother **Bob Neuman '42**. E-mail: bfbennett1@cox.net

**Kenneth A. Teumer '49** reports that his four grandchildren all graduated in May 2009—one each from middle school, high school, college, and graduate school. Each had a 4.0 G.P.A. every year in their respective schools. Ken lives in Fort Collins, Colo. E-mail: koolkatken@msn.com

**Robert E. Westervelt '50** and his wife, Lucille, winter in Sarasota, Fla. He likes playing tennis and a little golf and is enjoying retirement. When not in Florida, Robert resides in Madison, Wis.



## Lifelong Chi Phi Connections

### Spotlight on Dr. John Gobis '80

When **Dr. John Gobis '80** transitioned from his home of Milwaukee to Madison for college, he recognized the need to join a group that would bring the large school down to a smaller scale. As a sophomore, John joined the men of Chi Phi, along with friends he made living in the dorms.

"Chi Phi offered a smaller environment within a big university," said John. "The fraternity was a place to mature into adulthood, where I honed my leadership abilities and learned people skills. The men of Chi Phi were down to earth and a lot of fun. I was fortunate to forge Chi Phi friendships that have lasted for years."

John graduated with a bachelor's of science degree and went on to earn an M.D. Since 1987, John has practiced as an anesthesiologist. He is now president of the division of anesthesiology for Aurora Medical Group, overseeing 75 anesthesiologists who work in 12 facilities.

Looking back on his career, John recognizes what it takes to be successful. "As a leader, one must be open, honest, and transparent, with a willingness to engage in frequent communication. The relationships and connections formed in every sphere of life are priceless as they intertwine to open doors that would otherwise be locked." In regards to Chi Phi, he adds, "The contacts that you make through fraternity life are invaluable and can be incredibly helpful as an alumnus. While the networking possibilities are huge, you can only gain from relationships what you are genuinely willing to put in yourself."

John and his wife of 25 years, Tracy, live in Brookfield, Wisconsin, outside of Milwaukee. They have three sons: Dan, Michael, and Joe. The family enjoys traveling and being outdoors and makes plenty of time for skiing, fishing, boating, and tennis. John's Chi Phi Brother and former roommate, **Russ Lein '81**, lives six houses away, meaning Chi Phi reminiscing is never too far away. Contact John at [jtgobes@aol.com](mailto:jtgobes@aol.com).

## NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT RUSS LEIN '81 REFLECTS ON KAPPA DAYS

As social chairman, vice president, spiritual leader, and pledge trainer for Chi Phi, **Russ Lein '81** learned early the value of leadership positions within Kappa Chapter. These roles would prove beneficial as he took on professional leadership responsibilities and learned to give direction within organizations.

More than any position, though, Russ values the friendships and memories that Chi Phi provided. "The spontaneous gatherings, whether playing foosball or listening to music, are some of my favorite memories. We were all there for each other, in weddings together, and still see one another regularly."

After graduating, Russ remained in Madison to attend law school. His legal career began in a four-lawyer firm and he now serves as general counsel and business manager for Milwaukee Radiology. He and his wife, Jeana, live in Brookfield, Wisconsin, and have three children: Joe, Kirsten, and Hannah.

"I had a law professor that used to say, 'In order to get ahead, you have to swing the bat.' You can't be afraid to take a chance and go outside of your comfort zone, outside of the norm, or outside of your traditional career path."

As the new president of the Alumni Association, Russ has entered a world where he has an especially vested interest in the success of the endeavor. With strong memories of Fraternity life, and his son a sophomore at Wisconsin, interested in helping with the recolonization efforts, Russ is committed to bringing Kappa Chapter back stronger than ever.

**Frederick Perkins '54** shares, "Look for a new, automated ventless coffee roasting machine at your local supermarket or coffee shop. It provides fresh roasted coffee at point of sale. Just taste coffee made with fresh roasted coffee beans—it's always better. See [www.freshroastsystems.com](http://www.freshroastsystems.com)." Frederick and his wife, Cara, live in Key Biscane, Fla. E-mail: [fgperkins@yahoo.com](mailto:fgperkins@yahoo.com)

**John Coombs '61** works at Chevron as a corrosion consultant. His son, JJ, is a senior at UCLA and his daughter, Cynthia, lives in Sonoma, Calif. John and his wife, Sharon, live in Placentia, Calif. E-mail: [jwcoombs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwcoombs@sbcglobal.net)

**Patrick McGuinnis '90** says he is doing his best to get through the recession as an investment analyst at Wells Fargo. He served one year in Africa



*Russ Lein '81 accepted his new position of Chi Phi president at the August board meeting. He will carry the torch as the Chapter advances through its recolonization process.*

"The men who got this project started have done an excellent job. I hope to bring my organizational and networking skills into this position in order to encourage alumni in their involvement and commitment to the Chapter. I would encourage everyone who knows an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin to speak with him about considering Chi Phi."

It will be through the intentional efforts of alumni that Kappa Chapter returns to campus ready to provide undergraduates with the friendships and memories that they, like Russ, will appreciate for a lifetime. Russ can be reached at [russlein@bizwi.rr.com](mailto:russlein@bizwi.rr.com).

with the U.S. Army. In his free time, Patrick enjoys sailing at SSSC in Milwaukee. He and his wife, Martha, live in South Milwaukee, Wis. E-mail: [pmcguinnis@yahoo.com](mailto:pmcguinnis@yahoo.com)

**Robert Noerenberg '94** recently earned his MBA. He and his wife, Sarah, live in Milwaukee, Wis., and have three daughters: Grace, Lauren, and Avery. Robert is the general manager for JMG Wholesale Meat. E-mail: [noerenberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:noerenberg@sbcglobal.net)

**Casey Fitz '04** is a third-year graduate student at Northwest Madison Veterinary Medicine. He and his wife, Amy, have three children and live in Madison, Wis.

# SAVE THE DATE

## HOMECOMING

October 9, 2010

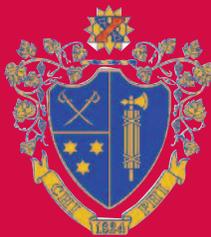
Wisconsin vs. Minnesota

Join us for a post-game event  
at the football obelisk.

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

July 30, 2011

A celebration of the 100th anniversary  
of the founding of Kappa Chapter.  
Details coming soon.



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## Kappa Chapter Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your referrals. If you know of any legacies or quality young men with Chi Phi character heading to UW, tell us about them. Send prospect information to **Jim Trotter '78** at [kstjet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kstjet@sbcglobal.net). Jim will personally see that each man is contacted.

## Thank You, Loyal Alumni

Thank you to our loyal alumni who have contributed \$16,880 with 140 total gifts since the fall of 2008. The support you give makes a difference to the future of our Chapter. The recolonization efforts of Kappa Chapter at the University of Wisconsin are becoming even stronger with your loyalty. We hope more alumni will join their Brothers and contribute to our ongoing annual campaign. Your interest and involvement make a difference in the success of our recolonization efforts.

### Scarlet and Blue Member (\$500 and up)

- \* Ronald P. Siepmann '54
- \* James A. Garvens '58
- \* Neil J. Burmeister '60
- \* Robert F. Claus '65
- \* Thomas P. Madsen '78
- James E. Trotter '78
- \* John H. Underwood '81
- Mark R. Paschal '84

### Chakett Member (\$100 to \$499)

- John H. Saemann '38
- James Christenson '39
- Charles Christenson '40
- Charles Drewry '45
- Jack Crow '48
- \* Kenneth A. Teumer '49
- Adelbert Bertschy '50
- William Halvorson '50
- \* James C. Huber '50
- \* Robert E. Westervelt '50
- \* Richard M. Moe '51
- Arnold R. Bertelsen '52
- John Pike '53
- \* Phillip A. Stafslie '53
- John Eimerman '54

- Robert Linn '55
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- Charles B. Kleinschmidt '56
- \* Paul D. Sims '56
- William Wuerger '56
- Roger L. Grossel '58
- \* John G. Powles '58
- \* Roger B. James '60
- Gerald E. Battist '61
- \* Kenneth P. Kinas '61
- Dennis Niebuhr '61
- Charles Robb '61
- James A. McMillin '63
- Peter Lillegren '65
- \* H. W. Hoge '66
- \* Ralph Connit '67
- Donald L. Knutzen '67
- Dennis A. Schoville '67
- \* Warren J. King '68
- Michael J. Cavill '69
- \* William A. Godar '69
- \* Gerald L. Roth '71
- \* Harley H. Schoenfeldt '76
- Wendell Davis '77
- Glen Leggoe '77
- William Saemann '77
- Stephen Baker '80
- \* Theodore C. Meyer '81

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- Raymond A. Warell '81
- \* Lawrence G. Davis '83
- Duncan MacNaughton '84
- \* Michael P. Formella '85
- Douglas Dolliff '86
- Thomas J. Formolo '86
- David Wyatt '86
- \* Mark A. Behrens '87
- Greg M. Kastenholz '88
- \* Michael Swenson '88
- Jeffrey G. Langenbach '90
- \* Christopher M. Unger '91
- \* Jess Langerman '93
- David Perlson '93
- Jack Morrone '96
- \* Nicholas W. Stocking '96
- \* Christopher W. Bauman '97
- Jason Fenske '01

### Princeton Order Member (\$75 to \$99)

- Noah Saemann '37
- \* Russell A. Ewig '68
- \* Jay Warner '97

### Secret Order Member (\$50 to \$74)

- \* John A. Brady '45

- Gerald Holton '49
- \* Phillip F. Clauder '50
- Stanley L. Loose '50
- \* Robert B. Teska '56
- Wayne Arihood '58
- \* Ronald A. Bero '58
- \* Robert Conway '68
- \* Brian J. Endres '76
- \* Wesley M. Ricchio '84
- \* Joseph P. Lobo '87
- Christopher B. Roysse '91

### Merger of North and South Member (Up to \$49)

- Jean K. Hawks
- Benjamin F. Bennett '41
- Harry W. Horning '52
- Clarence R. Muth '52
- \* Gary Schulze '62
- Grant Beise '66
- William Norris '67
- Christopher Endres '77
- Laszlo Kaveggia '78
- Eric Anderson '98

\*Donor to spring 2010 appeal