

The New Mexico Sig

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The 2010 Alumni Annual Social Calendar is now published on the Alumni Web Site: www.abqex.com
Make sure you have an e-mail address listed on the web site to ensure good future communications.

SOCIAL - SOCIAL

The WORD from our new Alumni Chapter President William Lawrence, is... "I want this year to be **FUN!**" A lot of work has been accomplished in getting the Chapter back and now it is time for our Alumni Chapter to get together and have fun. Its time to celebrate. Here is the SOCIAL Calendar for this year through June.

Calendar Dates to remember for March, April, May & June

Alumni Luncheon—Cooperage—12 to 1pm
March 9th - April 13th - May 11 - June 8th

NEW Munch & Mingle HAPPY HOUR
March 19th - 5:30 PM to when it ends
Location - Rio Chama Brewing Company
4939 Pan American Freeway NE (See Pg 3)

May - **EX Masters** Golf Tournament
Go to the web site FORUM and sign up a team.
Location still being decided, but get those teams together.

Annual Summer Round up -

June 5th - 5 to 9 PM
Bring wives and or girl friends
A catered event—No Host Bar
Location: See **Wanted**—Pg 4

OTHER DATES to remember:

Chapter Initiation Ceremonies

April 17th - 11 am - Location details will be posted on the Web site Private side - ALL Brothers Welcome - May be RSVP due to space

Ideas for the EX Masters

Golf Tournament

Teams of 4 - to consist of 3 Alumni and one Active
Shotgun Start

Greetings to All Sigs

Two "New" Newsletters for You!

Hear Ye Hear Ye

Two newsletters with news about the Sigma Chi Fraternity are being published again for the benefit and growth of Sigma Chi. The Original names have been adopted for not only the alumni chapter, but the undergraduate chapter as well. "The New Mexico Sig" dates back to 1989 when the alumni editor was Paul Garson (San Diego '86) created the newsletter. "The New Mexsigan" is not only the former name of the active chapter newsletter, but the first full scale issue presented since installation in November 2008. The writer is unsure when "The New Mexsigan" ceased publication.

The alumni chapter newsletter changed names in 1996 (or so) to the "Sig Extra" which was ably produced and mailed for many years by Brother Larry German and most recently, last year was handled by Evan Jones, Sean Ziegler, and Brent Chiado. When no brother took the office of Editor-Secretary at the December 2009 elections, two Sigs, Paul Garson and Lee Morgan (NMSU/UNM '74), volunteered to co-edit the newsletter and commit to sending out at least four issues per year.

Being involved with Beta Xi as advisors, it was decided that the undergraduate chapter newsletter coincide with ours, thus saving time and postage. William Lawrence, Alumni Chapter President, gave the green light to proceed with both a printed and on-line version so as to maximize readership. Our new quarterly newsletter will contain all the basics such as calendar of events, names of dues payers, special features and other Siggie stuff. A new exciting feature will be reports from our neighboring NM Chapters of Zeta Sigma and Zeta Phi. Hopefully the next issue can be mailed to (Continued Pg 3)

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Alumni Chapter**

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Bio to appear in
Next Newsletter

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OPEN Position

Treasurer

Moon Barnhart

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OPEN Positions**

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Pledge Program

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Zeta Phi - Chapter Report NMSU

Our Chapter raised \$1,208 for donations to the Children's Miracle Network during the First Inaugural "Man Sale" The Zeta Phi chapter almost doubled its numbers when 17 men were initiated in November. The Gamma class became the largest pledge class ever since the successful re-colonization of the Chapter at New Mexico State.

Sigma Chi was voted the most improved GPA At New Mexico State at the New Member presentation for Fall 2009. The Zeta Phi Chapter went from a 2.3 up to a 2.73. Sigma Chi, along with sorority Alpha Xi Delta, placed third for the Homecoming Parade held last October.

Many Brothers attended the recent SW Province Workshop in Prescott. Great EXperience.

***JD's Blog - House Corporation 1855
Updates***

As we know only all too well, the actives remain without a chapter house . . . for the moment. Five or six years ago, an ambitious undertaking in the form of "The Campaign for BETA XI" was launched amidst some fanfare and ballyhoo. I am sorry to report that, for various, ambiguous reasons, that effort really went nowhere. Despite this less than auspicious launch, the Board of Directors in October, voted to re-energize the effort. Four hundred fifty (450) copies of the original (albeit dated) and very glossy brochures were sent out. Although the response has been mixed, there have been some substantial pledges made. With the help of Lee Morgan, we obtained a newly revised and updated database of names and addresses of Beta Xi's. As we prepare to launch the second mailing, the Board is simultaneously also moving forward in collecting on the pledges that were promised.

As you also may know, the lease for Telos will be expiring at the end of May. Again, depending on the amount of monies received, it is the intention of the board to (Continued Pg 3)

Sig Spotlight - Recently the Alumni Chapter heard from a long time Brother, **Wade Parker**, Beta Xi. He was initiated 65 years ago in February of 1945. He said he has many great memories of Sigma Chi and the way it has impacted his life. Look for a short article on the Web Site under Sigs in the News. Also, we recently heard from Brother **David Wosicki**, 1979. David is the head of a development (Con't Pg 4)

Zeta Sigma - Chapter Report ENMU

Over the past year the Zeta Sigma chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity has been working to expand in size and increase its efforts in the community. In the fall of 2009 we initiated seven members. We have recently participated in the Mission 365 Program which is a program that teaches chapters more effective recruitment plan. We are participating in the alcohol awareness program, Choices, in the coming weeks. Our chapter has also been involved in the community more this semester than in past years.

Our chapter marched in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade, built a set for the play Malcolm X which was hosted by our town's cultural affairs committee, and we are looking forward to getting involved in a local neighborhood recycle program. The Zeta Sigma chapter took nine members to the Southwestern Province meeting. We all learned a great deal and are looking forward to implementing the knowledge and ideas gained into our own chapter. One of the main changes that we are looking to implement in our chapter is that of a modified and more demanding scholarship program.

Sweetheart is also this semester if any alumni are interested please contact us. We look forward to the coming months and hope to keep our efforts in the community at the forefront of our plans.

From the new EX history book - One in Heart and Purpose: Since Sigma Chi's founding on June 28th, 1855, we have revered those courageous seven who started the path on which over 280,000 men have since embarked. We all know the tale of the "Recalcitrant Six". Soon to be joined by Lockwood, but on average, Sigma Chis know little of our founders lives after their college days. From the days of the founding to the loss of Founder Cooper in 1920 at 91 years old, we were blessed with a rich legacy of their courage, wisdom, integrity, high ambition, self control, courtesy, and fidelity. It is remarkable that we retain Cooper's original Sigma Phi badge dating from the very day of our founding. The Coopers badge serves today as the symbol of office of our Grand Consul and is used to transfer that signal honor at our biennial Grand Chapters. I can tell you from personal experience that your life changes (again!) when that badge is pinned on your chest.

Bob Jones

65th Grand Consul

Who signed the new Sigma Chi - Beta Xi Chapter Charter

(Cont from Pg 2) begin renovations as soon as Telos no longer occupies the structure. We don't have a lot of time before the fall, so we must move quickly to make some substantial improvements.

When rush comes, the actives will, once again, be passing out the premiere calling card identifying 1855 as the home of the Beta Xi Chapter. We are cautiously optimistic that this fall, The Sigma Chi Association of the University of New Mexico in tandem with the Alumni Chapter, will be hosting a homecoming celebration at 1855. We hope to see all our brothers there!

In Hoc,

JD Herrera, President
Sigma Chi Association of the University of New Mexico

Alumni Dues Paid Members

Thanks for Supporting
the Alumni Chapter

Wally Payne	Mike Keleher
Ben Horton	Paul Garson
Hap Richardson	Bob Bryant
Jim Gumprecht	John Morrison
Porter Grace	Bruce Berg
Richard Bow	<i>Lee Morgan</i>
<i>JD Herrera</i>	<i>Larry Roy</i>

Alumni Dues - A Little extra added Gift
50.00 to 75.00

Bernie Butterfield	Moon Barnhart
Bill Lawrence	Dave Kirby
Marion Jourdan	Rick Sneddon
<i>John Brown</i>	Richard Lo Cierro

**White Cross Member*

- \$100.00 plus

<i>Sean Ziegler</i>	Jim Franczak
Bill Bell	Dana Kouri
James McKesson	John Salazar

Bold Italic type - Paid on line

Alumni Chapter Balance as of 2/24/10
\$2215.39

* *The White Cross category is a brand new concept.*

***OUR GOAL is 500 Members making us
the largest Alumni Chapter
in Sigma Chi.***

It is interesting to think about undergraduate life now compared to when many of us were in school. No cell phones, no computers, which means no word processor, no Facebook, no internet for research, no e-mails, no ipod for storing thousand of songs, no WI-FI, NO Starbucks, no laptop computers, no micro waves for instant meals. Many of us got to use a good old typewriters, typing and retyping term papers using carbon paper, used a stamp, envelope and long hand writing to send a note home, got on the phone hooked to a cord to call a friend, cooked meals on the stove or in the oven, and yes, got out the old LP's or 45's to play our favorite music. Of course the radio is still around. What this boils down to is, that each of us still has just 24 hours in a day to get things done. With all this wonderful 21st century technology, just helps us become a more productive person. **The best part is, we get to do it as a Sigma Chi, living the values that our 7 Founders left to us for a fuller, richer life, being able to live to a higher standard with a purpose. All this started, 155 years ago. Wouldn't they be amazed and proud of the accomplishments?**

Lee Morgan—Co-Editor

Munch & Mingle - After Business Happy Hour

Should you want to talk about your best old stories or talk about business, that's great. Always do business with a brother when possible. Bring a business card, there may be a drawing.

March 19th

The location: RIO CHAMA BREWING COMPANY is over by Century 24 theaters. This a private gathering. SIGS ONLY. The time will be from 5:30 to when ever.

(Cont from Pg 1) Beta Xi Alumni living in all 50 states as well as Zeta Sigmas and Zeta Phis living throughout NM. The alumni newsletter presented here will be available, in full color, for viewing also at www.abqex.com and through various e-mail list serves. Paul Garson, Co-editor

The Update of the Alumni Master list is a large undertaking. Those Brothers who have some time to help call and verify information, Your help would be appreciated.

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EX Masters Golf Tournament

**Go to the web site
and Login or
Get Registered.
Go to the FORUM
Tab located in the
upper right
tool bar.**

**And let us know
If you would be
Interested in
Playing In May.
Sigs Only
May 2010
Alumni & Actives**

**Errors and or
Omissions,
Newsletter Articles
Ideas, etc....
Please go to the web
site www.abqex.com
Click on "Contact"
and send a message.**

Annual Alumni Dues for 2010 - Become a voting member of your Alumni Chapter

Mail to: Moon Barnhart

You can pay DUES on-line @

**3210 Linda Vista Ave SE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106**

OR

**www.abqex.com
Click on the DUES Tab**

Name: _____ **Best Phone #:** _____

Address (to receive Newsletter) _____

Chapter, School, Year of Initiation: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Dues: \$35.00 Extra Gift to Alumni Assoc: \$ _____ Chapter Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Thank you for your supporting the Alumni Chapter.**

White Cross Member—NEW— \$100.00

Wanted

Private Home with large backyard. For the Annual Summer Round-up Sig Party.

Saturday June 5th

No cost or liability to homeowner. Set-up and clean-up provided. Food catered and served. Third party bartender. No one under 21 allowed alcohol. Call Paul Garson for more detail. 228-4223 to volunteer.

Wanted.....

(Cont from Pg 2) Corporation that is building a large residential, commercial & retail development consisting of 10 million plus square feet. Go to the web site, "Sigs in the News" to read about where this development is being built and see some renderings. It is real fascinating. Brother Wosicki has quite a resume of accomplishments.



Do you know of a Brother who should be listed in the Sig Spotlight? Let us know on the Forum.

"Sigma Chi, arguably the most eminent college fraternity in the world, was conceived by seven college men, ranging in age from 14 to 25, who rebelled against presumptive injustices and desired fairness and decency in dealing with others. These men became leaders - lawyers, educators, generals, clergymen, businessmen - and held firm to the original tenets which they expected those who follow to emulate. Sigma Chis across the generations have received inspiration from these men and have sought to emulate their standards."

From the new EX history book: One in Heart and Purpose



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