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In Recognition of their many years of Membership and Brotherhood in the Gamma Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha - We honor our Friends and Brothers

75 Years

Mr. Edwin D. Norris

70 Years

Dr. Harvey R. St. Clair

Mr. Russell C. N. Beck

60 Years

Mr. Arlo L. Dixon

Mr. William J. Cigoy

Mr. Gilbert L. Moyer

Mr. Richard H. Burger

Mr. David Watson Griffin

Mr. Robert B. Smith

Mr. Richard D. Williams

Mr. George E. Bond

Mr. John T. Buker

50 Years

Mr. Ralph A. Garverick

Mr. Emmanuel T. Loizos

Mr. Jerry L. Weaver

Mr. John R. D'Agati

Mr. John T. Loizos

Mr. John G. Benedik

Lt. Col. Raymond J. Asik

Mr. Bruce Martin Dudley

50 Years

Mr. David M. Yuhas

Mr. Page A. Mead

Mr. William H. Fligor

Mr. Harry B. Kropp

Mr. Harold R. Miller

Mr. Lloyd J. Galicki

Mr. Philip F. Vaughn

Major James W. Riehl Jr.

40 Years

Mr. Douglas Harding

Mr. Gustav M. Louis

Mr. Paul L. Klinedinst

Mr. Richard Swinghamer

Rev. Mick G. Foster

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Mr. Arthur G. Duckwitz

Mr. William J. Slack

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20 Years

Mr. Brian Davis

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Mr. Matthew Evans

20 Years

Mr. Tony Mazza

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10 Years

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

March 2011

Dear Brothers, Alumni and Actives, Spouses and Friends,

Over the last few weeks, I have had the opportunity to speak and correspond with numerous Pike brothers of Gamma Omicron. It is in these correspondences I am reminded of the benefits and formational experiences that being a member of Pi Kappa Alpha has had not only on me but on many. I am also reminded that we do not take enough time to reflect on the lessons learned, friendships gained, and the life long skills acquired from being brothers.

The remarkable friendships gained over the years of being a Pike are some of the strongest in my life. It brings me great joy to hear from one of my little brothers and share in their happiness that life brings. On a recent visit to Cleveland for business, one of the greatest aspects of this trip was when one of my little brothers and a recent graduate met for drinks, food and fellowship. We spent the time sharing good stories of past days at OU and also the challenges and joys that life brings today. It was as if no time has passed since we had been together. I came to better understand how pledges we took at OU as Pikes continue to influence and form our lives today. While we are separated by miles, we continue to share many of the same experiences and offer support and care.

As an undergraduate, I used my organizational skills to assist in planning numerous events for the chapter. One of the most important events that I was charged was planning the refounding initiation and celebration weekend. The lessons learned of using efficient communication and being detail oriented enabled the refounding to be a night to be remembered. Those skills used and learned during my OU days were used this past weekend as I led our annual school fundraising event so that children in need can receive the financial assistance to attend our school.

When trying to discern some of the most influential lessons learned from the time as an undergraduate and now as Mid Life Pike, it is difficult to discern the most important. But I do know that my years as a Pike continue to be times of learning. As an undergraduate, I came to know that listening to what people are saying and "not saying" was vital to understanding what was transpiring. As a father and educator, I have come to know that some of life's lesson are not always pleasant, in the long run there are some lessons that bring pain but make us stronger. My years as Pike remind me that there are many brothers out there for support and guidance.

My hope is that you take a few minutes and reflect over the tangible and intangible benefits of being a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. For some reason, you were drawn to this remarkable organization either 75 years ago or 5 years ago. You actively participated in making the active chapter an experience that changed your life. I am very thankful for the lessons learned and skills acquired as a Pike. I continue to be blessed by the nurturing and fulfilling friendships made during my time as a Pike and I look forward to the many that will follow.

As I close, I am reminded of two key passages from our Garnet and Gold pledge manual - "Friendship means much more than liking someone - it is a commitment to love someone and, therefore to care for his faults, weaknesses, as well as enjoy the good times with him." "Brotherly love is a love that promises no personal gain, but is totally selfless in its relationship." I pray that you continue to experience these lessons learned and friendships gained in your daily life. Take the time to reflect over how Pi Kappa Alpha has influenced your life, I am sure it will bring a smile to your face.

In the deepest bonds of Phi Phi KA,
Kevin Vance

THE PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY

PIKE

SCHOLARS. LEADERS. ATHLETES. GENTLEMEN.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**2011 GOAA
Put In Bay & Golf Weekend
June 11-12, 2011**



Sawmill Creek Golf & Resort
Cleveland Rd (State Rt 6)
Huron, Ohio

Saturday

4 man Scrambles - \$80 per player
includes: Cart & Golf, Buffet Dinner, Drinks, Door Prizes

Saturday night

Ferry to and from Put-In Bay

Overnight Stay:

Sawmill Creek and Resort \$129 night (payable to resort)

Sunday morning

Breakfast & golf (separate & optional)

Make your check for the Scrambles payable to:

Gamma Omicron Alumni Association

No later than June 1st

Please mail in your \$80 check and form to
Jay Clark, 90 Triple Crown Circle, Springboro, OH 45066

Player	Put In Bay (Y/N)	Overnight stay?
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Gamma Omicron Alumni Association
Fall Meeting - September 11, 2010
Unofficial Minutes
OU Inn Athens
9:00 AM

In Attendance: Officers - President - Kevin Vance, Vice President - Jay Clark, Secretary - Rex Mack, Housing Corp Rep. - Craig Street, Chapter Advisor - Dr. Robert Gotfried, Members at Large - Art Marinelli, John McCollough, Marshall Miller, Roger Keck, Dave Bates, Mert Simons, Drew Deleo, Joe Faraci, Woody Jones. Absent: Paul Kregenow, Brad McLaughlin, Jeff Miller, Bryan Stokes, McKenzie Dyhr Arnold, Todd Gaskell, Hal Buchert

Called to order by Brother Vance at 9:20 AM.

I. Opening Remarks

Roger Keck asked that we do all we can to keep things going until 2013 when the house will have no remaining debt.

II. Minutes

Motion by Rex Mack and seconded by Mert Simons to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented. Motion passes unanimously.

III. Old Business / Reports

A. Vice President - Jay Clark

1. Alumni Golf Outing - Thank you to John Madden for his donation of hats and balls and to Chris Bleile for his work. There were 19 participants. The event raised \$400. Chris Bleile would like the event to be an overnighter next year.
2. OUPike.com - The Gamma Omicron website is up and working.
3. Missing Alumni List - Current database is very good. Recent mailing resulted in only 30 returns from incorrect addresses out of 1,200. Mert Simons and Dave Bates communicated that they only received 1 page of the publication and asked that the full document be resent to them.
4. Alumni Dinner - The event will begin at 4:30 PM at Latitude 39. Awards and Will be presented.

B. Treasurer - Kevin Vance (on behalf of Jeff Miller)

1. Current balance \$7, 786.
2. 99 alumni paid since the last meeting
3. Newsletter expense was \$720.

C. Membership - Kevin Vance and Jay Clark (on behalf of Paul Kregenow)

1. Younger alumni are toughest to maintain. Mert Simons recommended use of parental address. Art Marinelli suggested working with the University. Directory is online at www.OUPike.com.
2. Mert Simons was concerned about providing membership information to the public.
3. Dave Bates found it offensive to have received a mass solicitation and sales promotion from a Pike alumnus.

(continued unofficial minutes from 9/11/2010)

4. Art Marinelli stated that when donations are given to Nationals, one can request that it be earmarked to the Norm Banfield Scholarship or the Bill Southern Scholarship. Mert Simons clarified that actives from Trimble County are supposed to receive special consideration to receive the Banfield Scholarship.
5. A motion was made by Dave Bates and seconded by Art Marinelli that as a an additional requirement to help distinguish each candidate for the Norm Banfield Scholarship that a letter be provided to Nationals along with each application.

F. Alumni Advisory Board - Kevin Vance

1. First half of the year chapter officers did not do good job. Earned a NONPERFORMING rating with a 1.8 score that ranked the chapter in the bottom 5% of all of Pi Kappa Alpha.
2. Kevin met with executive officers last spring to provide direction.
3. Chapter consultant separately advised Chapter to utilize Alumni Advisory Board as a resource.
4. Chapter has done work and met 50% of their goals to get back on track, but failed to submit reports to realize credit toward improvement.
5. The next evaluation is this quarter per upcoming chapter visit.

G. Active Chapter Report - Andrew DeLeo, SMC

1. 6 spring quarter pledges
2. Rush begins this week.
 - Greek Life office changed to no formal dates for rush.
 - Chapter is projecting 30-40 pledges.
3. Rex Mack and Art Marinelli recommended not waiting to extend bids.
4. Executive Board is taking a zero strike policy approach.
5. Committee system has been implemented for J-Board, Rush, and Social.
6. Executive Board now meeting on Wednesday nights at 9 PM.
7. Chapter currently has 86 actives. Goal is 100.
8. Finances in pretty good shape. Only 2 or 3 members owe dues.
9. Achieving 80% attendance at chapter meetings. Policy is that missing 2 Meetings results in a fine. Missing 3 results in expulsion.
10. Raised \$1,720 for the Phi Phi Kappa Alpha Club
11. Rush goal for 2010-2011 is 40 pledges yielding at least 30 initiates.
12. Academic goal is to raise chapter GPA from 2.76 to 2.80.
13. Athletic goal is to have at least 1 intramural team per quarter to be champs.
14. Philanthropic goal is to participate in 1 event per quarter and host 1 event this year.

H. Chapter Advisor - Robert Gotfried

1. Has been advisor for 4 years
2. Feels as though there has been progress
3. His plea is for more communication.
4. Chapter is lucky to have an active alumni advisory board.
5. He experienced the ETA chapter at Tulane being shut down due to hazing.

(continued unofficial minutes from 9/11/2010)

I. Housing Corporation - Craig Street

1. Had 17 residents last year and finished with 14.
2. The year after year deficit took the balance from \$91,000 to \$58,000.
3. Have billed each tenant for \$1,000 each for damages and clean up 4. Has 26 of 28 spots occupied for the 2010 - 2011 school year.
5. We have a dire need to get leases signed earlier.
6. OU Off Campus is very effective at collections.
7. Mortgage balance is \$130,611. Monthly payment is \$3,728 per month.
8. Mortgage projected to be paid off November 2013.
9. Roof on Church Street has been replaced. Cost was approximately \$7,000.
10. Contracting to improve and increase Wi-Fi. Cost is approximately \$3,000.
11. Interior of house was painted 2 weeks ago. Cost was approximately 7,000.
12. Reviewing the contract provisions including signature authority with help of Matt Fornshell.
13. Art Marinelli expressed his deep appreciation for all of Craig Street and Brian Gunnoe's work.

IV. New Business

- A. A motion was made by Art Marinelli and seconded Dave Bates to expel alumni member Matt Kirsch. The motion passed with 9 yea's and 1 nay.
- B. Brian Gunnoe would like to see initiation coordinated with our alumni meetings.
- C. Rex Mack thanked Art Marinelli for opening his home and hosting our gathering on Friday evening. He also communicated that Jay Clark and Kevin Vance deserve special recognition for their hard work for the chapter and alumni association.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Bates and seconded by Rex Mack. Motion passed unanimously.

Updated Financial Report - January 2011

Financial Report

2010 Was a great year for the Alumni of Gamma Omicron. We did a great job of staying with in the budget; In fact we came in \$800 under our set goal for the year. There was one area that we did not fair so well, and that was in membership dues paid. In 2010 we had 99 brothers pay their dues compared to 2009's 149. I really hope we can rally some more of the guys to join not only in paying dues but to come to the events.

The break-even point is 126 members paying dues. I have also reduced the budget from last year to reflect the savings of the pdf newsletters that some of the guys opted to receive instead of the mailed version.

Jeff Miller, Treasurer



Please contribute to the Gamma Omicron Alumni Association - Dues Drive Underway - We need your financial support to continue to publish the newsletter, maintain the website, and support the active chapter. Please send your dues or any donation to Jeff Miller, 1040 Market Street, Ft. Mill, SC 29708.

Brotherly Updates/Alumni News

Mike Biro

I wanted to let the Brothers know that I recently made the move to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Pepper Pike, OH where I am a Financial Advisor Associate. Currently, I am studying for my Series 7, 66, and 31 Licenses, but once I have those under my belt, I'll lose the "Associate" part.

I was hired to work with a Financial Advisor I interned with for two years at college, to join the Bucci Group. Our experienced team of investment and business professionals are dedicated to bringing together the resources necessary to assist others in the growth and success of their business and personal finances. It is the focus of the team to act as client advocates, while providing access to the firms' vast resources. All clients have unique goals and circumstances, differences that develop and mature throughout a client relationship. Our process is designed to ensure we address all aspects of a clients situation, while staying ahead of their evolving needs.

Brian Cook '87

Brian shares that he started a new company: www.zippermend.com it's a hobby right now but growing like weeds.

Youngest daughter was selected for National Olympic Development Training. Can read more about her at www.paytoncook.com

Brian Cummings

Not sure when last I updated, but we (my wife, Wes, and I) had a baby boy, Seth Alexander, on June 30, 2010.

Matt Decker '92

I took a new job at MTD Products in Valley City, OH. in June '10. I am in charge of our Parts Order Management group. Anyone wishing to purchase any outdoor products from MTD or Cub Cadet can contact me at matt.decker@mtdproducts.com

Jeff Hall

I had a baby while moving on a wild vacation!

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Jim Larsen '69

Turned 63 last October....still heading up Larsen Architects, now 30+ years old. We "survived" 2009...had a great 2010...and believe that 2011 will again be a good year for us here at LA. I have no plans for retirement, I still enjoy the architecture biz. Grandkid count is now up to 5...and I like that they are a reminder to me to keep active physically and mentally (I have no clue in the electronic games arena). Deb and I are traveling a bit...but we really enjoy our "routine" here locally in Rocky River (home) and Lakewood (office). I had the opportunity to be with my fellow Pike Phil Godenschwager last summer as he was down from his Vermont home visiting relatives. Great sharing!

Arnold Petsche

Just turned 80. Sold my main company but still have the property company, office every day. Moved from the big house to a bigger one. Have about 30 cars in my collection and I work on most of them, still ride motorcycles. Prostate cancer in 2002---- cured. PSA<.01. Still have all my teeth and hair but something else is gone but I forget what it was. 1948 was a long time ago.

Patrick Kelley

My wife Cortney gave birth to Anna Rose on 10/10/10. She joins her 2yr old brother Clayton. We live in St Louis

Gordon Jones

Since graduation in June, my life has taken an abrupt turn for adulthood. I took a job in September of 2009 with Cohen Fund Audit Services, doing Hedge Fund taxes, which I started this October. The first 4 months have been fun, challenging, and interesting. This summer, I put my nose to the grindstone and passed the CPA exam. Also, I've moved to Downtown Cleveland and I am living in the warehouse district. I try to check in on all the boys in Athens from time to time, still doing my best to keep them in line. Hope to hear from you soon.

Jeff Miller '87

Amy and I are having our 3rd baby girl this year. Our other 2 girls are Annalisa age 10, and Avamarie age 5.

Pat Pristas

Pat Pristas is moving to Wichita, KS. He will be getting married in October in Pittsburgh to his college girlfriend.



Major Dave Troutman

In June 2009, we moved with Jenn (5 months pregnant), Sophia, Isabella and our dog, Gracie to Kaiserslautern for a second tour in Germany. We welcomed Ava into the world in December 2009 after her birth at Landstuhl. We made a very interesting space available trip on military aircraft with the family back to the US for a visit. In August 2010 I deployed to FOB Salerno, Afghanistan to serve as the Salerno Regional Contracting Center Chief where we support the counterinsurgency fight by contracting with local companies for projects to support the US and Afghanistan. In Germany, I am assigned to the 903rd Contingency Contracting Battalion. I have been in contracting since 2005 when I switched career fields after serving as an Army Engineer for 11 years. The girls are doing a great job of keeping everything running at home without me and staying involved in both American and German activities. They are avid Ohio University, Pike and ADPi fans.

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Dave Williamson '72

I was elected President of the Board of Visitors of the Ohio University Honors College last spring. My pledge brother Doug Charnas also sits on the Board. In October, my middle daughter made me a grandfather for the first time with a baby girl. My youngest daughter is a junior at OU where she performs stand up comedy and is part of the "Fridays Live" sketch comedy group on WOUB. I don't know if the Pikes have become part of her comedy routine as of yet, but my era sure could have provided ample material! Meanwhile, I pursue my hobby of community theatre and will be performing the first weekend of April in Dayton. Anybody interested should go to

www.daytonplayhouse.com.

Chapter Eternal

Gamma Omicron was recently informed that the following Brothers have passed away. Our hearts and prayers are with their families.

Chapter Eternal

Philip Vanbrocklin
Died 11-22-97
20227 N Alta Loma Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375

Bruce Chaney
Died November 2006
1008 Brittany Drive, Huron, OH 44839

Donald E. Lehr
Died 11/30/2008
21 Japonica Lane, Shalimar, FL 32579

Edward Stupack
Died 7/29/2008
4 Acadamy Road, Sandwich, MA 02563

**NOTICE OF AN IMPORTANT
MEETING OF THE HOUSING
CORPORATION**

May 15, 2011 at 1:00p.m., the Gamma Omicron Housing Corporation is holding a meeting for the entire membership to discuss vital issues facing the housing corporation. The meeting will address all financial and ownerships issues of the properties owned by Gamma Omicron. In accordance with the bylaws of the Alumni Association, we are notifying the alumni of Gamma Omicron of this very important meeting. Your attendance and participation is greatly encouraged.

Date: May 15, 2011

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: The Homestead of Roger Keck
1217 Moundview Avenue
Newark, Ohio 43055-2027



Homecoming and Pi Kappa Alpha

October 14-16, 2011



Annual Alumni Weekend – Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet

More Information to be posted on the Alumni Association website: www.oupike.com

Check back in June after the hotel rooms and schedule of events is complete!

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