

SIGNIFICANT SIGS

Phi Phi Chapter Recipients of the Significant Sig Award for Distinguished Achievement in their Careers

Roger H. Ferger '16*
William B. McIntosh '16*
John A. Mayer '32*
James W. Alsdorf '35*
Davis G. Durham, M.D. '36*
John M. Eckman '43*
James F. Lunn '44*
Jack W. McCloskey '46*
Cornelius E. Smyth '46*
J. Joseph Tuohy '49
Richard O. Kress '50
H. Samuel Greenawalt '51
Raymond H. Welsh '53
Edmund R. Auer '54*
The Hon. James C. Cacheris '55
Murray K. McComas '58
Sesto E. Vecchi '58
Charles C. Butt '59
Jon M. Huntsman '59
Alvin V. Shoemaker '60
Robert A. Gleason '61
Paul K. Kelly '62
L. John Clark '63
John H. Goldsmith '63
Bernard G. McGarry Jr. '63
Jacques N. Gordon '78
Marc F. McMorris '90
Mark T. DeRosa '97
Gerald D. Knorr '82
Dhananjay Pai '83

* deceased

CHAPTER ETERNAL

We have recently learned of the passing of the following brothers. All honor to their names:

Cornelius Smyth '46
(11/8/11)
Porter Taylor Jr. '49
Russell Weldon Jr. '49
(9/14/12)
Anthony Maloney '57
Parker A. Sharron '64
(5/27/11)
Barrett Smith '70

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SIGNIFICANT SIG AWARDS

Dhananjay Pai's '83 Successful Career with Investment Firm in NYC Earns Him 2011 Significant Sig Award

Dhan Also Serves as Advisory Board Member for Center for Advanced Indian Studies

Dhananjay Pai '83 was awarded the Significant Sig Award for his distinguished career achievement as part of the Class of 2011 recipients. He was joined at the Homecoming presentation by his wife, Heena, and their two sons, **Arjun Pai '12** and **Armaan Penn '15**. Dhan's citation reads:

In recognition of your remarkable career as Chief Financial Officer of P. Schoenfeld Asset Management LP, a New York City-based investment firm that manages nearly \$2 billion of its clients' money, where you joined in 2003 and ascended to your current position in 2007; your prior role as the firm's senior vice president of product development, and your previous role as



Dhan Pai is congratulated by his son Arjun.

managing director of Lightyear Capital, a private equity investment firm. And in commendation of your notable civic involvement, including your service as an Overseer of the School of Arts and Sciences at Penn and your service as a member of the international advisory board that serves the Center for Advanced Indian Studies.

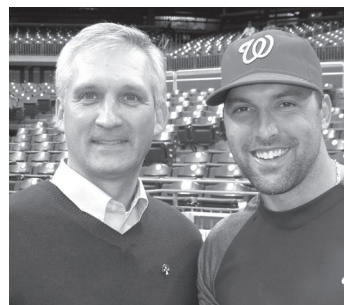
Dhan becomes the 29th Phi Phi alum to be so honored. See full list at left.

Mark DeRosa '97 Receives Significant Sig Award for Distinguished Career Achievement in Baseball

Mark Helps the San Francisco Giants Win the 2010 World Series

After quarterbacking the Quakers at Franklin Field and leading the Penn baseball team at Meiklejohn Stadium, **Mark DeRosa '97** was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the seventh round of the Major League Baseball draft. After six years in the majors with Atlanta, Mark's career led him to Texas, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, San Francisco (where he helped the Giants win the 2010 World Series), and now to the Washington Nationals.

Primarily a utility infielder, Mark's amazing versatility has allowed him to play every position on the diamond except pitcher and catcher. His busy career and team travel, often including postseason appearances,



Mark DeRosa receives Significant Sig Award from House Corporation President, Mark Kocent.

have prevented our presentation of the award which he earned in 2009.

However, with good fortune, Mark was available for the Significant Sig presentation in his honor, held on the field just prior to the Phillies hosting the Nationals in the

final homestand of the season at Citizens Bank Park. You can read more about Mark's career at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_DeRosa.

CHAPTER REPORT

Leadership Development, Chapter Elections and Rush Planning Underway

Charity Volleyball Tournament Raised More Than \$500

It's been an exciting fall semester at the Phi Phi Chapter House. We returned from summer break to be greeted by new bedroom doors and other renovations.

"All credit and thanks go to the House Corporation for these improvements that will help us in rush this year," says Consul **Kevin Gramza '13**.

Philanthropy chairs **Ray Andruszko '13** and **Eric Skoritowski '14** ran a charity volleyball tournament in September. The event raised over \$500 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

There's plenty more happening this

semester, including a leadership development workshop featuring alumnus **Jon Greenawalt Sr. '61**, for both the outgoing and incoming executive boards. Chapter elections were held on Nov. 11. New officers will begin in January.

Many brothers on the baseball, crew, football, hockey and squash teams are continuing the tradition of recruiting new athletes for the house. Last spring, 13 out of 16 pledges were varsity athletes.

"We look forward to another successful semester of recruitment, brotherhood, philanthropy, and fun at the Phi Phi Chapter," promises Gramza.

Phi Phi Chapter Officers - Beginning January 2012

Consul: **Bobby Alexander '14**

Pro-Consul: **Chris Weidner '14**

Quaestor: **Tom Muse '14**

Magister: **Kevin Gramza '13**

Philanthropy Chairmen:

Eric Skoritowski '14

Bruce Chanenchuk '15

Social Chairmen: **Conor Hails '15**

Risk Manager: **Matt Le Blanc '14**

Academic Chairmen: **Ryan O'Connell '14**

Tribune: **Sawyer Waugh '14**

Kustos: **Ted Brochu '15**

Recruitment Chairmen:

Mitch Stein '13, Brad Present '13,

Harry Holroyd '14, Jack Alvarez '15,

Dan Gautieri '15

RENOVATION UPDATE

Bedroom Door Replacement and Hallway Renovations Completed

Hallway Improvements Culminate with Display of Past Composites

Following the successful historic window restoration and replacement project, this past summer we embarked on a complete hallway renovation, including replacement of all 16 bedroom doors. This renovation included custom wood trim to conceal new steel frames, polished brass hardware, new ceilings, lighting, painting and carpeting in the corridors and staircase.

In addition, all bedrooms have now

received a plaster skim coat and new paint. Approximately \$100,000 was invested in this project from funds made possible by alumni gifts and undergraduate rent subsidies.

To top it off, just in time for Homecoming, older composite chapter photographs were mounted throughout the hallways for alumni and their families to relive those glory days.

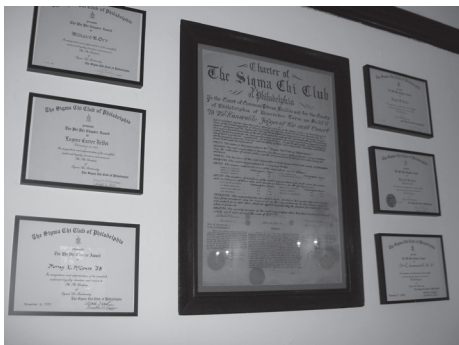


ONE-CENTURY ANNIVERSARY

Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia Reaches 100-Year Milestone, Honored During Homecoming

Visit the Gilmore Library at the House to See Original Charter

Four years after the University of Pennsylvania moved to its West Philadelphia campus in



1871, the Sigma Chi Fraternity installed its 34th chapter, Phi Phi of Pennsylvania, in 1875.

As the brotherhood grew in strength, a group of alumni stepped forward to secure the financial and residential needs of the chapter. On Jan. 26, 1912, the Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia, Inc. was recognized as a corporation by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a charter was issued to its subscribers.

Among the first subscribers were five prominent Phi Phi members: **Ward W. Pierson, Harold S. Schertz, Francis Burch 1907, Paul Freeman 1905** and **Clarence**

N. Callender 1909. In 1920, this House Corporation purchased the former Drexel family home at 3809 Locust Street and today the Board of Trustees continues to manage the assets of the Phi Phi Chapter.

At Homecoming this year, we honored our past visionary leaders and toasted our 100 years of success at Penn, noted by the original Charter, which is proudly displayed in the Gilmore Library at the Chapter House. Read more about Phi Phi Chapter history at www.phipi-sigmachi.org (click on the History tab).

ALUMNI UPDATES

Alvin Shoemaker '60

(75209 Kavenish Way., P.O. Box 1504, Indian Wells, CA 92210; spikeshoe@aol.com) I recently received the Dean's Medal from Wharton, which is their highest honor. I also attended the opening of Shoemaker Green, created in my honor, and situated where the old tennis courts were in front of the Palestra. My kids said, "Dad, with all this attention, maybe they know something about your health that you don't know. Are they getting ready to lay you out?"

Jon Greenawalt Sr. '61

(4050 Stoneleigh Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302; jgreenawalt@pmpcoach.com) I continue to go full bore (but not full time) with my leadership development consulting practice here in Michigan. I also continue to work for the Fraternity as Grand Praetor for East Michigan Province, and am serving my second term on the Leadership Training Board. For the 12th consecutive year, at the request of the Consul **Kevin Gramza '13**, I again will conduct the November Leadership Development Project for the undergraduate

officers and emerging leaders at Phi Phi. It's great to be a Sig!

George Morriss '69

(61 East Gate Road, Guilford, CT 49417; GMorriss@aol.com) On Oct. 7, we welcomed Katherine Bailey Morriss into our family six weeks before we expected her. She had to stay in the hospital for a bit, but is doing well. My wife, Sue, and I had an experience of a lifetime, visiting the Holy Land in February.

I am embarking on a new adventure as an adjunct faculty member at the Columbia University School of International Policy and Administration. I will be working with second-year Masters students on a research project sponsored by the Congressional Research Service. We will be trying to come up with explanations as to why bank lending has been so restrained in this anemic economic recovery.

Todd Johnson '95

(364 Thornbrook Ave., Bryn Mawr, Pa. 19010; todd.johnson.md@gmail.com) I am still living in Bryn Mawr, PA with my wife Bindi and three daughters, Maya, 7, Priya,

5, and Leela, 4. I recently left my job as a VP with Abbott Laboratories to start a new company focused on helping doctors find and manage useful digital media to educate patients. I also recently completed my first half-Ironman triathlon, which was tough but fun. I would love to hear from Sumit, Kenny, Dave, Tim, Matt, Mat or any other Phi Phi brothers from that era.

Brenner Green '99

(438 Mill Creek Rd, Gladwyne, PA 19035; rbrennergreen@hotmail.com) I am currently living in Gladwyne, PA and started my own commercial mortgage banking business about two and a half years ago and everything is going well. On Sept. 19th, Heather and I had a daughter named Abigail. We now have three children: Brenner, 5 1/2, Charlotte, 4, and a newborn, Abby. I'm terrible at keeping in touch, and would be happy to hear from any brothers any time.

Complete updates and the opportunity to add one of your own can be found online at www.phiphi-sigmachi.org.

WAYS TO GIVE

Support the Phi Phi Chapter in Three Ways: Through Annual Dues, Capital Improvements and Scholarships

Bedroom Naming Opportunities are Now Available

By Mark Kocent '82, Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia, Inc., House Corporation President (mkokcent@upenn.edu)

I am often asked how one might give financially to support the Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi at Penn. Here are the three primary options available:

1. Annual dues - Each year our House Corporation conducts an Annual Campaign soliciting what is essentially alumni dues. The Annual Campaign runs from Sept. 1 to the following Aug. 31, and is conducted by our alumni communications provider, Affinity Connection, based in State College, Pa.

We request dues of \$100 per member, per year, and they are payable by check to "Phi Phi of Philadelphia." Once collected, these donations are sent via Affinity Connection to our House Corporation treasurer and are used to cover annual communication costs such as the *Quaker Sig* and our website, www.phiphi-sigmachi.org. These dues are not tax deductible.

2. Capital improvements - If you are interested in making tax-deductible donations that support capital improvements to our chapter residence at 3809 Locust, these checks can be made payable to the "Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania." Be sure to **include the budget code #600631 on the check** in order to direct the funds into an account for exclusive use in the upkeep of our Chapter House.

These checks can be sent directly to the Development Office at Penn at 3451 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19104. You also can donate online by visiting the University website, www.makinghistory.upenn.edu. Our House Corporation actively works with University Fraternity Affairs staff to steward these funds for important capital improvements, such as the recent window replacement project at our historic chapter home. **Bedroom naming opportunities are now available. Contact Mark Kocent for more**

information at 215-898-5794 or mkokcent@upenn.edu.

3. Scholarship and Leadership - The Sigma Chi Foundation, based in Evanston, IL, maintains an educational fund for the Phi Phi Chapter, which is also tax deductible. Contributions to this fund are used for leadership programs, scholarships and improvements to the Gilmore Library at 3809 Locust. As an example, we recently inaugurated a program that rewards the undergraduate brother who has achieved the most improved GPA among his peer brothers in successive terms. Funds to support this account can be sent directly to the The Sigma Chi Foundation, c/o Phi Phi Chapter, 1714 Hinman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

Thank you for considering the Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi in your charitable contributions!

SIGMA CHI CLUB REPORT

University Requires Fraternities Carry More Liability Coverage and Expanded Indemnification Board Considers Renaming of Bedrooms to Raise Funds for Future Upgrades

Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia, Inc. met on October 27th for its annual meeting. The financial report, prepared by treasurer **Gerald Knorr '82**, showed that our finances have maintained a strong position with continued modest growth.

We toured the recently-completed bedroom door and corridor restoration project. Miscellaneous lighting and electrical repairs are still ongoing. Projects under consideration for next summer include: laundry area improvements, bedroom flooring, electrical distribution upgrades and a new stair tower to

replace the fire escape.

In light of the consulting costs required to mount a major capital campaign, we discussed a more limited self-managed campaign to rename the 15 bedrooms. We have already received commitments for some of these rooms, and with a broader outreach, we should be able to secure the funds needed to complete the remaining flooring and electrical and furniture upgrades.

Penn's Office of General Counsel has presented all recognized residential fraternities and sororities with new policy standards

giving the University more liability coverage and expanded indemnification. This academic year we are still covered by our RMF policy via Sigma Chi, but will be seeking alternative carriers to meet Penn's new standards of care.

\$500 Gilmore Scholarships were awarded to the following four undergraduate brothers as members with the most improved GPAs and for their overall academic achievement. They are **Connor Bernhard '15**, **Ryan O'Connell '14**, **Keith Rush '13**, and **Sawyer Waugh '14**.

REUNION

Class of '82 Celebrates its 30th Reunion

Charlie Crowley '82, **Steve Bujno '82**, **Ron Woodmansee '82** and **Mark Kocent '82** returned to campus in May to reminisce about their days at Sigma Chi and enjoy their 30th reunion.

Have you recently reunited with Phi Phi brothers? Share your stories and photos for future publication! You can email them to content@affinityconnection.com or mail them to the return address on this newsletter (mention Phi Phi of Sigma Chi on your correspondence).



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