



The Green Gate

NEWSLETTER

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President's Report by Rocco Henry Carnevale '80

I am pleased to report that we were able to play the Alumni-Active football game on the DeBaun Field on November 17 with a score of 42 - 30 (Alumni win) in the usual hard fought game. The undergraduates played very well and have done well in the IFC this year. We all were happy with the good weather and equally good turn-out. Thanks again to the Stevens Athletic Department for their support. After the game, we met at the Mu Chapter House for the Fall Meeting and elections. I gave a report on the status of the Association that continues to be strong despite the anemic economic conditions that continues to adversely affect many of our Brothers throughout the country.

We are clearly moving forward.

Building Fund activities were capped off this year with a new upper and lower roof and enlarged roof drains. A tight roof structure and proper drainage is clearly the key to a really dry residence. (No pun intended).

I was reelected President, **Greg**

Smith '97 Secretary and **Russ Perlman '90** Treasurer. **Peter Rusinkiewicz '10**, was elected Vice-President, and **Bobby Zie-nowicz '03** as Risk Manager. **Brett Levy '08** continues as the Alumni Representative. The Alumni Rep is voted by the undergraduate Brothers after Alumni elections.



The Brotherhood along with Alumni President Carnevale at 'the Wall' on 8th Street.

The rest of the meeting centered on the Building Fund Campaign with emphasis on finances and new ways to gather more support. We have succeeded in reconnecting with our Alumni. Relations with the Stevens, National and the local community have never been better. Much has been done but more needs to be done on the House infrastructure.

The NJ Housing Code is even more stringent and now we now are tasked to mitigate any 'remnant' lead paint in the House. At this point we have hired a consultant to survey the House and determine what needs to be removed in accordance with the State requirements. This summer we will hire a contractor

to do the necessary work. The project is estimated to cost \$20,000 and, along with replacing the upper floor windows for another \$30,000, we are looking at \$100,000 left to actually complete the goals of the original Building Fund Campaign.

The kitchen renovation, common area restorations and miscellaneous electrical work and rebuilding the backyard retaining wall and arbor are basically all that remain from the original list from eight years ago. Funding permitted, this work may have to be deferred until the following summer of 2014 but I'm confident our Alumni will step up and contribute what is needed to the Building Fund.

We are looking at other options to help fund the program and move the campaign to the next level. New ways are being developed to establish a Mu Chapter Chi Phi Fund administered by Stevens Institute and using the newly established Mu Chapter Excellence Fund administered by the Chi Phi Educational Trust. These may in the future provide a tax advantaged mechanism to support the Brothers albeit with additional necessary fees and administration costs.

Of course direct donations to Building Fund through the MU AA is still the best way to support infrastructure (non-

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educational) improvements to the Chapter House. Unfortunately the Federal Government still has not ratified the law allowing this type of funding to be tax advantaged (write your Congressmen to support the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (H.R. 1547/S. 781).

The Chapter is thankfully doing very well having another great recruitment season this year with fifteen new members after the fourteen initiated last year. The total Brotherhood is up to 49! The amazing thing is that despite the growth, the quality of Brother remains high and is actually getting better. Kudos to the Alumni for supporting the undergraduates and making sure that attending educational RLAs and other National sponsored activities, so as not to be a financial burden to the Brothers, has gone along way. Expectations for fraternity members from the schools and other national fraternities has contributed to these improvements.

Our Chapter continues to get better despite the generally adverse conditions all Greeks are encountering at many colleges today. And I can proudly affirm to all of you today that our Chapter is among the best at Stevens and Chi Phi, having successfully passed the accreditation process by both entities!

The Brothers continue to work hard on their studies but now with the expectation of performing meaningful philanthropic deeds

in the community. This while performing their other fraternity duties was considered impossible just a few years ago. Basically these are the same requirements that only the 'best' Chapters met, now applied to all the Chapters. Who knows what is next to come but with continued nurturing and being proactive to the needs of the Brothers, we will be ready!

Our effort over the years as 'good' 'caring' Alumni has paid off. This will guarantee our existence for many, many years to come. In times when other Chapters are closing their doors for lack of quality membership and stable finances, we are moving forward. Being left behind is not an option for our Chapter which has had the longest run of any of our fellow Chapters in Chi Phi, continuously being open since 1883. We must continue to support the Brothers and the House and we will become the best Chapter out there!

On the social front, I attended the Old Guard Reunion in Orlando and had a great time with our more 'experienced members'. I admire these folks who are true Chi Phi gentlemen along with their significant others and devoted to the Fraternity. I also attended the 11-11-11 celebration led by **Pete Rogina '86** along with over 50 Alumni and undergraduates visiting the House (deliciously catered by **Santo Castronova '87**) for good old times sake and some fun with friends.

I was certified by the National Fraternity as an official 'Chapter Advisor' taking a course in Atlanta for that purpose. The Chapter Alpha attended the Alpha's Academy also in Atlanta this year where he learned the finer art of running a Chapter from the undergraduate point of view.

I hope you all will attend this year's Clambake and Spring Alumni Meeting on May 12 at the Chapter House and annual Canoe Trip the weekend of May 18. Stevens Alumni Reunion Day is planned for June 2 this year. There will be an Open House on that date at 801 Hudson with a Building Fund presentation and status report. Brett will also pull together an Alumni Meet-up at Arthur's on September 22 which is geared towards reconnecting with younger Alumni in the area.

I am most pleased to announce the next Alumni Ball will be on November 10 at the Sheraton Lincoln-Harbor Hotel in Weehawken. Pete and Russ are doing an excellent job organizing the event with all the usual pomp and circumstance befitting a most formal Chi Phi gathering.

Finally, 2011 was a remarkable year for our organization with many solid accomplishments to its credit. We are acknowledged by Stevens as being the best Chapter on campus with Alumni relations! I am also looking forward to work with Stevens now under the administration of newly appointed President, **Dr. Nariman Farvardin** and wish him all the best.

I am very grateful of all our Chapter Brothers and Alumni who demonstrate unity and support regardless of the years apart and ups and downs along the road. Your continued devotion to Chi Phi and Mu Chapter is truly the secret of our success.

House Visit Report by Alumni Brother William Callaghan '90

Things are very busy with me as I'm sure they are with all of you. I wanted to let you know that I enjoy reading the Fraternity newsletters and getting the updates on the Chapter House. I had a chance to visit Hoboken and the Chapter House. I also had my kids with me to visit my mom. She was excited to know that I was stopping by the House where she had many Mother's Club meetings. I even had a chance to walk through the House with my son. Long story short, my son said, "Dad, I think I want to go to college.....here. I love this house!"



Ahhhhh, a Chi Phi in the making!!!Keep up the EXCELLENT work!



Treasurer's Report by Russell Perlman '90

The job of a Delta can be summarized very simply, collect the dues and pay the bills. I could just simply state here; "(please) pay your dues!, and report all bills are paid". Then, after a good memory flash of hearing those exact words from my actives days, I will have fulfilled my duty. But, there are additional responsibilities necessary to assure Mu Chapter's success. Such as communicating the state of the Mu, advancing alumni relations, and planning and budgeting for the long term success of our house at 801 Hudson Street. We need to ensure 'the house' is well maintained so as to ensure it will be around for the next century.

I do know that many of you do consistently pay your dues, and I take great pride that such a good percentage of you pay dues. While I have definitely noticed the adjustments many have had to make this past year or two, most still managed to continue their contributions. So in these tough times, we are required to do more with less. This theme seems to have been the mantra, at work, home, and everywhere else, including here. These have been some really tough times, but I am predicting better times are ahead. It may be a slow climb, but if dues are any kind of indicator, I may be onto something.

Dues are a key element in our ability to provide support to our operating capabilities that we otherwise would have to forego. We take in the semester rent, any event fees, and dues. And with this, we provide for the maintenance of a 108 year old house, a support system for the

actives, and alumni events to further our bonds of brotherhood. While not the most exciting responsibility, the task of managing expenses is now more than ever critical. Insurance costs for a fraternity house is not an easy negotiation these days. Each year seems to bring higher costs and more negotiations. Don't even get me started on Hoboken taxes! Suffice it to say that 'they are not getting any lower'. Even the water and sewer utility costs continue on the rise. Funny thing also, that in a recession, maintenance hasn't seemed to be getting any cheaper either. But state law still requires we maintain and test our sprinkler system. And safety dictates that we also need to perform all other necessary maintenance tasks.

We also try to be able to support the undergraduates with their efforts to better the Chapter House. While we care for the House, we also try to keep good control over the rent increments, to ensure we are providing competitive rates for the undergraduates. So they not only want, but are also able to afford, living at the house. But, with the excellent efforts and communications between the undergraduates and alumni, concentration on the core issues, and dedication, the actives and alumni have worked together on addressing many House issues.

We also have been able to provide good support for events that keep us alumnus together, such as the Clambake, the Alumni-Active football game, and Alumni Ball which will be November 10 this year! We also support Active events, such as attending

COE/RLA programing, or hosting an Open House with Alumni and the Administration. These are key elements to keeping our Brotherhood alive and strong, now, and for the future.

We need to be able to manage a steady state of capital projects. This will enable us to support the Brotherhood for even the next 100 years. This is the purpose of our Building Fund Campaign which provides the capability to continue with needed capital improvement. Proactive consideration allows us to not easily be put into positions of costly immediate needs. We are able to research and bid out significant pieces of work. Over the years, we have identified and prioritized key capital efforts needed. Each meeting we review and determine which, if any can be undertaken, and in what timing.

A recent large project has been the replacement of the downstairs windows. This need had been around for a while, and may have waited another little bit, or alternatively, it may have caused a major problem during a crucial time, like final exams. When it was time to act, we already had some of the homework completed and were able to quickly confirm and award the work.

I personally think the Chapter House is looking better than ever now. But, as we all know, an aging house has more needs that we will be able to address with our current financial capabilities. So, while it has been wise to defer any large scale fund raising efforts during the economic

recession, we now need to once again resume these efforts. I ask that those of you, who have been making steady contributions to the Building Fund to continue to do so and all others to consider it.

No matter what the amount, it does add up and does serve as a way to **give back** to the Fraternity which was there for all of us during our years at Stevens and beyond. These donations help us to protect our valuable investment at 801 for the Brothers and are greatly appreciated.,

So please "pay your dues" and support the Building Fund. **Thanks!**

MU AA BUILDING FUND

Front Stair Plaque Dedication

With your name, year and under listed giving levels:

Order of the Crest

\$25,000

Order of the Chakett

\$10,000

Order of the Three Stars

\$5,000

Order of Scarlet

\$2,500

Order of Blue

\$1,000

Order of the Green Gate

\$250



MU Alumni Association
100 Year Anniversary 1914-2014

Old Guard Report by Bob Bozzone '58

The 2011 Mu Chi Phi Old Guard Orlando Reunion, although a smaller group than many of those in the past, was a great success. Brothers and their gals from the '50s and '60s were represented and the Florida weather cooperated 100%. On Tuesday, 10/11 we had a get-together with snacks and refreshments and then had dinner in small groups at local restaurants. On Wednesday we went by bus to Winter Park where Chi Phi's 'commandeered' two boats for the tour on Lake Osceola and Lake Virginia. Along the way, we saw many waterfront estates and learned how to duck down to go under low bridges. A few blocks up Park Avenue, we had a decent waiting for us at the Morse Museum for



Congrats to 50 Years a Brother!

a private tour. We learned that the Tiffany collection was saved after a fire on Long Island and then, transported and resurrected in Winter Park. The collection included many beautiful stained glass windows and the full-size *Chapel*, made entirely from mosaics, was breathtaking.



Casual Diner Out with B-Squared and Good Friends.

Brothers had some lunch and then toured a bit of Winter Park before boarding the bus for EPCOT. Since we were a bit early for our special 4 PM entry to the theme park, our bus driver Bill, gave us a backstage tour of some of the Disney facilities, which were especially interesting. At

EPCOT, many of the group took in the rides at Future World, and those that visited *The Land*, saw bountiful harvests of real fruits and vegetables growing in sand. The World Showcase area was crowded, but many of us took advantage of the EPCOT Food and Wine Festival to try the specialties offered from the marketplaces of many foreign countries – others enjoyed a full course dinner in one of the international restaurants found along the way. The park closed at 9 PM with a laser light and fireworks

show in the lagoon – the heat from flames in the show was felt a good distance away.

On Thursday, the best was yet to come. Leaving the hotel early we arrived at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) for our tour. Little did we suspect, when we received special badges, that this would actually be a very unusual

treat. For the first time ever, a tourist group was permitted entry to the Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB). The VAB, a building 1/2 the height of the Empire State Building was the final station before a shuttle was rolled out to the launch pad. Looking straight up about 50 stories made you feel you could easily fall over. Not only that, but the shuttle *Endeavor* was right there in front of us about 50 ft away and we could take all the pictures we wanted. Another interesting attraction at the KSC for engineers was the IMAX movie showing how the Hubble Telescope was repaired in space. The astronauts needed to handle small hardware and replace many modules and circuit boards during this critical and successful maintenance mission. It was a breathtaking 3D experience.

On Thursday evening we had our regular Celebration Dinner at the hotel. Some information was presented on current activities at Stevens, including the selection of the new President, **Dr. Nariman Farvardin**, who some broth-

ers met in Hoboken in September. One brother, **Tony Mirabella**, '62, received his Chi Phi 50 year pin. Each person had an opportunity to speak and tell some interesting stories from the past. The following morning, we had a brief meeting to discuss plans for our next reunion, tentatively set for the later part of April 2013 in the historic Phila-



Old Guard Touring NASA Facilities.

Chapter Alpha's Report

Charles Russek '13

This semester, the Brothers have worked with the school to encourage a stronger Brotherhood through bringing up the House grade point average, getting more Brothers involved in clubs and extracurricular activities on campus and the Hoboken community, more frequently opening the House to the administration and Alumni, and planning Chi Phi philanthropy 'signature' events.

We have continued the tradition of conducting study sessions for anyone who needs help. An Open House with the Administration is planned for September, and two philanthropy events are currently in the works. It has and will continue to take a lot of work to accomplish many of these goals, but the Brotherhood is excited for this new initiative which is helping to make Mu a better Chapter as a result.

And now with 15 newly initiated Brothers this spring and great prospects for next year!

Newly Initiated Brothers:

- McKlusky, Kevin M.**
New York, NY
- Dubord, Brian C.**
Hopatcong, NJ
- Knopsnyder, Mark J.**
Riverdale, NJ
- Delsignore, Michael C.**
Haddon Heights, NJ
- Timpanaro, Daniel E.**
Hillsdale, NJ
- Jurczenia, Victor**
Clifton, NJ
- Whitaker, Noel**
Great Falls, VA
- Mistretta, Alexander**
Chester Springs, PA
- Bialor, Scott A.**
Manalapan, NJ
- Mandicz, Thomas A.**
Flanders, NJ
- Mahadik, Faraz**
Hoboken, NJ
- Rodefelf, Eric D.**
Port Jefferson, NY
- Wetzel, Brian N.**
Branchburg, NJ
- Young, David H.**
Pequanock, NJ
- Marschall, Matthew J.**
Westborough, MA



New Brothers, April 29, 2012

The Brotherhood also wishes that more Alumni will stop by to see the Chapter House and meet with the Brothers. We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

The Mu Alumni Association Proudly Presents

Mu Alumni Ball

November 10, 2012

7-12 PM

Sheraton Lincoln-Harbor Hotel

500 Harbor Boulevard - Weehawken, NJ 07086

(201) 617-5600 · Fax: (201) 617-5627 ·

Included in the price:

Cocktail Hour!

(With 4 butler services hot Hors D Oeuvres).

Champagne Toast!

Meal and Drink!

DJ Music/Dancing!

Prizes!

...and more...



Good times with good friends, old and new, at the Alumni Ball, November 13, 2010.

For More Information Contact:

Russ Perlman '90, (201)315-0555 or
Peter Rusinkiewicz '10, (908)310-6074

Or visit our Website at:

<http://mualumni.org>

To make room reservations at the Sheraton Lincoln Harbor Hotel, call for Special Offer Reservations: (866)716-8115 or (201)617-5600 and ask for the Mu Alumni Room Rate (\$199). Parking is included along with access to nearby water Ferry Service available to NYC with buses going up and downtown. Also, shuttle bus service will be available to Stevens Campus.

Name/Year: _____

Number in party: _____

Guest name (s): _____

Filet Mignon with Merlot demi-glaze: _____

Wild Salmon with herb crusted Dijon sauce: _____

Stuffed Chicken breast with wild rice: _____

Vegeterian (on special request): _____

Optional donation to support Undergraduate attendance (\$25 suggested): _____

\$100 Per person X ___ meals = **Total \$** _____

Please return this stub by Sept 30,
for best table seating arrangements.

Make checks payable to:

Mu Alumni Association

PO Box 1636, Hoboken, NJ 07030

OR USE PAYPAL ON WEBSITE

Donation: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Mu Chapter Eternal

Jean Buhler '39
Ken DeBaun '49
Ken Lydecker '50
Fred Sematinger '51
Fred Conrad '51
Frank O'Callaghan '52
Andy Voorhis '53
Wayne Konopka '60
Glen Karle '81

New Arrivals



Stephen "Teo" with proud father Pete Rogina '86.



11-11-11 Alumni Meet-up at Chapter House on November 11, 2011



Pre-Thanksgiving Day at Chapter House and our famous Chef Julia with husband helping out this year.

Annual '80/81' Alumni Meet-up for Christmas



Fall's Annual Alumni-Active Football Game.
Alumni win (again)!



Alumni Day Family Visits to Stevens and Chapter House.
Ned Moraghan '96 (left with family) and Mike Andreano '96 (right with family).

Upcoming Mu Alumni Events

- **May 12:** Clam Bake and Spring Mu Alumni Association Meeting 1-6 PM at Chapter House
\$20 for Alumni, \$5 for Undergraduates, guests and family are free,
Contact: Daniel Deaugustine '13 interestingdan@gmail.com, 908-240-5622.
- **May 18-20:** Annual Canoe Trip at Bob Landers, Narrowsburg, NY Campsite,
\$74 per Brother, Contact Robert Realmuto '13, rrealmuto@gmail.com, 908-768-9866.
- **June 2:** Green Gate Open House and 50 Year Pin Ceremony 2-4:00 PM at Chapter House
Contact: Henry Carnevale '80, roccoHenry@aol.com, 732-735-9574 for Fifty Year Pins.
- **September 22:** Mu Alumni Meet-Up 8 PM at Arthur's Hoboken Steak House,
RSVP, \$30 per Brother for food. Beer/wine included. Contact Brett Levy '08,
bhaze726@gmail.com, 917-623-9540 by Friday to make reservations.
- **November 10:** Semi-Annual Mu Alumni Ball at Sheraton Lincoln-Harbor Hotel,
Weehawken, New Jersey See Page 5 for details.
- **November: 17** Alumni/Active Football Game at 2 PM, on Stevens DeBaun Field.
Mu Alumni Association Fall General Meeting /EC Elections, 4 PM at Chapter House.

Dear Brothers,

The Mu Chapter Alumni Association of the Chi Phi Fraternity is once again proud to announce an Open House at 801 Hudson Street starting 2 PM coinciding with Stevens Alumni Weekend festivities on Saturday, June 2, 2012. Please come and tour the Chapter House that served as the foundation for great friendships that have lasted ell beyond graduation and visit your old room! Meet-up with new Brothers and the future of the Fraternity. Food and refreshments will be served. Spouses, friends and other family members are all welcome.

In keeping with tradition, the 50 year pin ceremony will commence at 4 PM in the Front Room. Alumni Brothers who were initiated in the last 50 years or longer who have not received their pin should contact Henry Carnevale, roccoHenry@aol.com or call 732-735-9574.

Eternally, Fraternally, Mu Alumni Association

MU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2012 DUES NOTICE

Name, Class: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: Mu Alumni Association

Annual Dues: \$60

Suggested: \$75

Retired: \$50

Other: \$_____ or use **PayPal on Website**

MU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BUILDING FUND

Please Make Checks Payable to: Mu AA Building Fund

for Capital Improvement projects at 801 Hudson Street.

Mu AA Building Fund: \$_____ or use **PayPal on Website**

See Website for details and recognition Giving Levels (pg. 3)

for 100 Year MU AA Anniversary and dedication plaque.

Mail checks to: **Mu AA, PO Box 1636, Hoboken, NJ 07030**

Alumni News? Change of address? Job postings?

Please use space below or attach a sheet.



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or news items for The Green Gate?**
Any address, phone number, or e-mail changes?
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