

DELTA-ALPHA ALUMNI NEWS

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Aaron E. Balderas, GM

State of the Chapter

Brother's of Delta Alpha,

It gives me great pleasure to say that the Delta Alpha Chapter of Kappa Sigma has once again had a great year full of improvement, growth, service, and of course, fun. This past school year (2012–2013) was among the successful for Delta Alpha in recent years for a variety of reasons.

As we head into this upcoming (2013–2014) school year we hope that as Kappa Sigs we are able to perform more service, raise more money, grow in size, and strive to win those Greek competitions that get us all very excited. This past school year, Delta Alpha pledged a total of thirteen men who have grown and developed into better men. During the fall rush, Delta Alpha pledged 11 men and two in the Spring semester. While the spring semester's rush did not go as we had planned, we remain optimistic and motivated to do better this year. For the upcoming school year, Delta Alpha has a goal of pledging 25 men. As a chapter, we know that this is a big goal but we have allocated time, resources and plenty of enthusiasm to ensure that we have the best chance possible going into this fall rush.

Additionally, Delta Alpha participated in Greek Sing and Booth this past spring. Kappa Sig competed in the doubles division of the competition with the sisters of Delta Delta Delta. After countless hours of practice, the chapter achieved a 3rd place finish. Kappa Sig and TriDelta collectively raised over \$10,000 for the Children's Institute of Pittsburgh. This year, Delta Alpha's booth theme was "Old West Valhalla," which was grouped as a service booth. In total, the chapter raised \$960.00 which we donated to Kappa Sig's national philanthropy, Military Heroes.

Overall, we're proud of what the chapter has accomplished in this past year and look forward to more improvement and bigger achievements in the upcoming year. As we begin the school year, we will be working hard from the start to make sure that

we are successful. Many of the things that we do as a chapter are tough to do without proper financing. I ask that our alumni base help us out by coming around the chapter house, sending your thoughts our way, and also through donations to the chapter. If you wish to give a tax-deductible donation, you can do so at the following url by selecting the "give to the area of your choice" option and specify that the gift is for "Kappa Sigma Fraternity":

<http://giving.cmu.edu/s/1410/giving/start.aspx>

As a chapter we appreciate your support and hope to see many of you throughout this year.

A.E.K.Δ.B.

Delta Alpha Quick Facts

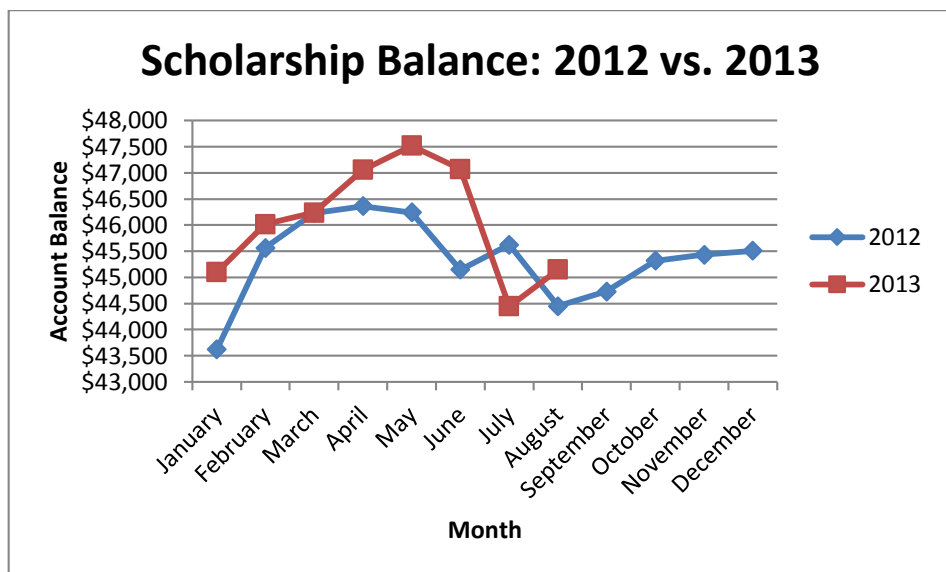
- Raised over \$10,000 with the sisters of Delta Delta Delta for the Children's Institute of Pittsburgh
- Raised over \$960.00 with our "Old West Valhalla" booth with proceeds going to the Military Heroes philanthropy
- Pledged and initiated 13 men this past year
- Placed 3rd in the Greek Sing Competition with the Sisters of Delta Delta Delta
- Performed more than 5200 hours of community service as a chapter in the past year
- Donated more than \$3,460.00 as a chapter to various organizations in the past year
- Had more than 50 alumni return for the Spring Carnival (hope to keep having more!)
- About 25% of the chapter's men are student leaders on campus in organizations such as: the Interfraternity Council, CMU EMS, the Undergraduate Investment Club, CMU Raasta, Teaching Assistants, College Republicans, College Democrats, and Carnegie Mellon Varsity Athletics

2013 YTD Delta-Alpha Scholarship Fund Financial Report

Through the first seven months of calendar year 2013, the scholarship fund has shown a slight increase in its balance. At the start of 2013, the scholarship fund stood with a balance of \$45,096 and it has remained largely flat since then, with a beginning balance in August of \$45,148. The figure shown displays the appreciation/(depreciation) of the fund compared to the same time frame in 2012. Total expenditures this year have included just \$1,500 as accounted for by the spring scholarship award. Contributions to the fund totaled \$1,552 including \$50 in donations, \$284 in dividends/investment income, and \$1,218 from net positive change in the market value of the securities owned. This led to a net increase of \$52 year to date in 2013.

It is evident that our scholarship donations have dramatically decreased in recent years. The scholarship board implores all

alumni brothers to please consider a tax-deductible donation to the scholarship fund to help provide for our undergraduate brothers. As we approach our 95th anniversary let us each commit to making a donation to help build this vital resource that has been there for many of us and will hopefully continue for many years to come.



Scholarships Awarded

Since our last newsletter, the Delta Alpha Scholarship Fund has presented two undergraduate brothers with the Francis P. Kennedy & Alberta McCall Gant Scholarship, Leadership and Brotherhood Award.

Keith Mehalek was awarded a \$1500.00 scholarship. He is from Pittsford, New York, and graduated in May 2012. Keith majored in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Biomedical Engineering. He maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.70 and served the chapter as Grand Scribe, IFC Chapter Representative and Scholarship Chairman. He also earned Ritual Proficiency for Pledge Education. Keith was the Greek Advisory Board Chapter Representative and IFC Judicial Board Representative. He was on the



Alpine Ski Team and a member of the Rotaract Club service organization.

Andrew Armstrong (photo left) was also awarded a \$1500.00 scholarship. He is from Branchburg, New Jersey, and graduated with a degree in Mathematical Science. Andrew maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.71. He served the chapter

as Grand Master, House Manager, Greek Sing Chairman, IFC Chapter Representative and IFC Vice President. Andrew earned Ritual Proficiency for GM and Pledge Education. He was a member of the Order of Omega honor society.

The Delta Alpha alumni can be proud of these brothers' accomplishments and of these scholarships awarded in memory of Alberta and Frank.

Booth & Carnival 2013

This year the brother's of Kappa Sig outdid themselves in booth, this spring's booth theme was "Old West Vallhalla." In a saloon with the second story modeled loosely on a mead hall, we served draught root beer and root beer floats, which were very popular around midway especially with the children. Over the course of the weekend we managed to raise \$960.00 for Kappa Sig's national philanthropy, Military Heroes. Delta Alpha has built a great foundation to create more ambitious booths in years to come.

This past Spring Carnival was one to remember. Over 50 Delta Alpha alumni of all different decades were present for the celebrations. This was special



for the active brothers who were able to hear and witness house culture and some great fraternity stories from across the decades. It was, however, especially wonderful for our older alumni who were able to talk to pledge brothers, brothers, and old friends to relive and remember their fraternal heydays. It is always truly a special occasion when we come together as brothers

and rekindle those inseparable bonds which unite us in our hearts. We thank those who were able to make it out here to ole 1063 and we hope you return again next year. To those who weren't able to make it this past Carnival, we hop to see you for the next one!

Till then, A.E.K.Δ.B.

Greek Sing 2013

This past spring, the Delta Alpha chapter had its first successful foray into the Greek Sing doubles competition in several years. The brothers of Delta Alpha partnered with the sisters of the Delta Delta Delta sorority to perform Bye Bye Birdie, and earned third place in the competition! In addition, we also raised over \$10,000 in donations from local businesses, universities and alumni for the Children's Institute. More than three quarters of the chapter prepared for or participated in the event in some way, including lead actors Jason Kelso, Aaron Balderas and Tyler Harper, and the 600 hours in community service in preparation for the philanthropic event definitely paid off. The night of the event was truly a night to remember. Besides all of the competition amongst the Greek organizations, there was a sense of pride and sense of community upon finding out that the CMU Greeks were able to raise \$74,000.00 for the Children's Institute of Pittsburgh. The

chapter hopes to continue this success, and will be performing in the doubles competition again under the direction of newly elected Greek Sing chairs Michael Toro and Tyler Harper. Kappa Sig hopes to be a contender for first place, and more importantly increase our philanthropic scope.



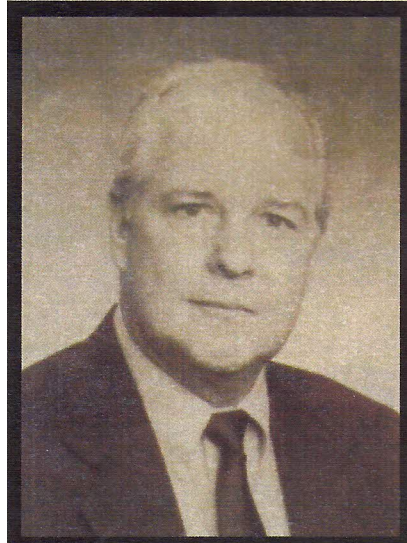
Remembrance to Robert “Bob” Kiefer

It is with great sorrow that we send these remembrances to Delta Alpha brothers on the recent sudden passing of Brother Bob Kiefer on August 5, 2013. As most brothers know, Bob was well known as the “father” of the Delta Alpha Scholarship fund, formed and dedicated in 1996 to the life and passion of Brother Frank Kennedy, long time culinary “professor” at the Delta Alpha Kappa Sigma house.

Bob graduated in 1954 from what then was Carnegie Tech after many productive years at the Kappa Sig house, including a year as Grand Master. He was instrumental in bringing Frank Kennedy “on board” to man the kitchen which Frank did for many years. Bob was a member of Jackson’s Men and forever involved with the fraternity following graduation. In 1996, following Frank’s passing, Bob and a number of alumni brothers initiated the Delta Alpha Scholarship fund for all of us to remember Brother Kennedy. Since inception, the fund has supported Delta Alpha Kappa Sigma brothers for a total of over \$25,000.

Following are some highlights of Bob’s life and career.

Bob graduated from Mount Lebanon High School in 1950. He attended the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut and in 1952 transferred to the Carnegie Institute of Technology where he earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering, working part time in a steel mill in



Pittsburgh to support his education. Following his college graduation, he joined the United States Navy and was assigned as an officer candidate to the Naval Base in Newport, RI. In late 1955 he reported to the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida for flight training and was designated Naval Aviator in the spring of 1957. He continued to fly long after leaving the Navy, including as a “weekend warrior” at various Naval Air Stations in Texas and maintained a commercial pilot’s license well into his 70s. He still flew private aircraft occasionally

until just before his death.

After an honorable discharge from the US Navy in 1959 as a Lieutenant, Bob moved his family back to Pittsburgh where he began a long career in the steel industry. Bob moved his family to Houston and within a few years began his own company, Kiefer Powell and Associates. As the business evolved and grew significantly, it became the Steel Corporation of Texas and eventually Alloy Steel.

In the second chapter of his business life, Bob moved into the tank container and logistics business. Bob was a leader in business and industry in both his fields and in the Houston area, serving on many corporate Boards and leadership teams too numerous to list. He was a registered Professional Engineer in Texas.

Bob is survived by his wife of 37 years, Norma Louise Hall Kiefer as well as two daughters and one son.

Delta Alpha Club Financial Report – 2013

The Delta Alpha Club fund began 2013 with \$43,992 and after seven months is at \$44,765, an increase of \$773, predominately due to the investment securities increasing \$1,271. Alumni contributions continue to fall short of normal expectations with \$50 donated thus far in 2013. The Club assisted the local chapter early in the year with a \$4,000 loan for unexpected obligations and was repaid shortly thereafter for the full amount.

The only other expense was the annual management fee for our financial operations of \$800 which was partially offset by \$252 of dividends and interest payments. The Delta Alpha Club will continue to support the active chapter for appropriate needs that they may have, but we also hope that financial support will come from alumni, either to the Club fund or the Scholarship tax deductible fund.

Brother Christopher K. "Otis" Raible, 1972 – 2012

It is with great sadness that the Delta-Alpha Club reports the loss of Brother Christopher "Otis" Raible.

Brother Raible was born and raised in Irwin, Pennsylvania and attended Norwin High School before beginning his undergraduate studies at Carnegie Mellon University, concentrating in Civil Engineering. He pledged Kappa Sigma in the fall semester in 1992 and initiated on April 4, 1993 along with his four pledge brothers. Continuing Delta-Alpha's long history of military

service, Brother Raible served the Marine Corps for 17 years, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During the September 2012 raid, 15 members of the Taliban, dressed as U.S. military, cut a fence that ringed the base. They stormed a line of planes and helicopters there, destroying six Harrier jets and damaging two more, causing the single largest loss of U.S. military aircraft since the Vietnam War. Brother Raible and another Marine, Sgt. Bradley Atwell, were killed by an exploding grenade, but not before Brother Raible's fellow Marines reported that



his quick organization played a significant role in containing the enemy before the Taliban were finally defeated. Brother Raible, a husband (to wife Donnella), father (to three young children), and U.S. Marine Corps commanding officer joined the Chapter Celestial on September 14, 2012.

Brother Raible's meritorious service can be seen in the numerous awards he received during his career in the military, but are exemplified in the commendations

he received for his heroism during this act of bravery, including a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Action Ribbon, and an Air Medal. In addition, he became the 17th recipient of the Kappa Sigma Golden Heart Award, given to brothers who show extraordinary bravery and courage and has had a scholarship at Carnegie-Mellon University enacted in his honor, to be given to a student exemplifying distinguished public service—he was named the first recipient. Brother Raible was laid to rest at Arlington Cemetery on October 3, 2012.

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2013-14 Annual Fund

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Delta Alpha Web Site

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If you have any questions, would like to update your information, or need any other assistance, please contact Robert Bethea at robert.a.bethea@gmail.com.

www.deltaalpha.org

Join Our E-mail Group!

Delta Alpha has a brother-organized e-mail newsgroup. There are over 170 members included so far, and we want to encourage all DA alumni to join. This is an informal group for individual members to make announcements, share news, etc.: no spam, no solicitations, no advertising. We are also using this group as a way to keep each other informed of certain events relating to the chapter or its members in more real-time, rather than waiting for periodic newsletters. If you want to join, please visit this web page and sign up:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/delta_alpha/

The administrator will enable you within a day, and you'll receive an e-mail confirming your membership. Membership is free, and you can control how often (or not) you receive e-mails from the group.

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