



Alphadelity

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Brats, Brotherhood On Tap in Ohio

The 2005 National Convention is set to come to Cincinnati this coming August 9-13. The brothers and alumni of Rho Chapter are inviting everyone to spend a little time with us and our fellow brothers from around the country down on the Ohio River.

Currently, we are planning activities including a trip to the local horse racing track, an alumni bar-becue, a night at Newport on the Levee, and the awards banquet with an alumni reception to recognize the hard work many of our chapters have done throughout the past year.

Delegate fees for



The Radisson Riverfront Hotel

the convention are \$150, cover all events and activities including the banquet, and are required to vote and participate in the business meetings. All active delegates are required to pay the full fee, but alumni have the option to pay à la carte based on events you wish to attend.

The convention is going to be held at the Radisson Hotel in the Mainstrasse Village area of Covington, Ky. just across the river. Nightly room rates are \$99 for up to two people, or \$109 for up to four people. This rate is good for the entire convention plus three days before and after,

if you wish to extend your vacation. To make your reservations, please call the hotel directly at (859) 491-1200 and identify yourself as being with Alpha Delta Gamma to receive the rate. Our room block and the rates are guaranteed only until July 10.

For delegate forms and more information, please go to the national website or contact either of the Rho stewards, alumnus Chris Sapp at adg_sapper@yahoo.com, or active Vaughn Helmer at vaughn.helmer@thomasmore.edu.

A Message from the ADGEF President

Dear Brothers of ADG:

It is indeed a pleasure to have this opportunity to review with you some of the accomplishments of the past year, and to thank those whose support and cooperation made them possible. I would like to then continue to discuss the goals we have set and the vision we are pursuing for Alpha Delta Gamma Educational Foundation over the next five years.

First and foremost, I want to thank all alumni who donated this past fall in response to our annual solicitation. Without your generous donations, ADGEF would not be able to reach its goals for the future.

Second, I would like to thank John Koehler, an alumnus from Zeta

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Chapter, for his work with the Foundation web site and our online version of *Alphadelity*. I also would like to thank the current Foundation Board of Directors for their time and dedication over the past year; it is your focus and desire that puts us on the road to achieving our goals.

Lastly, I would like to thank the current National Council for its continued success with the growth and stability of our sacred fraternity. These officers have set forth an aggressive plan for the future of the fraternity, and is well on its way to attaining these goals and a great deal more.

With regard to ADGEF, highlights of the past year include the following:

We conducted another successful Ben Aranda Fund solicitation. These funds allowed for the first printed version of *Alphadelity* (which you now hold in your hands) in seven years. For the past three years we have published twice-yearly editions of the newsletter online, which may be viewed on our website at www.alpha-deltagamma.org. We are very thankful to Bernie Sandalow, editor, and all others who contributed articles to this year's edition as well as our online version.

We are asking as many alumni as possible to attend our national convention, to be held in Cincinnati August 9-13 at the Radisson Hotel Riverfront. We will be resurrecting our alumni chapters into thriving, living organizations, built on friendships we have made in Alpha Delta Gamma. It is up to each and every one of us to put forth every effort, at all times, to keep our fraternity not only existing but striving to be the best fraternity out there. You may have never attended a convention or maybe it's been a long

time; but I ask you to please make every effort to attend this year. We will be having in-depth discussions on the future of our fraternity at the local and national levels.

Alpha Delta Gamma has added two new chapters, which you can read about elsewhere in this issue. But my concern is the two chapters we have lost this past year, and another that we are very close to losing. I am encouraged because the response by alumni from this chapter thus far, after they heard the seriousness of the situation, has been overwhelming. Why, I ask, does it take this long for alumni to step up and get involved?

Our National President, Derrick Cabrera, wrote one of the best

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articles I have read in a long time this past spring (see next page), where he described the state of our alumni/active relationships. In a word, this situation is a disgrace to Alpha Delta Gamma. We gave our oath as members to be that "city walled." We, as alumni, need to live up to our end of the bargain. I ask you to please get involved with either your local chapter, the national chapter, or the Foundation. Alpha Delta Gamma needs your support. Our last goal this year will be going to press with a new membership directory; the last was printed in 1999. We have always paid for this directory out of



Charlie Johnson

donations to the Foundation, but this one will be different. The Foundation will be asking alumni, local chapters, schools and businesses to buy advertisements to help cover production costs. Full, half, and quarter pages will be priced accordingly. In the upcoming months, the director of this project will be mailing out a letter with more details. The directory will be ready sometime early next year for distribution.

In conclusion, I want to thank all alumni for their support of the Foundation. It is because of you that ADGEF has the ability to reach our goals and vision of the future. I look forward to meeting you in Cincinnati, or maybe at a local alumni event over the next year. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Fraternally,
Charles R. Johnson
President
ADGEF

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Derrick Cabrera

With Our Survival in The Balance, ADG's Culture Must Change

(Editor's note: this article was adapted from a presentation given at this year's Spring Conference.)

By DERRICK CABRERA
National President

Last October I attended the NIC Small Fraternity Caucus meeting in Indianapolis. It was attended by executive directors and national presidents of nine different small fraternities.

If there was one thing I realized from attending this meeting, it was that these other groups could be called "small" fraternities, whereas I would consider ADG an "ultra-small" fraternity by comparison. One major difference was the Alumni.

These other small fraternities were upset that the attendance at their national conventions was only half alumni. In other words, one out of two attendees being alumni was considered insufficient.

The president of one of the fraternities even stated, "Alumni are the first and foremost members responsible for the existence of their chapters." I was floored. I couldn't believe that was said, and it really made me think about the role our alumni play in ADG. It was clear to me at that point that something needs to change in Alpha Delta Gamma.

Overall, this was a humbling experience, because of the realization that ADG lacks the resources, both human and financial, to do all that these other fraternities do for their chapters.

Sure, we can say to ourselves, "What about the brotherhood? We have it and they don't!" But how long can we last like this? Eta Chapter? Dead. Xi Chapter? Zero actives at the end of last academic year. Our operating account? I won't even go there.

It is clear to me that the strong growth and sustenance of these other small fraternities is due to the commitment and manpower represented by their members – both alumni and actives.

Under our current culture, we have actives who want nothing to do with alumni, and alumni who want nothing to do with actives – and hence, nothing to do with National (or these alumni just fall off the face of the earth).

I have personally heard the following thoughts from particular actives and alumni:

Actives: I'm only in the fraternity for four years. After I graduate, I won't have to deal with it anymore.

Actives: The alumni are just old and don't know how to run a chapter anymore.

Actives: The alumni need to stay out of our business. It's our fraternity now.

Alumni: It is actives' responsibility to keep the alumni up-to-date.

Alumni: It is National's job to keep my chapter afloat, not mine.

Alumni: The chapter is not being run like we ran it, therefore they don't respect us, so I won't help them.

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It is clear to me that the strong growth of these other small fraternities is due to the commitment and manpower represented by their members — both alumni and actives.

For whatever reasons, many actives stop caring about fraternity life after graduation, and their chapters suffer because of the help these alumni could be providing as mentors and supporters, but don't.

Where is it written that your responsibility to ADG is no longer needed or welcome after graduation? An alum is a member as much as an active. There is no timeframe associated with our fraternity's purpose. ADG is a fraternity for life!

I'm not faulting every active and alum out there. There is still a strong, genuine spirit among many of you who want to do more for ADG and stay involved with your chapters.

But our fraternity's culture needs to change. We need to start down this path sooner or later, and this Administration chooses now. But this is only an introduction. You can expect our discussions at this summer's convention to go further into our ideas for this change, and how to implement it, as we continue to explain our vision for the future that I think all of us would love to see us get to. But, it starts *now*.

Expansion Potential at Three Campuses Over the Next Year



Alex Razzook

By ALEX RAZZOOK
National Vice President, External Affairs

I think most have forgotten how far we have come in the last three years. In 2002, we were looking at the extinction of three chapters. Over the past year we have seen the revival of Xi Chapter, the growth of Zeta Chapter and the induction of Alpha Beta Chapter (formally Philadelphia University Colony). This summer, we hope to induct our current colony at Chestnut Hill College.

The new website transformed our message of brotherhood and made it readily accessible on the internet. John Koehler, our webmaster, developed algorithms for increasing our results to Google search phrases, market-

ing ADG to a larger group of people. Type "fraternity expansion" into the Google searchbar and see for yourself. These aspects, coupled with a professionally designed web interface, have often made Alpha Delta Gamma a first contact for many interest groups looking to bring a unique brotherhood to their campus.

Currently our active chapters have already approved three colony applications, at State University of New York/Oswego, the University of Southern California and DePaul University. SUNY/Oswego marks an excellent opportunity to open the doors of ADG in New York as well as general entrance into the SUNY system! USC, located in downtown Los Angeles about 15 miles from Lambda Chap-

ter at LMU, would create an additional foothold on the west coast for continued expansion. DePaul would be a landmark achievement, as it would represent the restarting of Gamma Chapter, ADG's third-oldest.

With the possibility of establishing three colonies over the next year, the need for actives and alumni alike to help advise on candidate education and school relations has never been more urgent. If you are interested in contributing in any way or know someone who might, please call or contact me at (202) 330-9593 or by email at vpexternalaffairs@alphadeltagamma.org.

There are many benefits to expanding ADG. By establishing additional chapters, we create opportunities for new alumni associations to start up. We create new sources of revenue for the entire fraternity. We diversify our many talents and expand our creativity pool. It's also about spreading our concept of brotherhood, identifying groups of men who can contribute to ADG and society, and broadening our opportunities through affiliations with new campuses for the continued education and development of our members.

There are also many ways to contribute to expansion. Andrew Gamm (alumni affairs@alphadeltagamma.org) is working extensively with alumni all over to help set up our alumni associations. Each academic year yields not only new actives, but also new alumni. I look forward with great eagerness to see what our actives and alumni can accomplish working together.

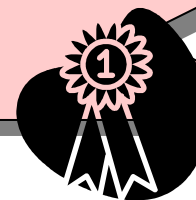


ADG's NEWEST CHAPTER, Alpha Beta, at Philadelphia University.



INTEREST GROUP at University of Southern California includes (l to r) Eddie Medina (with friend Trishia Contreras), Jon Paul Puno and Eric Forest.

ADGEF Honor Roll Of Donors



Alpha Delta Gamma Educational Foundation expresses its sincere thanks to the following donors from the past year. Your support makes it possible for ADGEF to continue providing undergraduate scholarships and other support for our chapters!

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Michael Blackstock, Joe Paul Clayton, Wayne S. Palmer-Ball

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ADGEF THANKS YOU!

Alumni Chapters Reorganizing Around the Country... How About Yours?

By PETE MANNING

Our National Council has been working hard over the past several years to ensure ADG's continued success. Part of that success, and our continued growth, has always been the help, direction, support and strength of the alumni. The main focus of this article is to look into strengthening our alumni groups in each city and around the country, with the goal of reactivating the active alumni chapters.

It would be great to see an alumni chapter in each city with an active chapter as well as other cities with a significant number of alumni living in the area. Also, with alumni direction, a national list can be created with current information on all alumni, making communication more efficient. With support, focus, and help from more alumni, we can pool our resources, gain from our experiences, and strengthen the bond of brotherhood created when we joined ADG.

There are ADG alumni all over the continental U.S. as well as abroad. At the same time, however, many of our alumni are not very well informed about what is going on with their active chapter or their alumni brothers. Reactivating our alumni chapters would help address this situation. Doing so would not be costly, but would require some time commitment. Most alumni should have the time to meet regularly to discuss everything from the annual golf scramble, alumni functions at the university, ADGEF fundraisers, or joint events with the actives. The alumni chapters would be fully functioning chapters in their own right, with a constitution, officers, etc., giving them the ability to assign tasks, create a budget, and communicate with the actives, the school, other alumni chapters, and of course the national.

Speaking of communications, functioning

alumni chapters would be able to create an updated list containing pertinent alumni information. This information would include addresses, home and work phone numbers, e-mail addresses and other ways of staying in touch. By keeping this information up to date, each alumni chapter can better communicate news of upcoming events, weddings, births, deaths, or when brothers relocate into or out of the area.

There have been some concerns addressed to me, as well as the Council and other alumni about such lists. They would be for our use only, never given out, rented or sold to outside vendors or third parties, thereby giving everyone confidence in trusting fellow alumni with personal data. I know that the national and alumni I have spoken with feel that maintaining current contact lists would be a great tool. It would keep us closer together, even when we are miles apart.

How often do you wonder what happened to certain brothers since they moved away? We can find out, simply by banding together and rolling up our sleeves to share this information and

collectively strengthen ourselves.

Alpha Delta Gamma created a place where we could all get together with men of similar character and make ourselves better men and citizens. Most of us have been involved with our chapters and with each other since graduation. We all agree that we, as alumni, would like to keep in closer contact with other alumni and also stay more involved with ADG. By setting and achieving our first goal of reactivating our alumni chapters, we can better develop ourselves as alumni, and better serve our great fraternity in the years to come.

(Editor's note: Pete Manning served as National Director of Alumni Affairs from 2002-2004.)



What Role Should Young Alumni Take?

By MICHAEL BLACKSTOCK
National Vice President, Finance
Past National President

As each semester draws to a close, many brothers from around the country face the challenge of starting and leading a new life in the “real world.”

As alumni, we have all faced this challenge and know exactly what new and recent graduates are now facing. Graduation from college is an ending, but it is also a beginning as an alumnus of Alpha Delta Gamma.

As young alumni, I believe we have a responsibility to our friends and brothers with whom we have spent the last several years of our lives. As an alumnus you will be looked up to as an advisor, a friend and, most importantly, as a brother. So, what should your role be as a new or recent graduate of our beloved fraternity? Obviously the answer varies with everyone, much like our roles within the active chapter. Here are a few thoughts to ponder as you begin your new adventures in life:

Universal ADG Night: As an active, there is nothing more important than seeing alumni at chapter events. By now we all know this special evening takes place on the first Friday of every December. Show your support of the active chapter by taking part in this important evening. There’s nothing quite like reminiscing about your days as an active with your new brothers and other alumni. Other options include Laetare Sunday, candidate pinnings and inductions, rush events, formals, etc.

Convention: Some of the best memories of our active days took place during national conventions, and the building of relationships with brothers from around the country. This is not something that needs to stop just because you have graduated. We all realize that demands on our time and work schedules make convention attendance more of a challenge as years go by, but everyone should make a conscious effort to attend as often as possible, maybe every couple years, or maybe just for the weekend. Think about how much pride you felt as an active when you met alumni from your chapter at the convention, taking part and supporting you. Also, don’t be afraid that the convention experience should be limited only to brothers — feel free to bring your wife or significant other to enjoy the experience of ADG.

ADGEF: Getting involved with ADGEF is not limited to donating money. As young alumni, it’s understandable that you might have too many other financial obligations. We are always looking for alumni who want to help us move to the next level. It could involve organizing an alumni event, making a few phone calls, or even writing an article for *Alphadelity*. For more information on how to get involved, contact ADGEF President Charlie Johnson at ssdcharlie@aol.com.

It may seem small, but simply seeing an alumnus means the world to our active brothers. So I urge all young alumni to stay involved, locally and nationally, as you begin your new lives as alumni brothers of ADG.



Delegates at last year’s convention, held in Ft. Lauderdale. The event also marked the 10th anniversary of Psi Chapter.

Chapter Eternal

AL KALETTA **Past National President**

Al Kaletta, ADG’s oldest surviving national president, died Dec. 24, 2004 following a long battle with lung disease. Al pledged Beta Chapter in 1948 and served a term as national treasurer from 1949-50 prior to being elected president in 1950. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 47 years.

JUSTIN BOYLE

Kappa Chapter alumnus Justin Boyle died on May 20 at age 40. He pledged Kappa Chapter in 1983 and served as chapter president in 1985. He was also instrumental in Kappa’s sponsorship of the colony at Merrimack College that later became Phi Chapter. Justin’s brother Tim pledged Kappa in 1986.

TOM LYNAM

Tom was a 1982 graduate of Loyola Marymount University. He pledged Lambda in Spring 1979.

NEAL CLARK

Neal was an alumnus of Xi Chapter.

Keep in Touch With ADGEF Via the Web

ADGEF wants to hear from you! And these days, the best way to do that is by visiting our official website, *www.adgnetwork.net*, where you can find out more about how you can be a part of our efforts on behalf of the fraternity we all love.

Once there, you can post information on our bulletin board, tell us if you've moved, become part of our ListServe, or make a secure donation via PayPal.

We especially need current contact information so we can keep our ever-changing national database up to date. Since you received this edition of *Alphadelity* we know how to reach you now, but be sure to let us know if/when that changes.

The website also contains a link to the ADG national store, where you can purchase everything from official ADG apparel to flags, pins, barware, and many other items. The list of

available merchandise is always being updated, so check it out to see what's new!

As you've read in articles elsewhere in this issue, ADGEF is always looking for alumni who want to do something to give back to their fraternity. For some that means making a donation, whether through our annual Ben Aranda fund or a one-time special gift. All donations are tax deductible, and go toward undergraduate scholarships and service programs for our chapters.

But it can also mean contributing your time, professional expertise and organizational skills, which our chapters always need. If you want to help but aren't sure how, get in touch with us anyway.

Not a web person? Call ADGEF President Charlie Johnson at (708) 514-0926, or e-mail him at *ssdcharlie@aol.com* to find out more about how you can help.



Past National Presidents at last year's convention included (bottom l to r) Anthony De Santis, Mike Blackstock, Brian Lind; (top l to r) Dave Macke, Bernie Sandalow, Wayne Palmer-Ball, Bob Young.



Aug. 8-12, 2006 El Segundo, California

Be sure to watch for upcoming information about next year's 75th national convention, to be hosted by Lambda Chapter. It will be ADG's first convention on the sunny West Coast since 1998!

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