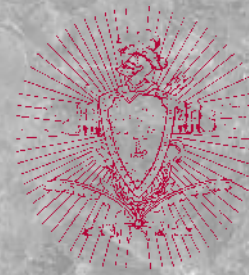


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## DODD HALL PLANS CHAPTER HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PLANS FALL REUNION

*All Possible Thanks to Generous Alumni Contributions*



reetings from Dodd Hall! Hopefully everyone survived the long winter and you are enjoying the spring weather.

A week prior to writing this article, Brother **Kelly Jones '78** made my day. Allow me to explain. I pick up and open all the mail that comes to the Delta Gamma alumni post office box in West Chester, Ohio. That includes change of addresses, contributions, and alumni updates. Most of this mail is very interesting and extremely positive. It is actually one of my favorite parts of being Dodd Hall president. On the other side, being a Dodd Hall officer or trustee can be very trying and even discouraging at times. The chapter house upkeep is a grind at best.

I guess I was feeling some of that when I opened Kelly's letter that day to find a very generous contribution. What a great feeling! It instantly reminded me that Dodd Hall is not alone in wanting to help the chapter and our alumni communications. Numerous alumni still feel that bond and recognize the importance contributing.

Each annual contribution request letter (two per year) generates about \$6,000-\$7,000 from 60-80 concerned alumni like Kelly. Thanks to all of you for making my day many times over!

### CHAPTER HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS SLATED FOR SUMMER

Renovations to the chapter house bathrooms remain our top priority. Our plan is to renovate the

first floor facilities this summer if the chapter can get more undergraduates to live in next year.

We are also committed to making the house wireless Internet compatible over the summer. We would be one of very few fraternities on campus that would be wireless. The cost is approximately \$1,800 and we have an alumnus who may pay for this improvement.

Another area of heavy involvement for Dodd Hall is assisting the chapter with the considerable maintenance of the bathrooms and public areas. At least twice a year or more these areas receive a power cleaning. Summer brings the repainting and carpet cleaning mainly in the individual rooms. Trustees **Bob Riebel '66**, **Bob Potts '81**, and **Steve Rohe '71** are mainly involved in this endeavor. This extra maintenance keeps the house looking its best year round and cuts our long-term upkeep costs.

### FALL REUNION IN THE WORKS

We would like to host a fall reunion for the classes of 1978-85 this year. Reunions the past three years have been very successful and greatly enjoyed by those attending. We need several members of those classes to network and help coordinate the activities with our alumni association president, **Dr. Roger Harris '62**. Please contact Roger at (513) 769-4552 or wholetooth@aol.com or me if you would like to help.

I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events this summer and fall.



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# Brother Applied Lessons Learned from ΠΚΑ for a Successful Career

## Alumnus Spotlight – Randy Whitehead '64

 **Randy Whitehead '64** was an accomplished wrestler for Miami University from 1963 to 1966, earning three letters for the Red and White. After graduation, Randy went on to be a great and positive influence in the state of Massachusetts education system, working as a teacher, coach, and athletic director. He worked with young people from kindergarten through college and has numerous awards of which to be proud.

In his 35-year career, Randy was especially active in high school wrestling. He won three Massachusetts State team high school wrestling championships and one New England championship. He also had two undefeated wrestling seasons. Over the years, Randy was honored with such titles and distinctions as:

- State Wrestling Coach of the Year, by both the Boston Globe and the State Wrestling Coaches Association
- Induction into the Massachusetts Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame, the Chelmsford High

School Alumni Association Hall of Fame, and the Miami University Cradle of Coaches

- Working as athletic director when Chelmsford High School won seven consecutive Boston Globe Dalton Trophies, symbolic of high school athletic supremacy in eastern Massachusetts
- Facilitating his students' fundraising of \$180,000 for Massachusetts Easter Seals—a state record amount



ful for all his Pike memories and what he learned as a pledge and active. He says, "I most cherish the lifelong Pike friendships that have endured."

Randy is retired and lives in Nashua, New Hampshire. He enjoys spending time with his family, stating, "My two children and three grandchildren have been the greatest treasures in my life,

and I thank God for sharing them with me." Randy also stays busy "attempting to be an artist" with his paints, bike riding, walking to fight old age, and "working at being a good father, grandfather, and friend."

He is looking forward to the next reunion in Oxford. Until then, you can stay in touch with Randy by corresponding with him at [randall530lowell@aol.com](mailto:randall530lowell@aol.com).

Reflecting on his collegiate days, Randy says, "Being a Pike has been a very positive influence in my life; a fact that I appreciate more and more as the decades roll by." He credits his Pi Kappa Alpha experience for teaching him how to work within a group for a common cause greater than one's own interests. "It taught me about tolerance, cooperation, and compromise. It showed me the value of loyalty and brotherhood," he says. Randy is grate-



### Chapter Eternal

**Raymond Kley '51**, Okemos, Mich., entered Chapter Eternal on October 29, 2006. Ray was formerly a chapter advisor to the Delta Gamma Chapter. He is survived by his wife, Roberta.

**Charles D. Adams '53** entered Chapter Eternal on November 13, 2006, following a very long and courageous battle with cancer (three times), severe heart problems since 1982, and diabetes. He was heroic and uncomplaining throughout his many struggles. Charles was always proud to be a Pike and recalled his Miami years with great affection and thankfulness for the privilege of having received his college education from such a prestigious university. "His fraternity pin has always been a treasured possession," writes his wife, Marilyn.

**John Jacobus '78** passed on to Chapter Eternal in March 2007 after suffering a heart

attack. He lived in Rocky River, Ohio, at the time of his death.

### Alumni News

**Donald E. Harrington '49** is the retired vice president of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and former Dodd Hall trustee. He was inducted into the State of Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2004. Don and his wife, Peggy, live in Oxford, Ohio. You can e-mail him at [ltjnavy@brecnet.com](mailto:ltjnavy@brecnet.com).

**James E. Wanner '49** reports that he spends about six months a year in Winter Haven, Fla., and the other six months at a summer home on Big Platte Lake, Mich. He says he is "enjoying the water, beaches, woods, and nearby Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore." James is a retired EVP chief legal officer for Chemical Financial Services.

**John "Jack" Terry '50** is retired and lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. He has a law degree from Case Western Reserve University and

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had more than 20 businesses throughout this career. Stay in touch with Jack by sending e-mails to [jtterryaz@cox.net](mailto:jtterryaz@cox.net).

**Lowell R. Shook '53** retired after 40 years in the insurance industry, working as the vice president of marketing for The Credit Life Insurance Company. He remains active with his church, the Lion's Club, local schools, and the arts. Lowell also continues "to be a strong supporter of the Miami Redskins (Hawks)." He and his wife, Constance, hope to travel extensively in the near future. They have two sons, David and Kenneth, and live in Springfield, Ohio. E-mail: [lowellshook@prodigy.net](mailto:lowellshook@prodigy.net)

**John "Pro" Prothro '59** lives in Delray Beach, Fla., and has two grown daughters. As a former U.S. naval officer, Pro founded a travel and tour company in 1984 called Cruising the World, which escorts groups throughout the world. He has been to all 50 states and countless foreign countries on all seven continents; he has been on more than

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# The Delta Gamma Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at Miami University

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(since fall 2004)



Thanks to the support of generous alumni, \$6,250 was contributed with 57 gifts to our fall 2006 appeal. This marked the beginning of our third year of the ongoing alumni relations campaign, and the successes and achievements of the Delta Gamma Chapter are directly attributed to the support and involvement of its members. The active brothers are grateful for and proud of the support they receive from their alumni.

The following is a list of contributors to Delta Gamma's ongoing annual campaign. This list reflects contributors since the fall of 2004. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, or if we have mistakenly omitted your gift, we sincerely apologize. If a correction to your giving record is needed, please send it to Dodd Hall Inc., P.O. Box 8437, Westchester, OH 45069.

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65 cruises, including a 72 day world cruise to 304 countries. You may contact Pro at [cruisepro1@yahoo.com](mailto:cruisepro1@yahoo.com).

**Donald L. Howell II '70** writes that he recently visited with Connie Beeken, 1971 Lil' Sis and widow of **Don Beeken '70**. "Connie gave me a photo of our first fire truck, and I was pleased to see the story about the restoration of truck #2 by **Vail Miller '90** in the recent newsletter. Nice job!" Don and his wife, Eileen, reside in Boise, Idaho, and recently celebrated their 30th anniversary with a trip to San Francisco. Don is the deputy attorney general for Idaho's attorney general office. E-mail him at [donhowell21@cablone.net](mailto:donhowell21@cablone.net).

**Thomas E. Lavin '81** is a surgeon with Surgical Specialists of LA. He and his wife, Sue, and three children, Sean (10), Jacqueline (8), and Ryan (6), live in Covington, La. He can be contacted at [tomlavin@bellsouth.net](mailto:tomlavin@bellsouth.net).

**David E. Anderson '85** and his wife, Jill, and their children, Chip and P. J., live in Shaker Heights, Ohio. David works for Smithers Oasis N.A. in sales and marketing. He can be contacted at [danderson@smithersoasis.com](mailto:danderson@smithersoasis.com).

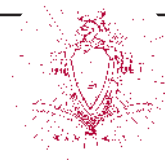
**Thomas J. Larsen '92** and his wife, Heather, and daughters, Maggie and Carly, relocated from Colorado Springs, Colo., to Goshen, N.Y. He left his previous job at Adelphia after five years to join Mediacom as their vice president of legal affairs. Mediacom is the seventh largest cable television company in the United States. E-mail Tom at [thomasjlarsen@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasjlarsen@hotmail.com).

**Jeff Krueger '00** is a property & casualty and health & life associate agent for Nationwide Insurance. He lives in Terrace Park, Ohio, and says he is working and saving for a house. Contact Jeff at [kruegej7@nationwide.com](mailto:kruegej7@nationwide.com).

**Justin S. Gruenberg '01** just returned from studying a year abroad in Israel. He began law school at Case Western Reserve University in the fall of 2006. Justin lives in West Bloomfield, Mich. E-mail him at [tugs1486@yahoo.com](mailto:tugs1486@yahoo.com).

**David J. Kravec '01** was married to Laura Cergol (MU class of '05) on June 17, 2006. Delta Gamma Pikes in the wedding party included **Brendan Caver '99**, **Ryan Uteg '01**, **Nick Cholis '01**, **Jake Corbin '01**, and **George Brown '99**. The couple resides in Tucson, Ariz., and David works as the staff auditor for Deloitte & Touche.

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