

2017 Sigma Chi Golf Weekend

The Alpha Chi House Corporation is proud to announce and invite you to our **27th Annual Penn State - Sigma Chi Golf Weekend**.

If you haven't had the pleasure of attending in the past, this celebration is unlike any other and shows that the Sigma Chi brotherhood still thrives at Penn State and beyond.

If you are a returning participant, please be sure to invite your fellow alumni and pledge brothers to join you for an unforgettable weekend of brotherhood, tall stories, memories and fun!

Please keep an eye out for our email blasts with any new information.

The 2017 weekend schedule follows:

- **Friday, June 9** – Golf at the PSU White Course (Shotgun start at noon)
- **Saturday, June 10** – Golf at the PSU Blue Course (Shotgun start at 9 a.m.)
- **Saturday, June 10** – Awards Ceremony at our beautiful chapter house (5:30 p.m.)
- **Sunday, June 11** – Alumni Meeting at the chapter house (9 a.m.)

Days Inn State College is the official hotel of the Golf Outing. Make your reservation by **05/10/2017** by calling the hotel at 814-238-8454 or 800-258-3297. **Our Group Code is: CGSIMS.**

The Atherton Hotel also has a limited room block for \$97 or \$127 depending on the chosen night(s). Please call 814-231-2100 or 800-832-0132. Reservations must be made by **06/08/2017**. Be sure to reference the **2017 Sigma Chi Golf Outing** when you make your reservation.

Hope to see you there!



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THE END OF AN ERA

Long-Time Chapter Adviser Dave Kline Says Goodbye

Alpha Chi will soon reach the end of an era with the retirement of **Dave Kline '64** as Chapter Adviser after 16 years. We are grateful to Dave for the time and passion he has dedicated to this role, and for the hundreds of Sigs he has helped to shape into fine young men.

Dave shares his thoughts in this letter, reflecting on the past and looking toward a bright future.



Dave Kline '64

"After 16 years as the Alpha Chi adviser, I have to ask myself: was it worth it? Was it worth it being a mentor to over 450 new members, or seeing 14 individuals attend the fraternity's prestigious

Horizons Leadership Training Workshop? Or maybe every summer taking over 145 of our members to the three-day Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at various college campuses? Just maybe it was seeing 18-year-old boys join our fraternity, and in four years seeing successful, forward-looking young men graduate. Maybe it was pinning the White Cross on my son's chest, or seeing a father or grandfather doing the same. Maybe it was being a part of a 150-year-old historic organization that has helped develop leaders for our businesses, military, and country. Or maybe it was something more personal; maybe I just wanted to 'pay back' the fraternity that gave me the opportunity to demonstrate my leadership skills as the fraternity's president. More than likely I just saw a 'need' to do it.

I'm not sure, but maybe it was all of the above that motivated me to assist and guide these young men who were so anxious to learn, just knowing that most of them would become leaders in their environment, wherever that may be and in

whatever discipline they chose.

Being a fraternity chapter adviser has been an adventure, to say the least. Along with these young men, I also grew in my leadership development, proving that it is never too late in life to accept the responsibility of passing on some of life's lessons. Several years ago, I attended a weekend Christian retreat where a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel gave a presentation entitled, 'If You Have Passed the Baton, Take It Back.' His lesson and message was simple: 'You are never too old to help.' Maybe that's a reason I have held tight with the Chapter Adviser position and responsibilities.

Being the adviser has been a wild and bumpy ride at times, but a very gratifying experience, with the knowledge that I have touched and influenced so many young men. That ride is coming to an end, but the many memories are not. Neither are the friendships and the knowledge that in some small way I have not only assisted my college fraternity, but also the lives of young men for the last 16 years. Their growth has also been my growth. Their life lessons have also been mine; and their success has been my goal.

I know that our fraternity is in good hands to allow it to grow. The next 150 years will be as successful as the last with alumni brothers who are willing to give back to their fraternity.

At the end of the 2017 Penn State spring semester, I will pass the Chapter Adviser baton to my son Greg, who also has a passion for leading young men and who will also offer his experience and guidance to the development of our undergraduate brothers. Give him your support in the same way that you have encouraged me over the last 16 years.

My wife Sandy and I plan to spend more time with the grandkids, travel more, and certainly do more hunting and fishing. I hope to research and write Alpha Chi history—so if you have any old pictures,

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Some Things Borrowed, Some Things New

Q&A with Greg Kline, Chapter Adviser-To-Be



Greg Kline '07

Brother **Greg Kline '07** has been practicing the values of Sigma Chi all his life—as anyone would, with **Dave Kline '64** as their father. Now, he will

help to pass those values on to other young men as the new chapter adviser.

How did the idea for you to become the new Adviser come about?

GK: We were living in Maryland when I got the call for a potential job here in State College, and I've been wanting to move back to PA for a decade. It was after I took the job that my father approached me about the possibility of taking over as chapter adviser. He said that he can't do this forever and it would require someone local to be truly effective. He said if I wanted to do it he'd pass his recommendation on up the chain. I don't know how many others were offered the position before he came to me, but it's an honor to even be asked. I told him I'd love to help pass the traditions and values that I grew up with onto the next generation of Sigma Chi brothers.

Being a nontraditional initiate, your commitment to Sigma Chi says a lot about what it means to you. What motivates you to be so involved, especially now in such an important role?

GK: After initiation in 2007 as part of the "non-student initiate" program, I would often travel to visit the fraternity during events, socials, golf weekends, and I'd

also assist with initiations. I got to watch how my father guided and mentored the guys, not only with his wisdom but by participating in events and taking them on outings like fishing or bird hunting. My parents would have dinners for the pledges and actives, where they taught them things like dining etiquette. I got to watch how these guys grew over the years and how they were molded into respectful young men, ready to take on the world, with leadership skills that may not have been available to them had Dave not been directly involved.

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I thought this would be a great opportunity for me to be able to pass on what I've learned to them, and also have them pass on what they know to me. These young men are our future, so I was motivated to help them, if I could, and hoping they will help me where they can.

What have you learned from your father that you plan to carry on in your role?

GK: I grew up with a Sigma Chi, and I didn't know it then, but he has been mentoring me my entire life. He taught me what it meant to have the same values that he was taught so long ago. I know he was brought up with similar values in his home, so being a Sig only

solidified them. He's taught me to listen (though I can always use more help), to be fair and to treat others the way you'd like to be treated. These are the same values I plan to continue to enforce with my role. I've heard I have big shoes to fill, and that is true... but I wear different shoes, so I plan to wear them to walk in the path of those before me, like Dave Kline.

What new plans/ideas will you bring to the table?

GK: I'm still learning a lot about these young men and the dynamics inside the house. Things have changed a bit since I was a student here at Penn State. First, my plan is to maintain tradition and keep ritualistic protocols the same, of course. With all that's been going on at Penn State recently, and the recent death of a student at a fraternity, the "social/party" scene is going to be drastically reduced and monitored with greater oversight and restrictions. So, I plan on putting together a Sigma Chi Parents group, hoping the parents can get more involved with things. I'd like to have the parents help raise money or offer services like events, outings, workshops, etc. for these young men to help

strengthen their bonds and remind them that Sigma Chi is a lifelong brotherhood, not just a four-year commitment. But, this is their time, their house and their moment and they need to own it. My plan is to help guide them and prepare them for what's out there, what to expect, and ways to grab it.



Greg and his father, Dave Kline '64

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articles, or any other historic information, please let me know. In some way this isn't the end; it's just the beginning.

Thanks to all of you that have supported my duties as adviser. To those who are not here any longer like **Cal Stuckeman '37** and **Glenn Kirsch '70**, whom I could always depend upon for help, I also thank them greatly. We have an excellent fraternity that builds character and leadership skills in

our young men. In these days when the Greek world seems to be full of negative news and under fire for something all the time, you can be proud of the men who are members of our fraternity."

In Hoc,
David A. Kline '64
Alpha Chi Chapter Adviser

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Ed Lynam '57

A Lifelong Family Found Through Sigma Chi



Ed Lynam '57 joined Sigma Chi in the fall of 1953 because he enjoyed the people he met there and the values and principles Sigma Chi stood for. He had no idea, however, just

how much that decision would carry over all through his life. Now, 60 years and a full exciting life later, he still proudly answers the question, "Were you in a fraternity?" with, "I *am* a Sigma Chi."

Ed was always very involved at Alpha Chi and held several jobs, including Magister and then Consul in his senior year. And naturally, he became quite close with his brothers in their years at the house.

"We ate together, we studied together, we partied together," says Ed. "There was a lot of bonding, living in the house together."

After graduation, instead of using his degree as he had planned, Ed found himself faced with the draft for Vietnam. He went to Officer Candidate School and became a Supply Officer in the U.S. Navy, planning on serving the mandatory three-year term. His first duty was on an Atlantic Coast Destroyer, touring all over the Mediterranean. He was then chosen to be an auditor for the Forces at the United Nations—the only U.S. Naval officer on the U.N. emergency force. Little did he know, of the 13 women on the staff there, one would become his future wife.

On his next tour, Ed was assigned

to Search and Rescue duties on a guided missile cruiser. Over the span of his Search and Rescue service, he helped to rescue 22 shot-down naval aviators.

"One of the highlights of my career was rescuing these guys and getting them back to health for a rapid return to duty," says Ed. "You just can't believe how thankful they were—we were saving their lives, literally."

Ed ended up serving a total of 25 years in the U.S. Navy. It was a career he never planned on, but he says he would do it all again in an instant.

And when thinking back on all the biggest turning points of his life, Ed says that another thing he would do all over again is pledge Sigma Chi. Even after six decades, the bond with his brothers remains stronger than ever. Their core group still gets together every year without fail, whether it's at the New Jersey shore, Penn State Homecoming, weekend trips in Florida, or the Sigma Chi golf tournament.

"That's what this bonding from Sigma Chi has done for all of us," he says. "It's lifelong friendships that wouldn't have ever been without Sigma Chi."

Ed and his wife have two daughters, both of whom went to Penn State. Of their five grandchildren, three have gone to Penn State and one plans

to. But best of all, Ed's grandson, **Jeffrey Hamlin**, was initiated into Sigma Chi this past December.

"If I didn't have Sigma Chi, I wouldn't have any real Penn State friends," says Ed. "It was like family."

The National Headquarters of Sigma Chi awarded Ed the Sigma Chi Military Service Pin in honor of his outstanding and dedicated service to his country.

Ed says he also recognizes that after all Sigma Chi has done for him, he has a responsibility to give back and keep the chapter going so that others can experience it in the future. He is a proud Life Loyal Sig, and for him it isn't just a title—it's a true part of who he is.

"One of the things that's most important to me is that when people ask me, 'Were you in a fraternity?' I answer, 'I *am* a Sigma Chi,' says Ed, "and I think that's what any true Sigma Chi would tell you as well."



L to R: Brothers Jay Corrigan '57, Ed Lynam '57, Dick Mohler '58, Jan Gouza '58, Jim Keith '58, and wives

HEAD BACK TO HAPPY VALLEY

Blue-White Weekend

One of the best weekends of the year is almost here! Blue-White Weekend 2017 will take place over **April 21–23**, with the game scheduled for **Saturday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m.** As always, admission to the game will be free. You can find parking information and other details at gopsusports.com.

Will you be heading to Happy Valley for Blue-White this year? Are you interested in getting together with other brothers while you're there? Let us know by emailing alumninews@affinityconnection.com so we can spread the info!



ALUMNI UPDATES

Celebrating 60 Years of Brotherhood

From Phil Cox '62:

Ted Junker '59 and Fran Nodland hosted a get-together at Ted's beautiful waterfront home in Marco Island, Florida on March 16, 2016. This annual party preceded Ted's untimely death

later that year. Nine Sigma Chi Brothers attended the 2016 Sig Gig and had the opportunity to serenade four former Sweethearts.

Needless to say, it's a wonderful day when you can draw this many Alpha

Chi Sigs together who have graduated anywhere between 55 and 60 years ago.

Those of us who knew Ted will miss him dearly. He was a distinguished Sigma Chi and notable Penn Stater.



Sigs (L to R): Jay Corrigan '57, Phil Cox '62, Jan Gouza '57, John Haas '58, Norb Connors '60, Jim Keith '58, Ted Junker '59, David Morrow '59, Dan Johnston '61



Sweethearts (L to R): Joanne Yergy Keith '58, Lavern Cowan Short '60, Larrian Johnston '61, Fran Cox Nodland '57

David Brickley '65 Named 2017 Significant Sig

Alpha Chi is proud to say that one of our very own, **David Brickley '65**, was named as a recipient of the 2017 Significant Sig Award. David is a George Mason School of Law grad, a Vietnam veteran and bronze star recipient, and President and CEO of the September 11 National Memorial Trail Alliance. Among several other amazing accomplishments, he was an elected member of the Virginia House of

Delegates from 1976 to 1998, and was Director of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation from 1998 to 2002.

The Significant Sig Award is given to members who have been nominated for doing outstanding work in their respective fields. David is the first Penn State Significant Sig since 2007. Congratulations to Brother Brickley on this high honor!



UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

Beta Theta Pi's Removal and Its Effects on Us

By Chapter Adviser Dave Kline

On the first February weekend of 2017, a new member (pledge) at the Beta house died in a tragic accident that most likely involved hazing and alcohol. The incident is still under investigation, and I will not speculate as to the outcome of the specific incident. However, I will pass on to our AX alumni the outcome for our fraternity and the other 45 fraternity chapters at Penn State.

Immediately, and for the remaining part of the 2017 spring semester, there will be no alcohol at any social event either in or outside of the fraternity house. Our pledge process was stopped for almost two weeks, but because of the National Sigma Chi P4B (Planning for Brotherhood) new member educational program, we have been given permission to complete the pledging process for our nine-member spring class.

Long range changes will be directed, and most likely accepted, that include the following:

- Only beer and wine can be served.
- Fraternity house parties cannot exceed the fire marshal's house occupancy directive.
- Bartenders must be certified.
- Monitoring of underage drinking with immediate revocation of a chapter's recognition for any violation.

These are just a few of the possible decisions being considered by the Penn State University.

For the AX alumni, I want you to know that for now we are complying with the directives. Future education and supervision will be essential in order to help our fraternity survive and be in compliance.

Current members are aware of the new policies. The current Consul and his Exec Committee have been very active in complying. Stay tuned!