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2013 Morgantown Reunion & Homecoming Celebration

Alumni, actives, friends and family gathered in Morgantown, West Virginia on October 17-19 for the 2013 Morgantown Reunion & Homecoming Celebration. The weekend was packed with critical business meetings and fun social events.

Attendees kicked-off the weekend with a visit to the Bonnie and Sid Grisell and Family Hall of Fame located in the Erickson Alumni Center. "The display is impressive and a significant tribute to **Sid Grisell '58**," stated **Jim Craig '54**. "Grisell has been instrumental in all that has been accomplished by the Alpha Rho Chapter on the West Virginia campus."

Alumni also visited the Mountaineer Room of the Erickson Alumni Center where a picture of **John Coyner '53** hangs and viewed the Greek displays. "The Kappa Alpha Order flag is the only Greek flag on display," noted Craig. "The flag was made possible thanks to the efforts of **Dave Baum '76**. It was funded by contributions made to the *Lee's Brigade Campaign*."

Friday morning more than 50 golfers participated in the 23rd Annual Kappa Alpha Klassic Golf Tournament held at the Lakeview

Resort & Spa. Following golf, the Alpha Rho Alumni Corporation held a board meeting at the resort.

Two social events were held Friday evening. Many alumni and guests enjoyed a cocktail hour and buffet dinner at the Clarion Hotel, while others stayed at Lakeview to visit and reminisce.

After dinner at the Clarion Hotel, retired General **John Sievertson '54** shared memories from his time as Commander of the 89th Airlift Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. "My service was during the Reagan Administration," reported Sievertson. "President Reagan and I started our new jobs on the same day - Inauguration Day, January 20, 1981. The 89th Airlift Wing is the most unique wing in the Air Force and its sole mission is to transport and cater to Presidents and other very important people."

Before the Homecoming game Saturday afternoon, alumni and guests attended the 2nd Annual Kappa Alpha Bowling Klassic and the Klassic Tailgate. The weekend celebration concluded Saturday evening after the 2013 Alumni Homecoming Banquet.



Sid Grisell '58 stands in front of the Bonnie and Sid Grisell and Family Hall of Fame located in the Erickson Alumni Center.



(L to R): Sid Grisell '58, Paul Farmer '52 and Jim Craig '54 hold a picture of John Coyner '53.

23rd Annual Kappa Alpha Klassic Golf Tournament

More than 50 golfers attend the event

More than 50 alumni, actives and friends attended the 23rd Annual Kappa Alpha Klassic Golf Tournament. The tournament was held Friday, October 18, 2013, at the Lakeview Resort & Spa.

The winning team was **Frank Smith '77, Bruce Bowling '76, Jay Kelley '76** and **Clayton Chacko '75**. The annual Queen's Trophy was awarded to **Jeff Winiesdorffer '81** and **Dave DePasquale '80**.

"Once again, the Klassic Golf Tournament was a success," said **Ed Rizzo '78**. "Everyone enjoyed a beautiful day of golf and brotherhood."



Ed Rizzo '78 gives last minute instructions at the 23rd Annual Kappa Alpha Klassic Golf Tournament.



(L to R): Jeff Winiesdorffer '81 and Dave DePasquale '80 received the annual Queen's Trophy at the 23rd Annual Kappa Alpha Klassic Golf Tournament.

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Alpha Rho Adds 13 New Members during Fall 2013

Total chapter membership exceeds 75

Alpha Rho Chapter now has more than 75 members, thanks to a successful fall recruitment season.

"The brothers worked hard to be the best possible recruiters and the results are fantastic," says **Jimmy Mucci '13**, Number II. "We added

13 new members during fall 2013. We are excited about the future and hope to have more than 80 members by fall 2014."

Alumni are encouraged to submit recruitment recommendations to **Kris Triana '11** at ktriana@mix.wvu.edu.

Fall 2013 New Members

Michael "Mike" Aguilar
Scott Bounds
Hunter Dennis
Michael "Mike" Fritz

Cameron Gleason
Eric Hurd
Ryan Jurado
John Klein

Maxim Kowal
Patrick Pimentel
Vince Salvatore
Thomas Sapio

Jake Saunders

2013 Alumni Homecoming Banquet



Bill Brewer '73 and his wife, Susan.



John Fischer '61 and his wife, Susan.



(L to R): Ron Justice, Marlene Farmer and Paul Farmer '52.

Alumni, actives, friends and family gathered Saturday, October 19, 2013, for the annual Alumni Homecoming Banquet. The banquet was held at the Clarion Hotel in Fairmont, West Virginia. **Jim Davis '52** served as master of ceremonies.

Jim Craig '54 gave the invocation, followed by an active chapter update by **Sid Grisell '58**. "The Manor is now exclusively occupied by Kappa Alpha Order brothers," reported Grisell. "Under the outstanding leadership of **John Kaiser '10** and **Mike Callahan '11**, the chapter has made great progress. It has been a pleasure working with the chapter this year."

Jim Craig updated alumni on the Housing Corporation's financial goals. "The House Corporation would like to pay off the second mortgage on the house," stated Craig. "Either the first mortgage will be refinanced to include the second lien or a fundraising campaign will be launched."

Craig stressed the immediate need to raise **\$200,000** to pay off the working capital loan of \$100,000 and develop an emergency reserve for major repairs of \$100,000. He encouraged all alumni to make a donation. All pledges and donations are to be made through OmegaFi.

Craig continued, "Special thanks to Don and Barbara Bowling for their recent contribution of \$20,000. Don donated \$10,000 before his death

in July 2013 and Barbara recently gifted another \$10,000. A plaque will hang in the Manor to commemorate this gift."

Bill Brewer '73 gave an overview of the house management. He read a letter that seemed to criticize the current condition of the house; however, the letter was from 1956. "Some things never change," reported Brewer. "I thought it would provide a good laugh."

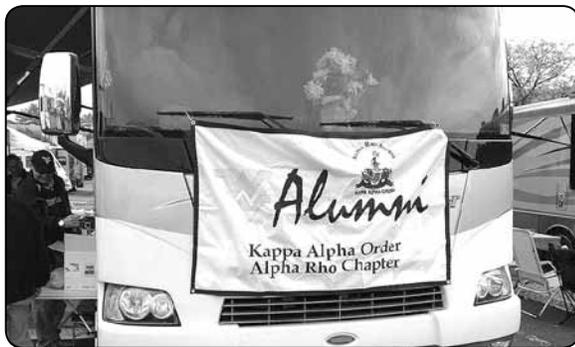
Paul Farmer '52 spoke about various alumni social events. "The famous Crawdad Invitational was a great success again this year," reported Farmer. "The tournament is played at the Pocahontas Golf & Country Club in Marlinton, West Virginia. **Fred Burns '55** retained his long running championship play and closed out the match with a Rockefeller putt on the 15th hole." Farmer continued, "There are several other alumni golf outings throughout the year. I encourage all alumni to get involved and attend the upcoming social events of 2014."

The 2014 Alumni Homecoming Banquet will be held Saturday, October 4. For more information or to get involved in the planning, please contact **Jim Davis** at gunda@mchsi.com or **John Baum '78** at baumer58@comcast.com. Volunteers willing to assist with the fundraising campaign should contact Jim Craig at jameswcraig1@mac.com.

Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter Receives Flag from the West Virginia Alumni Association

The West Virginia Alumni Association presented the Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter with an official flag in 2012. The flag was the first of its kind given to a social fraternity with its own house. Kappa Alpha Order was selected because of its leadership within the Greek community during this new era fully supported by the University's administration.

"I thought the Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter deserved a flag just like other alumni organizations," stated **David Baum '76**. "The alumni chapter met all prerequisites requested: a board of directors, bylaws, officers, financial backing, a mission to help fund scholarships and demonstrated activities to further West Virginia University students and the university. I requested



Alpha Rho Alumni Flag in use at the KA Klassic Tailgate

the flag on behalf of the alumni board."

The flag was presented to David Baum and **Kurt Morante '76** at the 2012 Alpha Rho Alumni Weekend. In 2013, the official Kappa Alpha Order crest was added to the flag.

The flag was on display during the 2013 Homecoming Celebration. At the request of the West Virginia Alumni Association, the flag is currently housed in the Erickson Alumni Center.

The flag is available for members to take on their travels and photograph themselves next to national and/or international monuments and scenic areas. For more information, contact David Baum at djkbaum@comcast.net

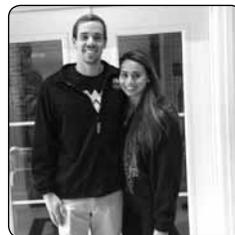
Homecoming Brunch at the Manor



Alumni, actives, friends and family enjoyed a delicious Homecoming brunch on Saturday, October 19, 2013. The brunch was prepared by house chef, Claudia. Pictured above: (L to R): Jim Davis '54 stands with Chef Claudia and her staff.



Alumni and their spouses enjoy brunch at the Manor on October 19, 2013.



West Virginia University Swimmers Bryce Bowman and Jamie Gilmore attend the Homecoming brunch as special guests of Jim Davis '54.

A Message from Sid Grisell '58

President of the Alpha Rho Alumni Corporation

The chapter has made good progress over the past two years under the leadership of **John Kaiser '10** and **Mike Callahan '11**. There are now 76 active members and the house is fully occupied by 35 Kappa Alpha brothers.

The chapter is focused on improving its academic performance and the actives have a new respect for the house. Undergraduate behavior is consistent with Kappa Alpha Order values and the motto for Excelsior.

The alumni chapter plays a major role in developing Kappa Alpha Order standards of excellence. The traditional values that alumni hold so dearly must be consistently applied and maintained.

Alumni are needed to help develop leadership traits and instill a standard of behavior in the actives. To get involved and help make a difference, please contact me at bonnie@bonnie-dwaine.com.

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2nd Annual Kappa Alpha Bowling Klassic _____



(L to R) Kurt Morante '77 and Neil Backes '78 hold the Kappa Alpha Bowling Klassic trophy. The second annual tournament was held Saturday, October 19, 2013, during Homecoming weekend.

Klassic Tailgate _____



(L to R) Michael Brantmayer '81, Paul Farrell '77, Dave DePasquale '80 and Jeff Winiesdorffer '81 tailgate before the Homecoming game against Texas Tech. Although the Mountaineers played well during the first three quarters, they were unable to beat Texas Tech.

KAPPA ALPHA ORDER
