

# Psidelights



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## Skull House

NEWS

### New York City Skull Get-Together

Friday, November 22, 2002

Following up on the success of our NYC Get-Together several years ago, we are going to do it again. So come on over to drink, dine and party the evening away at The Penn Club.

**When:** Friday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Penn Club (30 W. 44th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues) in the Grill Room.

**What:** A gathering open to all Psi Chapter Brothers with their friends, spouses and significant others for as many cheese steaks and as much beer as you can enjoy. There will be vegetarian entrees and nonalcoholic beverages available, as well.

**Dress Code:** Business or casual business - please no shorts, jeans or tee shirts.

**Cost:** \$25 per person.

**RSVP by November 15th to Michael Rycheck at (718) 625-6436 or mrycheck@aol.com.**

[www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com)

## Bigger, Faster, Better

We continue to improve upon our Web site, [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com), so pay it a visit. New photos are added weekly and it is now faster than ever.

Simply go to the Web site and click on "Register" to begin the process of reconnecting with brothers, keeping updated on events and sharing in the strength of Phi Kappa Sigma!

## It's Not Too Late!

It is not too late to still contribute to our **2002 annual fund**. Just call **1-800-975-6699**, and you will be connected to a person who can take your credit card information. Remember, your contributions help keep us all in touch with "Psidelights," reunions, get-togethers and our [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com) Web page, where you can view the honor roll of contributors.

*Profile: Henry Keller*

## Staying in Touch for Six Decades

There's no question about it: being a Phi Kap has made a profound difference in Henry Keller's life. In some ways, it has made ALL the difference.

"I met my wife at the House," he begins, with a nostalgic twinkle in his eye. "We were both Penn Staters, though I was in law school at the time. We both happened to be visiting the chapter on the same weekend. Her sorority sister was married to one of my fraternity brothers." Ann Henry and Henry Keller were married in 1948 and have never looked back.

Henry is a Phi Kap through and through. As a matter of fact, his father and five uncles were all members of the fraternity.

Each weekday morning, Henry heads off to work at the independent insurance agency he helped create. "I work every day for four hours," he says. "We're a property and casualty insurance agency. I do a lot of the appraisals. You've got to understand property values, and I guess I do."

Membership in Phi Kappa Sigma helped him to develop the work ethic and leadership skills that have served him well throughout his successful business career. "There were a lot of fine young men in the House," he explains. "We learned discipline and the value of hard work and regular study. My older brothers expected me to perform and helped me to do well. There was a lot of competition for grades, and we took part in many sports and extra curricular activities as well. What I learned from my Phi Kap experience was very helpful to me in my life. It got me over the many bumps I encountered along the way."

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## Our Heritage Continues

*By Otto Grupp III '51, Alumni Corporation President*

Whenever I visit Penn State for a football game or an alumni reunion, I continue to take great pride in the House where we formed such fond memories. As I wrote in my message back in October 2000, I, and the rest of your corporation board are committed to the necessary maintenance of the House for future Phi Kaps. Additionally, we are committed to strengthening our bonds as alumni, and I urge you to visit our Web site at [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com) to update your contact information and to look up your Pledge Brothers.

Our alumni ties unify us as a Brotherhood, so I hope that you all take advantage of our upcoming events and reunions.

I appreciate both the verbal and financial support that you, the Brothers, have conveyed and hope that you will continue to be generous in your commitment to our beloved Psi Chapter.

## Success: First All Classes Reunion

### Class Pictures on the Web

We are trying to post a class picture for every year on the Web, and we need your help. So far, we have '40, '55, '57, '61, '67, '80, '86 and '87.

If you have a class picture, please send it to Michael Rycheck '87, and IT WILL BE RETURNED to you.

Either e-mail it to **mrycheck@aol.com** or mail it to **Michael Rycheck**, 112 Willow Street - Apt 5B, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

### Thanks Brothers

We want to again thank brothers Chris DePeppe '88 and Lou Matlow '88, owners of Full Force Promotions, for donating the Phi Kap giveaways for the All Classes Reunion. Chris and Lou have been great supporters of the alumni association, so please remember Full Force Promotions for any of your corporate giveaway needs. They can be reached at **fullforce@netreach.net** or **(610) 834-6540**.

Once again, we thank Fritz Breisch '87, CFO of NNC Group/Hanover Communications, for donating free conference calling to the alumni association.

Also, thanks to Gordy Kauffman '95 and Eric Friberg '91 for serving as advisors to the House during the last several years. Gordy and Eric provide us with a local contact point in State College, which is always very helpful.

### Capital Campaign: 1999-2000

We want to again thank all of you who donated to the capital campaign back in 1999-2000.

A total of \$6,500 was raised. This money bought two new leather chairs for the clubroom along with new chandeliers in the dining room, foyer and clubroom.

### Kayal '00 Named Treasurer

We are pleased to welcome David Kayal '00 as our new Housing Corporation Treasurer. David is in his third year at Seton Hall Law School and has experience in real estate ventures and money management.



2002 War Years and All Class Reunion - on the House steps.

Men of the Bone from the 40s through the 90s enjoyed a beautiful day of golf, drinks and a catered dinner at the House this past summer. Over 20 brothers attended with the core group being from the War Years crew.

Highlights included a come-from-behind charge by the Keller threesome to tie the Apple foursome for a share of the 2002 Annual Skull House Corky Cup.

The evening began with drinks and conversation at the House and soon flowed to dinner with alums sharing stories of the good old days along with a few rounds of Phi Kap songs.

Hope to see you at the next All Classes Reunion - summer 2003.



War Years golfers and Corky.



2002 Reunion: A winning threesome - Henry Keller '43, Bill Sandston '42 and Ed Horn '49.



It's a tie!!!! The first of two winning teams at the 2002 Reunion Golf Outing - Michael Miller '72, John Apple '77 and Tom Hebbel '77.

## House Update

We continue to make improvements to the physical structure of the House. This summer and fall we have upgraded the plumbing, including the addition of a backflow valve; repaved the parking lot; added some new shingles to the roof; repaired the refrigerator and ice machine; and continued to refurbish the party room. Projects currently underway

include electrical, stone and additional plumbing work.

We are also pleased that over 40 young men are occupying the House this semester. With The KA Order keeping the House at this level of occupancy, we are able to make our mortgage payments and continue to pay down our debt. And, KA just got a pledge class of 23, so things are looking good for next semester as well.

## Thank you Chris Genovese '87!

We also want to truly thank Chris Genovese '87 for his many years of hard work as the outgoing Treasurer. Chris has done a great job in creating a positive cash flow while reducing the mortgage rate we are paying. He took us off debtor row and has established a good working relationship now with many of the vendors with whom we deal. Thanks Chris!



## Hosts bachelor party for Zuniga '91

### Brother Kauffman '95 Opens Restaurant on College Ave.

Zolas New World Bistro, a new upscale restaurant, recently opened its doors on College Ave. in State College. This hot spot is partially owned by Gordy Kauffman '95 and his wife, Lara.

The restaurant hosted the kickoff for Chris Zuniga's bachelor party this June. All those who attended appreciated the hearty nutritious meal, which helped them stay active and festive throughout the night.

For more info on Zolas, check out their Web page at [www.zolabistro.com](http://www.zolabistro.com) or go to our Web page at [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com) and click on "Links."



*Celebrating Chris Zuniga's '91 last days of bachelorhood in front of new State College restaurant, Zolas.*

## Skull House Alumni

# UpDates

### Jacob C. Forney '35

(690 Chandler Rd., Apt. 206, Gurnee, IL 60031-3181; [fjr-jcf@aol.com](mailto:fjr-jcf@aol.com)) Spent five days in Paris last September and registered for the Rotary International Conference in Barcelona, Spain in June 2002. Would like to know who is still around for the class of 1935 and 1934.

### Howard N. Dudley III '48

(2350 Paradise Dr., Apt. 108, Reno, NV 89512) I am currently a businessman in Reno, NV. Would love to hear from any of you!



### John R. Schubert '48

(1917 N.E. Higher Ground Ave., Bend, OR 97701) Really appreciate the work a few good brothers are doing to keep the rest of us in touch. Still waiting for first visitor to Oregon; aside from that, we do have Christmas card exchanges with Charlie Daiker '48 and with Bud Goldlam '46. Hope you all had a great reunion.

### Paul F. Corbiere '49

(2130 Pontiac Drive, Sylvan Lake, MI 48320-1762) I have enjoyed 11 years of retirement and have gone to Florida for the winter months. During July of 2001, I received the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service in Korea from May 28, 1951, to July 13, 1952. It took 50 years to receive it, and I am extremely proud of it. I'm sorry I could not attend the 2002 reunion in June but hope all had a great time.

### Richard S. Schweiker '50

(8890 Windy Ridge Way, McLean, VA 22102-1558) Claire and I have 20 grandchildren, and one is now the third generation at Penn State.

### James W. Davis '52

(176 Wildflower Cir., Yardley, PA 19067-5753; [watson82@aol.com](mailto:watson82@aol.com)) Celebrated 50th wedding anniversary on August 2, 2002. My wife is former Marilyn Jones, PSU '52 (Alpha Chi Omega). Brothers Otto Grupp '51, Levis Baldwin '52, Jim Keightly '52 (deceased), Dick Lewis '52 (deceased) and Dick Klosterman '51 (deceased) were in our wedding as ushers.

### John C. Molloy '56

(9000 S.W. Freeway, Ste. 320, Houston, TX 77074; [jmolloy@mvp-av.com](mailto:jmolloy@mvp-av.com)) Molloy Corporation is a commercial printing company. Also does worldwide presentation technology consulting for major hotel chains with 250 clients in 35 countries. My wife, Dorothy, and I will be celebrating our 42nd anniversary soon. Our family consists of three children and eight grandchildren.

### James B. Mason '60

(211 Stives Dr., Severna Park, MD 21146; [nmason211@aol.com](mailto:nmason211@aol.com)) Now retired and enjoying it. Would like to hear from any of my old friends/brothers.

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# Skull House Alumni UpDates

## **Kenneth C. Louis '61**

(830 Cambrian Ct., Lincoln, NE 68510; klouis@ameritas.com) Barbara (KAT-PSU) and I had dinner with William Swisshelm '61 and Nancy in Lincoln, Neb., in February. They were on their way to the Olympics to watch daughter Ann, a competitor in curling. We are looking forward to being back on campus in Sept. 2002 for the Nebraska/Penn State game. Who do I root for? Enjoying our four grandchildren.

## **Samuel B. Curry '62**

(903 Davit Ln., New Bern, NC 28560; samndelle@cox.net) Delle and I visited

son, Mason, at Stanford in June 2002 where he is in graduate school in product design. Took a side trip to Carlsbad to see Jim Swab '61 and his wife, Shirley. During our tour of Carlsbad, we stopped and visited briefly with Jae English '64. Had time to say hi to Corky!! Great place and great weather.



*Jae English '64, Jim Swab '61 and Sam Curry '62 in Carlsbad, Ca., June 2002.*

## **J. A. English '64**

(497 Orpheus Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024-2609; jae\_english@pacificplastic.com) A few Sundays ago, a gang of us were slurping post-barbeque margaritas, when who should show up but Brothers Sam Curry '62 and Jim Swab '61. They were both seniors when I was a freshman, but Sam stuck around for an extra year (he couldn't leave his laundry concession) and roomed across the hall from me. His brother, Dave, was in my pledge class, and we both went to many homecomings in the 60s and 70s, so I was a good bud of Sam and his wife, Delle. Sam and Delle were visiting San Diego from North Carolina, and it turns out that Swab lives a few miles north of me...small world. Twas a brief but nostalgic visit, and Jim and I swore we'd hook up again for a drink before too long.

## **Robert F. Then '65**

(40 Brookfield Ln., Hendersonville, NC 28739; whitegait@direcway.com) Retired this past summer from the brokerage

business with A.G. Edwards. Spending full time with my wife "horsing" around on our horse farm. Had our first grandchild this past June 6th - "D" Day which was very appropriate since our son is a Blackhawk Company commander with the 101st Airborne! We welcome any brothers to visit here in beautiful western North Carolina which is very similar to the Nittany Valley without the severe winters.

## **George W. Baker '65**

(3845 Spring Valley Rd., Furlong, PA 18925; mapav@mindspring.com) I retired in 2000. Would like to see Zoink, Crusty, Ski and Diet.

## **Joseph W. Koletar '66**

(53 Berkeley Place, Glen Rock, NJ 07452; joseph.koletar@ey.com) Have been with Ernst & Young LLP as Principal in their Litigation Advisory Services practice since November 1999. Travel a good bit, but office is 5 Times Square, right in the heart of mid-town, if anyone is in town. Phone is (212) 773-7598. Give a yell, and we'll swap lies or teach olives how to swim.

## **James B. Clark '68**

(43 Plaza Vivienda, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675-1753; jbc1947@aol.com) I invite one and all to visit me at my new home on the 5th Fairway, Marbella

Country Club, San Juan Capistrano, Calif. Stop by for a beer or a round of golf. Give me a call at work (800-993-3553) or home (949-488-0884). I'll also be at my condo in Kihei, Maui, from October 27, 2002, to November 10, 2002. If anyone is planning a vacation at that time, give me a call.



## **Michael C. Friel '77**

(3312 St. Davids Rd, Newtown Square, PA 19073; mcfriel@speakeasy.net) Daughter Lillian Ruth was born to me and my wife, Jennifer, on September 14, 2001, in Lancaster, OH.

## **R. Eric "Dakmo" McCarl '81**

(30424 Via Rivera, Rancho Palos, CA 90275; eric.mccarl@verizon.net) Eric has his new CD, "Seeking the Light Within," available, and there is FREE shipping for all Skull Brothers. Just go to our links page at www.psuskull.com and click on the link to Dakmo or go directly to his site at ericmccarl.com. You can listen to a clip of each song and get free shipping by placing "skullhouse" in the discount code field.

## **Brent Beabout '87**

(2101 Nob Hill Ave. N #1B, Seattle, WA 98109; bbeabout@earthlink.net) Congrats to Brent for receiving his MBA from MIT. Brent is now in Seattle with his wife, Julia.

## **William J. Rosenhoover '87**

(165 Streamview Ct., Fayetteville, GA 30215-2978; WMJRR@aol.com) I want to invite any Skulls passing through Atlanta to look me up. My wife Donna (PSU '88) and my three kids (Sarah, 6; Katie, 4; Seth, 1 1/2) would love to have you. We are planning a trip to State College in the summer of 2003 for the arts festival. I am ashamed I haven't been back for over 10 years. Maybe we can have a beer on the front steps.

## **Paul J. Latella '88**

(33 Huntingdon Farm Dr., Glen Mills, PA 19342) Congratulations to Paul and his wife, Catherine, on the recent birth of their first daughter, Sophie.

## **James T. Kweder '91**

(1536 Jenkins Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15241; jtkweder@aol.com) Congrats to Jim and his wife, Angie, on the birth of their first son, Jordan. Apparently this is proof that there are many uses to the 57 varieties of Heinz pickles. Also, enjoyed Chris Zunigas' wedding (to Tati) in Columbia.

## **Michael T. Smith '91**

(413 Boston St., Topsfield, MA 01969; msmith@toddtool.com) Now have four children: Ethan (5), Nolan (4), Marlee (2) Ashlyn (9 months). Married Jennifer Haddock (Pi Phi). Live 20 miles north of Boston. Would love to hear from anyone out there! Smitty

We regret to inform you of the death of

**Robert E. Swid '60**

Phi Kappa Sigma mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.