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We would like to thank the following individuals who made online donations in the last few months:

**Ryan Woodring**  
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You can help ensure that Phi Kappa Sigma remains a vital presence at Penn State and in the lives of its members by supporting our Annual Fund. Our Alumni updates on Page 2 vividly illustrate the life-long positive influence Phi Kap has had in many lives. Please see Page 3 for information on how you can make your contribution. We hope to hear from you!



## Chapter Eternal

The following Brothers have passed on since our last edition of Psidelights.

**James Drylie '43**  
**Robert Keller '50**  
**Robert Mowery '55**  
**Louis Schneider '56**  
**Anthony Ryan '63**  
**Gerald Boyle '67**  
**Robert Schappe '95**



# Psidelights



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## Letter from the President Keep Psidelights Coming to Your Mailbox

Dear Psi Brothers,

I want to thank those of you who that have generously contributed to this year's Psi Chapter's Honor Roll of Donors. Those dues are used to support our mailings to all Brothers.

In that regard, over the years, the Alumni Board has been responsible for sending two "hard-copies" of Psidelights annually. I am happy to report, with this current issue of Psidelights, our mailing list now, numbers 914 Alumni. However, sadly, over the past five years only about 10% of our Alumni have responded each year towards contributing to our annual appeal, and as we all know printing and mailing costs continue to rise. Consequently, our associated expenses now exceed the dues received by a substantial amount.

As a result, the Alumni Board has voted to only continue mailings to our Alumni Brothers who contribute \$100 or more at

least once every three years to the Honor Roll request for funds. Therefore, starting with the next issue of 2019, Brothers who have contributed \$100 or more during the past three years will continue to receive Psidelights in the mail.

Again, we greatly appreciate our faithful Brothers who continually contribute towards our annual Honor Roll Club giving levels of \$890, \$500, \$250, and \$100, and we encourage others to follow their lead towards contributing these generous amounts.

Thank you, and on behalf of the Board, from one Brother to another, I wish you and your families a great summer.

Faternally,

**Mark Bokelman**

Psi '82

Psi Chapter Alumni Board President

## We Want Your Photos and Stories! Just Email or Call

### Attention all Skull Brothers!

We want to share your photos in Psidelights and our eLetters.

Please send us any photos of recent alumni gatherings, tailgates, trips and reunions.

Feel free to add stories too on our Alumni Updates page! [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com)

You can submit an update, check out other alumni profiles, or submit your own profile to keep up with your brothers. Or please e-mail to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com), or call 1-800-598-4050 x135

Show Us Your Skull!



*Skulls Land in New Orleans Earlier this year: Brothers **Chris Zuniga '91**, **Linc Taylor '93**, **Mike Rycheck '87** and **Jim Kweder '91** met up for some stories and French 75s in New Orleans.*

# ALUMNI UPDATES

## Are You Getting Our eLetters?

*Please Update Your Latest Email Address*

Dear Brothers,

Make sure you are receiving our monthly Skull eLetters in your email.

Please update your latest email address at [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com) or email it to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) OR call 1-800-598-4050 ext. 135

## The Sign of the Cross

*Our next update is from Brother Dave Curry '64, who has created more than 2,400 hand-made crosses in recent years:*

“When I rushed in 1960-61, I received two bids, one from an engineering fraternity and one from Phi Kappa Sigma. It was a very difficult decision for me as I was a very serious student, but ... my Dad was a Phi Kap from back in the twenties and very active in the alumni association. My brother, Sam, was currently a Phi Kap. Although I was a legacy, I made my decision because of a discussion I had with the Alpha, Don Getz. Don told me that if I was serious about being a good student and getting good grades, it was up to me to study seriously. I took his advice and became a Phi Kap.

“Unfortunately, in my sophomore year, I didn't observe part of Don's advice. My grades suffered and so did I. Later as I matured from that experience, I became scholarship chairman and helped to create an environment where we turned the scholastic performance of the house on its end as we moved up to somewhere in the top five or ten fraternities scholastically. As a senior, I served as Alpha and we raised the bar on grade point average of our pledges. We were a fine bunch of young men; I was proud to be a Phi Kap.

“As life progressed, I have not maintained contact with many brothers. My dear wife, Judy, and I have enjoyed 54 wonderful years together having lived in Saratoga Springs, NY; Norfolk; Hawaii; Rochester, NY; Slidell, LA; West Chester, PA; and have settled in Alexandria, LA.

“When I retired, I became very active in community service and occasional woodworking. I receive great satisfaction making wooden crosses and giving them away. In the past nine years, I've made over 2,400; the greatest joy is giving them away. I've just started a blog and plan to document some of the history of my cross-making and sharing – <https://crossesbydave.blogspot.com>.

“If I were to give advice to a young man, it would be something like “Don't take yourself too seriously. Love your neighbor and God. Try to be successful at what you do. Work toward doing something significant, however small.”

“Thank you for being my brother.”

*And thank YOU, Brother Dave Curry, Psi '64*

## Best Years Psi Kap Alums to Set Sail in November

*Sam Curry '62 reports that a small reunion of '50's and '60's Phi Kaps is planned for November. Sam and the brothers plan to set sail for Mexico “with margaritas in hand.” Seven brothers participated in an earlier cruise in 2014 (see photos).*

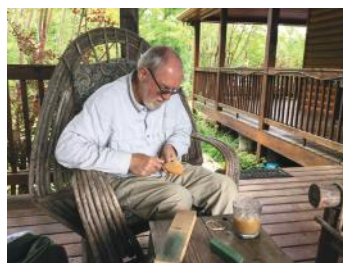
*Sam's report continues:*

“Weid Buckenmaier is in command of this expedition, accompanied by Allison, Curry, Solt, Bean and maybe Round man and Huffy. A similar crew attacked Nassau and Key West and most of us survived, although ROUNDMAN is reportedly still looking for the onboard golf course!

“Abrew Curry is still in recovery mode from Hurricane Florence,



*L-r: Delle Curry, Bobbie Allison, Dave Allison '59, Chet Buckenmaier '59, Carolyn Buckenmaier, Sam Curry '59 and “Corky” in the center.*



*A memory from the 2014 cruise. This year's expedition will include some of the same sailors who came along on the 2014 cruise. Brothers and spouses will be sailing Royal Caribbean's “Independence of the Seas”.*

but we are seeing signs of work starting on our home which had about 3 inches of water throughout. Might as well have been 3 feet.

“We expect to be back in sometime this summer, but in the meantime are comfortable in another section of New Bern, NC, which is also in the long recovery stage. Individuals curious for more information may email Sam at [samndelle@gmail.com](mailto:samndelle@gmail.com).

## — 2018 ANNUAL FUND —

*We would like to thank our 2018 donors from last year for making it our best year ever for the annual fund with a total of \$17,858 from 82 donors. Let's beat that in 2019!*

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**Phi Kappa Sigma  
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Our college days came and went, but the real Psi experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift Today!

*"I support the annual fund and the chapter to make our traditions available to new generations of Skulls."*

*"I cherish the gift of brotherhood and support Skull house so that others get the same chance as me."*



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## PHILANTHROPY

### PSI CHAPTER RAISES \$17,000 FOR THON!

Hello Brothers,

My name is Jonathan Levin, and I am the primary chair for Phi Kappa Sigma in the 2019 Penn State IFC/ Panhellenic Dance Marathon. I would like to take this time to catch you all up on how THON went this year.

When my family chair, Jose Chacon, finance chair, Manuel Vasquez, and I first convened in September, we had high expectations set for ourselves for how the year should progress. Our expectations were met by those of our fundraising partner, Penn State's Orchestis Dance company, who were eager to get started and came to the table with lots of ideas with how to get the ball rolling.

We hosted multiple successful fundraisers, including a donation partnership with Sauly Boys, Super Bowl football squares, and a car smash. We also made a huge push towards alumni, actives, friends, and families using THONvelopes and Donor Drive. After all was said and

done, Orchestis Dance Co. and Phi Kappa Sigma were able to finish out THON 2019 with a combined total of \$16,989.25!

I would like to personally extend a huge thank you to everyone currently reading this. We had an incredible time during THON weekend dancing on the floor and representing our fraternity proudly, which we wouldn't have been able to do if not for your consideration. It is because of amazing people like you and your largesse that we are able to do what we do each year. Though I will be graduating and passing down the chairmanship torch to my brother, Wayne Wright, I can't wait to continue supporting Psi chapter as an alumni as we dance to find a cure for these kids.

+LT

**Jonathan Levin, Psi '19**

