



# Phi Sigma Delta of Zeta Beta Tau

## UMass Amherst-Alumni Newsletter

# ZBT



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**Brotherhood** - is not a one year commitment, it is a life-time commitment.... We took an oath to remain brothers. An oath is something that cannot be taken back, that's what makes it an oath. We may have outgrown pounding down beers but you can never outgrow your commitment and the bonds of brotherhood.

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Well men the time is drawing near for our Cape Cod gathering September 30th to October 2nd. I know that Linda and I are really looking forward to seeing everyone, and especially those that are able to come for the first time. I already talked at length with Jack Marquis (Doctor Jack) and it was really neat to reconnect with Jack after more than 40 years!!! I know that Fortier and Stan have arranged for two nice meals and other activities to keep us all busy while enjoying another visit to beautiful Cape Cod. If you haven't made your hotel plans please do so ASAP and we'll see you on Sept 30th. Fraternally, Bill Troupe 67

**FROM THE TREASURER:** Our Brotherhood has been one of, if not the most, active of all fraternity alumni associations. The loyalty and dedication our members have is truly outstanding. Many people belong to professional and fraternal organizations but time and time again ours has remained strong and has certainly stood the test of time. To those of you who have not been around in awhile, I urge you to reconnect with those of us who enjoy each others companionship at each reunion. Those that have attended after being away for some time have universally commented that the years melted away immediately and the strong sense of belonging they once had quickly returned.

Word has reached me that the ZBT Chapter at UMass was closed in the Fall of 2010. Unfortunately future generations of ZBT's will never enjoy the strong sense of Brotherhood we have experienced for all these years.

### REUNION 2011 September 30- October 2 Please RSVP today

This newsletter serves as a reminder about the dates and location of this years reunion. September 30th is rapidly approaching so any of you procrastinators who have not yet RSVP'd please do so **today** as the meal count must go in. Please send your meal check to Stan.

The schedule of events and costs are as follows:

**Host Hotel:** The Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club, 2907 Main St Brewster, MA 508-896-9000 Be sure and tell them you are with the UMass reunion. We have blocked rooms and negotiated a discount.

**Alternate Motel:** We have also negotiated a discount rate and blocked rooms at the Seashore Inn, Orleans, MA. Be sure and tell them you are with the UMass reunion. 800-434-6835 or 508-255-2500. This is the motel we used in 2007 and is less expensive than Ocean Edge.

**Friday: 5:30 Cocktails and BBQ** at the Brewster VFW 989 Freeman's Way Brewster (about 3 miles from either Hotel) **\$25.00/person**  
**House/business meeting**, election of new officers, scholarship awards

**Saturday: A.M. Golf.** Contact Rick Fortier prior to Saturday to sign up for Golf. Rick at: rfortier02@snet.net or 860-202-6130  
**5:30 Cocktails** followed by a **lobster/clam bake** at Captains Golf Resort, Brewster, MA **\$50.00/person**

**Sunday A.M. Breakfast and farewells-** time and location to be announced.

Please make you meal reservation and **forward the funds today** to Stan Kittredge at: 399 Old Farm Rd Franklin, MA 02038 make checks payable to Phi Sigma Delta. Questions??? Contact Stan at: 508-528-1107 or [kitco1@comcast.net](mailto:kitco1@comcast.net)

For those of you who do not golf or are staying for a few extra days, both hotels are centrally located to many of the places of interest on Cape Cod. The fabulous National Seashore is just down the street, Nauset beach is a stones throw away and for anyone who wants to walk or bike there is a great bike path along the entire length of the Cape and there is a bike rental shop near the hotels. The Heritage Plantation in Sandwich may also be of interest to some. Check out it's web site.

### BROTHER BIOGRAPHY: Since 2005 newsletters have included biographies on Brothers.



ROBERT A. KEENE Robert A. Keene ' 64 (President PSD-1963) submitted the following:

BS-Landscape Architecture-After 23 years of experience in landscape design and construction working for landscape contractors in the greater Boston area, I joined Corcoran Jennison Management, a real estate developer, in Boston in 1987. I retired from them in 2007 but have stayed on as a consultant working about 20 hours a week. Married 43 years to wife, Karen and settled in Brocton, MA. Have two sons, Bill and Rick and 5 wonderful grandchildren.

I was active in the Jaycees and president of the Brockton Chapter in 1975. While watching my children in sports, I have been active in Little League, soccer and Cub Scouts. Member of the Baalis Sanford Masonic Lodge in Brocton. Keep active by traveling, playing golf and during the summer boating off Cape Cod.

### News of the Brothers:

A number of the guys are hitting the retirement threshold and have taken that step to retirement.

Steve Garanin ' 70 has retired from his second career with the Transportation Dept. after many years with the MA Natl Guard  
Dana White ' 73 also retired from his duties with the MA. Parole Office  
Bill Spierdowis ' 72 has retired from Covidien and downsized into a condo that is larger than his old house.

Lloyd Bristol ' 74 is not yet ready to retire and after many years of doing engineering work for Cullinan has opened his own Engineering firm specializing in site development and traffic studies.

Steve Karoul ' 69 is back in the States after working in Macau and Singapore for the Las Vegas Sands. Steve was part of the Senior Management Team that opened the new Marina Bay Sands Casino in Singapore. It is a \$5.5 billion project. Unfortunately his wife got sick and had a bout with cancer but thankfully is doing well now. Steve's old CEO at Foxwoods called after Steve's return to the States and offered him his old job back as Vice President of Casino Marketing. So he's back with Foxwoods in Mystic, CT.  
Steve sends his best wishes to all the Brothers.

A number of guys have had recent surgery and health issues

Dave Picchi ' 72 had knee & toe surgery in December

Bob Malavich ' 69 continues to progress well in physical therapy

Roy Immonen ' 71 ruptured his Achilles tendon and recently spent three months in a cast

Mel Thompson's ' 73 heart surgery Sept 2010 went so well he was able to attend our reunion less than three weeks later.

Earl Finley ' 66 writes that he will be unable to attend this years reunion because he will be vacationing on the Volga River and visiting St. Petersburg and Moscow.

**Scholarship applications** are due to Chairman John Cycz ' 76 by Friday of the 2011 reunion. Our scholarship applications are now available on our web site [phisig.atspace.com](http://phisig.atspace.com) or from chairman Cycz at: 23 Capt. Lathrop Dr. S. Deerfield, MA 01373 (413)-665-7089 or at: [jlcycz@comcast.net](mailto:jlcycz@comcast.net). Any association member who has paid his dues may nominate one or more dependents. We expect to again be able to give five scholarships in 2011.

**WEB-SITE:** The Phi Sigma Delta of Zeta Beta Tau UMass Alumni web site remains up and running. Please check it out if you have not seen it lately at [phisig.atspace.com](http://phisig.atspace.com) (no www). Lloyd Bristol ' 74 has done a fabulous job adding many new items. Scholarship applications are available on the site. If trouble with link, try <http://phisig.atspace.com> 2010 photos of the reunion at the Chapter house photos are up! Website changes are made weekly so be sure to check the site often.

We have activated our **Brothers Helping Brothers "Assistance"** webpage in conjunction with the Relief Fund. This Assistance page allows brothers who are willing to help others by sharing their knowledge or experiences on various topics, make the connection with a fellow brother in need. Most names are kept confidential, so you need not worry that the general brotherhood will be made aware of any sensitive topics you are willing to help with. Enter the site then click the ASSISTANCE menu item. Read the page intro then point the mouse over the topics. Please share your knowledge by completing the form linked on the webpage and send it to the Gate Keeper, so he may have it added anonymously to the webpage listing. Some topics are public. Please use this valuable resource (a Brothers willingness to share knowledge)..

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**MILITARY TRIBUTE PAGE** Our website [phisig.atspace.com](http://phisig.atspace.com) now has a page honoring those Brothers from our Chapter who have served in the military. Many of you have sent in you military bios and they are posted. If you have served and have not yet sent your bio in please do so, so that you can be honored with those who have served our great nation. Please check out the page and the entire web site. Lloyd Bristol continues to do a fabulous job.

### 2011 ASSOCIATION DUES:

If you have not sent in your Association dues (\$10.00/year) now is a good time. Send to Treasurer: Stan Kittredge ' 72 at: 399 Old Farm Road Franklin, MA 02038 IF YOU NEED AN UPDATE ON YOUR DUES' STATUS DROP ME A LINE.

Dues pay for this newsletter, postage, website, scholarships and other related association expenses. I think we would all agree, our time at Phi Sigma Delta is still worth \$10.00 a year. Thanks to all who have already sent dues for this year.

If you would also like to include funds for the Brother Alternative Relief Fund please enclose a note so I can allocate each of the funds where you would like them. In the checks memo line specify Relief Fund or Dues. Any questions give me a call (508) 528-1107-Stan

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