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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.

From the President:

Wow what a time we had in Orlando back In January. Gideon did yeomans work in getting it all arranged and the site he picked, The Pointe, worked out fabulous. We had 24 brothers and 16 spouses (SO's). The golf venue was really great although my shoulder was still sore from over 7 rounds down in Naples within the ten days prior to playing in Orlando. One of the personal highlights for me was being able to reconnect with Earl and Rosemary Finley, (both class of 66), as it was their first reunion appearance and I hadn't seen them since 1967! We truly have a unique group and I just wish I could reach out and "dope slap" some of the brothers who just never seem to want to partake in these get togethers. Many of us have shared the same feeling after attending by stating "it seems that 30 or 40 years have just melted away," and conversations start up just like we saw each other last week. We have posted a bunch of photos on the web site for all to enjoy. I hope we have a great turnout for the October reunion at 367 No Pleasant street. Best regards to all, Bill '67

Letter From the Treasurer:

The main purpose of this newsletter it to let all Brothers know about the date and plans for the next **reunion October 4-6**. While in Orlando the Brotherhood decided they wanted a reunion this Fall at UMass and if possible visit the old Chapter House. I'm very pleased to announce that I have made arrangements with the current owners and have rented the old house for **Saturday October 5th**. This will be an opportunity for those of you who were unable to attend when we rented the house in 2010.

I have reserved a block of rooms at the **Red Roof Inn, So. Deerfield** for Friday & Saturday and am currently working with the caterers and restaurant to finalize plans. I wanted to get the information to you as early as possible so you can mark your calendars and save the date. -Stan

Schedule:

Friday: Golf during the day at Brother Tim Kurtys' '76 Course in Belchertown?
Dinner at the Amherst Brewery/Restaurant (near the football stadium)

Saturday: A.M. Meet at the Old house for coffee, donuts, etc
Lunch- catered at the old house
Annual house meeting
Dinner- at the Polish American Club, So. Deerfield

Sunday: Breakfast at the Filling Station Diner, Whately (Near the Red Roof Inn)

Hotel/Motel space in the Amherst/Hadley area is at a premium in the Fall so **please make your own reservations at our host motel, the Red Roof Inn now**. You can cancel later if needed. Phone the **special Phi Sig line at 1-800-733-7663 and give them code B289PHISIG**. Rooms are \$111.34+tax, double occupancy per night. The Inn is located just off I-91 only 7 miles from Phi Sig and just 1 mile from the Saturday night dinner location.

Why attend a reunion???? Ask Earl Finley. The following comments were sent by Earl following our last reunion. I think he sums it up pretty well.

46 years, that's how long it had been since I had seen my Phi Sig Brothers. I felt it was time to end the drought and reconnect. So my wife, Rosemary (received my Phi Sig pin Nov 63) and I headed off to the Jan 12 reunion in Florida. I did have a bit of apprehension in that the majority of attendees were Phi Sigs from after I graduated in 1966.

Friday morning I was trying to spot potential Brothers. While Rosemary and I were having coffee in the hotel lobby, I spotted a guy who seemed to fit the age profile. I went over to check and it turned out to be Joe McGrath who was sitting with his wife Sheila. After talking for a few moments, I invited Joe and Sheila to join us at our table. We hit it off from the very beginning. Soon after, another brother came in and joined us. And then another and another. Most of the guys I hadn't met before but that didn't seem to matter at all - we were all Phi Sig's!

Well, the reunion turned out to be fabulous for the Finleys. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The guys and their ladies were universally great. The reunion reminded the old guy how lucky he was to have pledged Phi Sig. And it convinced me that attending the next reunion was a must. For those of you who have not attended one of these get-togethers, I hope you will-you won't regret it. Fraternally, Earl Finley '66



Brother Biography: Since 2005 newsletters have included biographies on Brothers.



LLOYD G. BRISTOL

Lloyd Bristol '74 serves as our web-master and Historian. He has sent these comments.

I did the 5 year plan at UMass in Civil Engineering starting in '69, taking 5 years due to a 9 month break to do electronic school in Biloxi, MS for aircraft radio repair- Air National Guard. Fall '70 returned to UM and while walking across campus Dennis Bak '73, a high school classmate from Hadley and PSD brother, spotted me and pulled me in for a coffee at the student union, informing me I must join Phi Sig. Attended a few Friday night parties and pledged Winter '70 - '71. Fraternities started to dwindle about that time and my pledge class was 3, only to drop to 2 who became brothers. Graduated spring '74 doing weekend gigs at the Westfield, MA Air Guard and 2 week summer training on the Cape & Alpena, MI while a brother at PSD.

First engineering job was fall '74 in Wethersfield, CT. Had never been to the area so on 1st day at work asked for a deli to pick up a sandwich. In line waiting to order I get a tap on the shoulder. Thinking what's your problem buddy, turning to see Brother John Laczek '71 asking what the heck I am doing there. I brothered in spring '71 so only knew John for a short time. Not having a place to stay, with over an hour drive each way during commuter rush hour through Hartford, John insisted I stay at his place for a few weeks until I could get settled into an apartment. Did I say it is great to be part of the Phi Sig Brotherhood? Thanks again John! I think that was the start of the Brothers Helping Brothers program! Although I am sure there are many similar stories out there.

Married in '75 to my college gal Chris, who had attended many PSD functions yet still married me? In '75 took a job on Long Island, NY for a consulting engineering firm doing traffic studies and design of 325 intersections in Islip and Babylon over the next 4.5 years. The NY company opened a Worcester office and I transferred back to MA fall '79. Switched jobs in '81 to another local engineering firm in Auburn, MA and worked there for 30 years doing highway and intersection designs, as well as site

development of commercial properties. VP of the Transportation Division for 20 years. Spring 2011 they closed their doors to this recession. That prompted me to start Bristol Traffic & Transportation Consulting LLC, to take advantage of my connections with many past clients. So far, so good, as they say. Doing much better than expected in this slow economy for development, working in Central MA and Nantucket.

Starting in '80 had 3 great kids and did the usual Disney & many, many East Coast theme park trips. Did a fantastic family cross country camping trip to most of the Major National Parks for 5 weeks in '94. Strongly recommend that to all! Oldest son graduated UM honors program from Isenberg Business School and MBA at BU and works at Reebok in Canton. Next, my daughter graduated Brandeis (played basketball 3 yrs.), a 2nd grade teacher in Concord. Third son did the 6 yr plan at UM. Divorced in '07.

In the mid '80s when personal computers started to take off, I was interested in their potential so I took 5 computer programming & analysis college courses, thinking I might make the leap and switch careers to work at Data General or Digital Equipment Corp. located in the Westboro area. Wrote a kids Math Learning software program that was about to be published for the masses when the recession hit. Actually had a couple DG and DEC interviews to see what was out there. Within weeks both companies had huge (1,000's) layoffs, so figured why fix what ain't broke, so stayed in the engineering consulting business. My computer hobby is why I was dumb enough to volunteer as the PSD Webguy since 2005! Other than attending the 1st '87 PSD reunion when the Alumni Assoc. was formed, issues at home kept me away from the PSD Alumni reunions until 2002, when Stans' RELENTLESS nagging brought me to the Sturbridge reunion only 10 miles from home. The rest is history!

Brothers in the news: Congratulations to Bob Littleton '71 who has been appointed by the UMass Chancellor to the UMass Amherst Council.

Found Brothers: Recently Paul Schneiderman reconnected with the Association after being "lost" to us for many years. Paul is a retired Phd professor of Finance and Economics at SNHU and lives at 5 Crocketts Way Stratham, NH 03885 schneipa@tiac.net

We also recently found Robert I. Singer '68, 2138 N. Brandywine St. Arlington, VA 22207 703-524-5720
singerdnr12@gmail.com

Additionally we found Tom DeBolt at: 10051 Canyon Top St Spring Valley, CA 91977 619-462-3465 debolt@yahoo.com
Welcome back, Paul, Bob and Tom. Hope to see you in Amherst this Fall.

Address changes:

The correct address for Len Nyer '69 is: APT 138, 40 Edmunds Rd., Framingham, MA 01701 508-309-7719
leonardnyer@gmail.com

The correct email for John Cycz '76 is jlcycz@comcast.net

Bruce Erikson '70 attended his first reunion this year. He is at 1463 Dunbrooke Loop, Longwood, FL 32779 C-978-922-8442

Earl Finley '66 also attended his first reunion this year and has a new email finleyew1@gmail.com

Scholarships:

Scholarship applications for 2013 are due before the annual meeting and should be forwarded to Chairman John Cycz at 23 Capt. Lathrop Dr S. Deerfield, MA 01373. Applications can be downloaded from the web site or by contacting John at: 413-221-9938

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 (no www). Scholarship applications are available on the site. If trouble with link, try <http://phisig.atspace.com>. 2013 photos of the reunion at Orlando are up! Check out the military service your fellow brothers gave their country. Website changes made weekly so check the site often.

Association Dues:

Dues for our Association are strictly voluntary but as you know it does take money to make our Association work. I believe every one of you will agree that our time together has been well worth the \$10.00 annual dues. Please remember that in order to have a vote at our meetings you must be a member in good standing. If you are unsure of your dues status give me a call or drop me an email at 508-528-1107 kitco1@comcast.net. Mail to: 399 Old Farm Rd Franklin, MA 02038 Thanks, Stan

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