

PHI SIGMA DELTA NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

After a difficult and heartbreaking February due to the loss of my 19-year-old grandson, my family is just starting to recover. This darkness will lift, and we will all return to some semblance of normality, although we will never get over it. We turn towards optimism and warmth by recognizing the vernal equinox and first day of spring, March 21. Starting that day, we begin to have more daylight than darkness. We are over the hump and heading towards a brighter future. Also, Daylight Savings Time has arrived (hopefully forever) to make our evening outlook bright. It has certainly been a long cold, dark winter in so many ways. But, for the Phi Sigma Delta Brotherhood, this winter, we accomplished the amazing goal of recovering and restructuring our website and now we are on the verge of launching the new improved version. Our website committee, Chmn Fran Bourdon, Gerry Goldhaber, Vin Grandonico, Ken Bodzioch has been amazing, and, along with the generous financial support of the Brotherhood, we are successful. Since the last reunion house meeting, the Committee has tirelessly pursued a difficult and time-consuming task. In the process, we have realized what a huge job Lloyd Bristol performed as our webmaster for so many years, working alone to provide us with this incredible resource. Thank you Lloyd. Our equally dedicated reunion committee, Chmn Gerry Goldhaber, Marty Berkowitz, Tom Nastasia and Admiral Jay Cammarata, have arranged a destination reunion at the Courtyard by Marriott, Oneonta, New York including a visit to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. Save the date, September 12-14, 2025. We have a group of rooms available at \$239/night (plus tax). To reserve a room for the reunion, you must call the hotel at 607-432-2200 and reference the group code "PSDS". Stan will have more details. The website and our reunions are a huge part of what keeps us together. The friendship and support of the Brotherhood give us strength to persevere through the darkest times. Phi Sigma Delta. Brotherhood, The Sheltering Tree. TheOneTheOnlyRalfooooooooooooo

FROM THE TREASURER:

I wanted to get out a quick newsletter to you to let you know about a couple of important things. First our web site team has been working diligently to create our new web site. Thanks to your generosity we hired a company to convert, update and train some guys in today's web site management. We are very close to rolling out the site which will contain most if not all of the old photos and much more. As you might imagine it has been a herculean task for example, to convert those old photos taken with a Kodak Sure Shot from the 60's to today's technology was difficult. We will also have several guys trained up with the ability to add or delete info on the site. Should anything happen to one guy we have others who can step up

Second---REUNION 2025:

The dates are September 12-14 (with early arrival possible on the 11th). **The Hotel is the Courtyard by Marriott (116 Courtyard Dr. Oneonta, N.Y. Call the Marriott direct at 607-432-200 and reference our code PSDS for the group discounted rate. Cancellations may be made up one day before if an emergency comes up so make your reservations today. Our special rate is \$239/night/room with a 2 night minimum.** We can come on the 11th for the same rate or stay an extra day if we want on the 14th. They have a meeting room (for \$200 rental for all day and will set it up for our meeting). Breakfast is available right next door to the meeting room, so brothers would get their breakfast and bring it into the meeting room. Brothers and wives can tour the Hall of Fame

Saturday PM at their leisure; a city bus stops at the hotel (Tom will get the schedule) and take us to a free train/shuttle stop which takes us directly into Cooperstown and the Hall of Fame. We will need to pay cash for both the bus and the train (minimal fees). We tour on our own and leave whenever we want to tour the town and/or go back to the hotel. We can use our meeting room for late Saturday hospitality OR, better yet, the hotel has a bar/restaurant which is open all day until 10PM at night, which we can use for schmoozing after the Hall or on Friday afternoon when we arrive. We can also set up a bar on our own (like we did at UMass) for late night schmoozing in one of our suites (we can get a couple connecting rooms). Marty is getting the two restaurants lined up for our two dinners in private rooms and will have this information shortly. Albany is the best airport, although Gerry Goldhaber is driving from NYC and if 1-3 brothers fly into NYC, he can drive with him to Oneonta. Ralph may do that. As more becomes firmed up I will get the information to you.....Stan

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