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The Rho News

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brothers,

The Rho House Association welcomes 18 newly graduated brothers following graduation this past May.

Michael Rupolo '12 recently joined the Rho House Association in the role of Assistant Director of Young Alumni Giving. In this role, he is responsible for stewarding young alumni (0-5 years) in their transition to alumni in our brotherhood. Another successful DKE x10 Challenge saw the graduating seniors (2013) partner with the Class of 2003 to give a set of outdoor furniture for use on March Field. A perpetual plaque recognizing DKE x10 Challenge gifts will be dedicated at Homecoming. We look forward to the class of 2014 and 2004 choosing a project meaningful to them.

This edition of the Rho News includes our second Annual Summary of Giving on page two. My heartfelt thanks go to each person who supports DKE with their time or treasure.

Mark your calendars for Homecoming on October 5 against Bucknell. Once again, DKE will host a reception at the DKE House prior to the Marquis Dinner on Friday, October 4. We had terrific attendance last year; it is amazing what a full bar can do!

Saturday morning, October 5, we will hold our annual meeting in the DKE House before tailgating for the football game, which begins at 3PM. We are working with alumni relations to ensure Homecoming remains a welcoming environment for DKE alumni and our families. Following the football game, we will again be hosting Oktoberfest in the main bar of the DKE House. Please bring a case of the beer of your choice.

In the bonds,

Michael De Lisi '03
President, Rho House Association

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat"

- Brother Theodore Roosevelt
Alpha/Harvard '80

2013 DKE SUMMARY OF GIVING

The two lists below recognize all the individuals who gave to DKE during the 2013 fiscal year that runs from July to June. Many thanks to you all!

Giving to Operations

John Wynn '50	Stuart Daughtridge '86	Stephen Scioscia '98	Christian Garelli '09
William Harvey '53	Victor Diaz-Gonzalez '86	Timothy Reinking '99	Joseph Nam '09
Robert Lundquist '55	Gregory Bahtiarian '87	Peter Carlson '02	Peter Crouse '10
Martin Freifeld '69	Robert Matje '89	Michael De Lisi '03	Ryan Simmons '10
Alan McFarland '72	Kristian Bornemann '91	Michael Gentile '03	William Engel '10
Richard Moller '83	Mark Fedorov '91	John Sheehy '05	Andrew Casey '11
Christopher Nolan '86	Asela Gunawardana '95	Kevin Fitzpatrick '05	Jared Piette '12
Peter Glock '86	Scott Harris '95	Robert Schiller '06	Michael Rupolo '12
Richard Ryan '86	Fletcher Thomson '98	Andrew Kling '08	Thomas Miglietta '12

Dues and gifts to our operating account are the sole source of support for The Rho News and other announcement mailings, house property insurance, philanthropy, rhodke.org, House Association sponsored events, and other administrative expenses.

Programming & Capital Giving

William Magee '47	Neil Avison '76	Mark Fedorov '91 *	Scott Yunes '03
Dana Hughes '49	Douglas McCorkle '78	Mark Suffredini '93 *	Joseph Galyean '04
Richard Heller '49	Michael Browne '83 *	Brian Waerig '94	Michael Troxell '05
Edmund Whitby '51	Richard Moller '83	Matthew Perez '94	Jonathan Jaye '10 *
Allan Kirby '53 *	Daniel Huffenus '86 *	Asela Gunawardana '95 *	Conrad Shrager '11
Robert Lundquist '55	John Sigda '86	J Bayard Smith '95	Scott Gordon '12
David White '67	Richard Ryan '86	Scott Harris '95 *	William Stern '12
<i>Richard Shupp '67 **</i>	Todd Wiltshire '86 *	William Forbes '96	Andrew O'Brien '13 *
Tim Whiting '69	David Wolff '87	Lance Laccoff '02	Charles Laird '13 *
Mark Damiano '74	Gregory Bahtiarian '87	Peter Carlson '02 *	Daniel Ladd '13 *
Daniel Moore '75	Mark Gupta '87 *	Gabriel Fernandez-Obregon '03	Daniel Toutoungi '13 *
John Krah '75	Michael McCormack '87	Michael De Lisi '03 *	David Eckelmann '13 *

Donations to our Programming and Capital Giving account with Lafayette College are tax deductible and count towards the Marquis Society. These funds are used to purchase capital for our chapter house such as the dining room tables and refrigerator purchased in the last few years.

* Indicates a Brother who donated at the Marquis level ** Prof. Richard Shupp, a Lafayette graduate, is the chapter's Academic Advisor

Dear Brothers,

In the time since the last Rho News our financial position has continued to grow stronger thanks to your generous donations and continued focus on cost containment. Now that we're into FY14, we hope that everyone on the lists above and more will donate by giving to the: Operations account via the enclosed letter or signing up for our [PayPal](#) subscription service; and/or Capital account by donating to Lafayette either [online](#) or by mail and indicating "For DKE" on the memo line. If you've already signed up for the PayPal subscription service, there is no action required, though we always accept additional gifts!

Special thanks go out to the subscribers to our PayPal dues subscription service which flows into our Operating account. This is the easiest way to ensure your dues are paid on an annual basis, and having predictable cash flow allows us to add the most value for undergraduates and alumni alike.

In the Bonds,
Peter Carlson '02

GENTLEMEN

DKE Board of Directors Member Sam Heffner (Psi Omega) '56 celebrates with **Wiley Houldin (Rho) '15** after a long race at the Winter Harbor Yacht Club.



SCHOLARS

DKE's Class of 2013 in caps and gowns on Commencement Day. We wish them well as they enter the working world, or continue their education elsewhere.



JOLLY GOOD FELLOWS

Matt Stauffer '95 hosted a gathering of Rho Dekes from classes of '87-'06 on June 22 at his home in Bedminster, NJ.



HONOR ROLL

The following Dekes made the Dean's List for Spring 2013 (semester GPA above 3.60):

- ◆ **Kevin Fasano '15**
- ◆ **Brandon Goldstein '15**
- ◆ **Andrew O'Brien '13**
- ◆ **Dashiell Schwartz '13**
- ◆ **Luke Spear '15**

* Grades not available for students studying abroad Spring 2013

Want to see how the undergraduates and recent graduates have been spending their summers in the working world?

Want to learn more about **Nick DeNino '15** and **Tyler Stearns '14** and their travels to Europe last semester?

Check out the "DKE Summer Series" and "Dekes Around the Globe" posts on the undergraduate website!

<http://sites.lafayette.edu/dke/news>

NOTES FROM ANN ARBOR

SIGNS OF A FLOURISHING FRATERNITY

The past several months have seen a noticeable increase in both the breadth of chapter presence, and the depth of DKE outreach into the community.

Several expansions are planned for the upcoming year, most notable of which is DKE's return to the University of Texas—Austin. To meet the increasing demand, DKE HQ's staff has expanded to four traveling chapter consultants. The greater number of consultants means that DKE International will be able to visit the chapters more frequently and devote more attention to their needs. Rho's chapter consultant for the upcoming year will be Drake Hoffman (Theta Upsilon, ASU '12).

DKE HQ has also done well to increase its visibility, even during the summer months. A DKE Networking Night for both alumni and undergraduates took place at The Wheeltapper Pub on July 29 in mid-town Manhattan, and was attended by Executive Director Doug Lanpher and Chapter Consultant Tom Hudson, and over 100 local Dekes. Similar events were held in San Antonio (July 9) and Chicago (July 31). The organization has also made a point to stay heavily active on social media, which remains a great way to stay connected with the goings-on of the Fraternity.

DKE SUMMIT & THE LION TROPHY

By the publication of this newsletter, the inaugural DKE Leadership summit will be well underway. The weekend will have kicked off on the evening of August 1 with whiskey and cigars at the Kappa chapter house. Time not spent at the numerous alumni panels, DKE rituals, and a "DKE Olympics" will be spent networking with other Brothers over cookouts and lawn games.

Rho's delegates to the Summit are **Kevin Seery '15** and **Kevin McAndrew '15**.

Awards were to be handed out on Saturday at the closing banquet, including the coveted Lion Trophy. Rho's submittal, a 33-page tome professing the chapter's accomplishments of the prior year, was deemed "top-notch" during an early review of the applications. Best of luck to the entire chapter on winning this award!



COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ **Douglas Appel '08** received a Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine from Temple University in May. He will continue his medical career at Atlantic Health Systems in North Jersey as a resident physician of podiatric surgery.
- ◆ Recent graduate **Adam Szklanny '13** will attend Cornell Law School in the fall.



- ◆ Stuart Umberger has resigned his post as Fraternity and Sorority Advisor within the Office of Student Life. Vice President Annette Diorio has assumed Stuart's responsibilities until his replacement is named.
- ◆ DKE celebrated its 169th anniversary on June 22.

For more brief news and DKE trivia, consider checking out DKE International's daily "This Day in DKE" posts on Facebook; search "Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity" to find their page.

RHO HOUSE ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Reunion

By: Mike De Lisi '03

The DKE House was again open during reunion this year. Generations of Dekes came by throughout the weekend including men from the Class of 1947 through the Class of 2008. Unfortunately, your intrepid reporter for this year's reunion brought his daughter for the first time which distracted him quite a bit. As a result, we do not have good photos from this year's reunion or a complete list of attendees. Instead we have this gratuitous photo that will serve as the alumni update on the birth of Abigail Lila De Lisi. If you have photos of Dekes at reunion, stories to share, or any alumni updates, please send them to rhonews@rhodke.org.



Homecoming

It's never too soon to start planning for homecoming. This year's celebration is on October 5, with the Lafayette Leopards facing the Bucknell Bison. Stay tuned to rhodke.org for more updates!

Don't forget to sign up for automatic dues payments at <http://www.rhodke.org/rhodke-dues.php>
Thank you for your continued support of our great fraternity.

LOUGHLIN '53 HAS A LOCK ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The term "entrepreneurship" often conjures an overwhelming notion of financial motivation, but truth be told, it's all about matching an idea to a need and pursuing it. That's according to **Robert "Bob" Loughlin '53**, a successful businessman and true veteran—both of the industry, and of the armed forces.

Loughlin graduated with a mechanical engineering degree, and after a four-year stint in the Army, he entered the working world. He spent the next 12 years between Bell Telephone Laboratories and the Hewlett-Packard Company learning how to build things of top quality. Eventually, though, Loughlin knew he wanted to build his own company, as he had seen his father do years before. His interest in physical security (locks) is what drove him to pursue new challenges.

"Stanton Concepts," as his business venture is called, "came about in response to the need for dual custody luggage padlocks to provide the TSA management of checked luggage. I hold the patents for these," said Loughlin. Eventually, the business progressed. Today's challenge is something new: "to find a way to use titanium in a padlock." The result was the "TiGr lock," used to safely secure bicycles without the worry of theft that comes with conventional locks. Loughlin used Kickstarter—an online fundraising tool that promises end-product to those who pledge money up front—to fund his venture. The locks proved to be popular. "We applied seeking \$37,500 for tooling and got \$108,000 as a result."



But all that success doesn't just fall into your lap. "The 'good idea' is the easy part," cautions Loughlin. "The development of a reasonable plan, the courage to take the risk, and the endurance to see it through are the hard parts." Even so, there's light at the end of the tunnel. "It's never easy, but it can be fun and rewarding," ensured Loughlin.

Asked how being a Deke benefited his pursuits, Loughlin, a two-term president and pledgemaster, boasted that "my DKE experience was an essential part of my growing up."

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DELTA KAPPA EPSILON DANCE.

"The Lafayette" seems to have created an erroneous impression in regard to the Delta Kappa Epsilon dance on the Thursday night of Junior week and desires to make a correction. The dance is an invitation affair and is not, therefore, open to the entire college. Delta Kappa Epsilon has sent out upwards of two hundred invitations, and their dance promises to be one of the brilliant functions of the week.

Delta Kappa Epsilon

Breaking away from a completely formal dinner and dance the DKEs are letting loose at a picnic come Saturday. To climax the change will be a roaring "Mid-20's Prohibition Ball" at the bootlegger's private speakeasy. John Brooks, in charge hopes that Sunday will be for "gathering up lost brothers and deciding whose date is whose at a mid-afternoon tea party."

All contents of this panel were previously published in "The Lafayette" student newspaper, and are republished here for your entertainment courtesy of the Lafayette College Archives.

GOT NEWS?

- New Job?
- Engagement?
- Newborn?
- Alumni Outing?
- Recent Grad?
- Marriage?
- Kids at Lafayette?
- Other Announcements?

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