



# Delta Delta Data

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Senior Champs (L-R): Rob Baumann '73, Tim Maloney '74, Gary Edwards '74, Curt Uminger '74 and John Yates '74

## Neon, Lightning Light Up Annual Golf Outing

Even the untimely lightning and rain couldn't deter the neon garbed Class of '77 brothers and the other 60 Delta Delta alumni who took part in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Delta Delta Alumni Golf Outing. Held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Purdue's Kampen Golf Course, the Sig outing is the longest running alumni golf event by a Purdue fraternity. Started in 1990 it continues to bring brothers of all ages back for a fun day of golf and brotherhood.

The Class of '68 took top honors for the most brothers returning with 12. The Class of '77 with nine and the Class of '71 with eight brothers participating also made strong showings.

At the end of the rain shortened golf round there were three teams tied for first at 3 under par. The Classes of '95, '71 and '03 had to compete in a putt-off in the Great Hall to see who the first place team would be. Rick Taylor '95 knocked his putt within inches of the cup to claim top honors for his Class of '95 teammates, Craig Johnson and Eric Morgan.

A first ever "seniors" division winner was also awarded to the Class of '74 team of Gary Edwards, Tim Maloney, Curt Uminger, John Yates and Rob Baumann '73. *See 25th Annual Golf.. Page 4*

## Cooper '68 Honored As Significant Sig

John L. Cooper '68 was recently named a Significant Sig for his contributions and accomplishments in the field of intellectual property, antitrust and commercial law.

John is the senior member and founder of Farella Braun & Martel LLP's Intellectual Property Litigation Group in San Francisco where he regularly represents technology companies in complex patent actions and in cases addressing the confluence of intellectual property and antitrust issues. Today John is recognized nationally as an authority in his field of practice and a leader in the patent bar.

John commented, "The thing that is so meaningful about this award is that it is recognition by my pledge brothers and by the other men of Sigma Chi, all of whom are close friends and men whom I respect a great deal."

Following his graduation from Purdue with a degree in Chemical Engineering, John received an MBA from the University of Chicago and his JD from the University of Colorado.

John has served as Regent and is a long standing Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has been selected as one of the Top 30 Intellectual Property Lawyers in *Cooper Honored ..... Page 4*



## THE SIGMA CHI CREED

I believe in fairness, decency, and good manners. I will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth. I will try to make my college, the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and my own chapter more honored by all men and women and more beloved and honestly respected by our own brothers. I say these words in all sincerity that Sigma Chi has given me favor and distinction: that I will endeavor to so build myself and so conduct myself that I will ever be a credit to our Fraternity.

George Ade ΔΔ 1887

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## Consul's Corner ..... Max Long '16

I am very happy to report that Delta Delta has had a very enjoyable and productive spring semester. We have continued to make strides in the areas we set out to improve, and the brotherhood is as strong as ever. Here are highlights of some of the great things that have gone on over the past semester:

### Initiation

At the end of January we proudly initiated 28 new members into the Delta Delta Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. All of the actives worked very hard to make sure Initiation ran smoothly, and I believe the ceremonies went over well. I am very excited to call these new men my Brothers and I cannot wait to see the positive impact they will have on this house in the future.

### Philanthropy

As of late, philanthropy has been a major area of focus for us. This semester, our philanthropy team was headed up by Rajiv Samagond and Kevin Wissler. For the first time ever we hosted our "Puppies on the Porch" event which turned out to be a great success. Derby Days was held in March and was capped off with a fun concert by "Louis the Child" at the local Lafayette Theater. We also continued our work with Lafayette Urban Ministry by participating in service events nearly every week. As a house, we performed nearly 400 service hours and earned \$5000 for various charities.

### Academics

Second semester grade reports are not in yet, but we can report that for the first time in a very long time our chapter GPA for the first semester was over 3.0. We finished at 3.08. Delta Delta was 8th in the Fraternity rankings. Our new pledge class's GPA was 3.01. The All Fraternity GPA was 2.89.

### International Sweetheart

We are extremely excited to announce that our Sweetheart, Cecilia Daizovi, has been selected as one of three finalists for International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. At the end of June, she will travel to San Diego to participate in Grand Chapter, where we know she will make us all very proud here at Delta Delta.



Cecilia Daizovi

### Mom's Weekend

Mom's Weekend was another success thanks to the hard work by Brothers Jack Mueller and Jack Cagnassola. The exciting weekend was highlighted with a cake decorating contest, cocktail hour, and a great meal at the house. The high point was the Live Auction led by our own seniors Corby Thoe and Pete Kosiarek. I believe every mom in attendance greatly enjoyed their time at 202.

### The Xavier Project

Four brothers created The Xavier Project to honor a fallen brother. They will spend the summer traveling to various cities, spending five days in each area. On the first day, they will ask random people the question "If you had one week to impact the rest of someone's life, what would you do?" The remaining four days will be spent carrying out the plan of who they believe can make the biggest impact. For more details and how to contribute, go to [Xavier Project](http://XavierProject).

Enjoy your summer and we hope to see many of you in the fall.

## Alumni Rush Recommendations Sought

Please send your rush recommendations to our Rush Chairmen John Wirtz II, Bryan Hall, and Jake Davis at [rushpurduesigs@gmail.com](mailto:rushpurduesigs@gmail.com).





**"This Bud's for You" .... A great group attended this year's Brotherhood Dinner. Front and center is special guest Significant Sig Peter Kraemer.**

## This Bud's for You at Brotherhood Dinner

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Brotherhood Dinner was a Budweiser and Bud Light only event with Anheuser Busch Vice President of Supply, Peter Kraemer as this year's special guest. A great crowd of alumni and brothers arrived at the Delta Delta chapter house to enjoy the brotherhood and be part of the evening's festivities.

With over 30 alumni in attendance, the undergrads had an opportunity to hear a wide variety of stories. Not only from the many Delta Delta brothers in attendance, but also Sig alumni from Hanover, Ball State, Indiana and Indiana State.

Chapter Advisor Jay Andrew greeted our guests to Delta Delta. With the Great Hall set up as a large banquet hall, the over 90 brothers in attendance heard updates from House Corp President Bart Burrell and Consul Max Long. Past Grand Consul Dick Hester also spoke on several of the General Fraternity's current initiatives.

The highlight of the evening was presenting the Significant Sig Award to **Peter Kraemer '88**. As a fifth generation brewmaster, Pete has followed his passion and family heritage to lead one of the world's largest brewing companies. As Vice President, Supply for Anheuser-Busch InBev, Pete Kraemer is responsible for all North American operations including 19 breweries in the United States and Canada. He also oversees vertical operations in hops growing, malting, rice milling, as well as lid, can and bottle manufacturing.

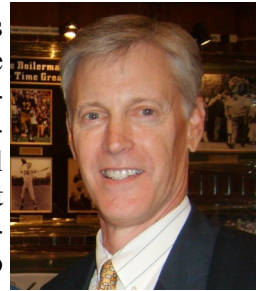


**Past Grand Consul Dick Hester (L) presents Peter Kraemer '88 with his Significant Sig Award.**

Dick Hester presented Brother Kraemer's award  
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## Burrell Recognized For NFF Leadership

After 11 years as President of the Joe Tiller Chapter of the National Football Foundation, Bart Burrell is passing the gavel to his successor.



**Bart Burrell '81**

Local NFF Executive Director Jim Vrugink noted, "Bart has provided great leadership for our chapter from its infancy in 2004 to become one of the largest NFF chapters in the country, helping Purdue get more former players into the College Football and Indiana Football Halls of Fame and providing scholarships of almost \$250,000 for more than 200 scholar-athletes."

Bart was particularly happy to have helped his long time friend and Purdue football teammate Mark Herrmann '81 get inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Along with Herrmann there was a large contingent of Sigma Chi's in attendance at the annual NFF dinner held at the Purdue Memorial Union on June 10.

"I wanted to thank all the Sigma Chi's for attending the NFF dinner last night," wrote Bart the following day. "When I saw Butch (Brose '09) prior to the dinner I thought it was very nice of him to come and support the NFF. But then as the rest of you came in I started to wonder what is going on. Maybe you were all there to support our chapter, but I will assume you were there to show some support for me. I am very lucky to have such good friends and brothers. For all of you to show up, it did make it special. Also, a big thank you to Jim Vrugink for all the work he does for the Joe Tiller chapter."

# A Mother's Reflections on Mom's Weekend 2015

Dixie McKean, whose son is senior Corby McKean, reflected on what it means to be the mother of a Sigma Chi and the special memories getting together with her son and other mothers and their sons has meant to her over the past four years.

Dixie wrote, "On the Monday after Mom's weekend, I find myself writing this with a lump in my throat. That may be partially from exhaustion, but mostly it is due to the sadness of knowing I have gone to my last Sigma Chi Mom's Weekend.

For the last four years, I've enjoyed a weekend in April at the Sigma Chi House with my son. During those weekends, I have had the opportunity to get to know his closest fraternity brothers as well as their Moms. I truly can say I gained a whole new



**Sigs and their Moms: (L-R) Pete Kosiarek, Shelly Kosiarek, Cam Sanders, Marsha Sanders, Dixie McKean, Corby McKean, Merry Thoe, Corby Thoe, Patti D'Onofrio, Tyler D'Onofrio**

group of dear friends and will miss this annual weekend with them.

Cake decorating with our boys is always a comical activity and provides some interesting entries into the house Cake Contest. The Live

Auction is very entertaining and like no other! This year's auctioneers, Corby Thoe and Pete Kosiarek, added extra humor to the event. Then, after being served a nice dinner, it's on to dancing in the Great Hall!

I have always taken some pride in seeing so many Purdue sorority girls bring their moms to Sigma Chi to join us. They know that the men have manners and they will show the girls and their moms a great time! I am married to a Delta Delta Sigma Chi,

and during our days at Purdue I spent many hours at 202 Littleton. Combine that with the great memories that I have had with my son at Sigma Chi and I do feel a bit like this is my house and I'm proud to say that!"

For more go to [Dixie's Reflections](#).

## Extra Special 25th Annual Golf Outing continued ....

Also in attendance this year was Delta Delta's Chapter Sweetheart Cecilia Daizovi. Cecilia is one of the three finalists for Sigma Chi's International Sweetheart to be selected at Grand Chapter at the end of June. Cecilia, along with Andrew Weiland '15, a member of the Purdue golf team, was on the golf course raising funds to help cover Grand Chapter expenses for her and her escorts.

As always we want to thank Brian Griffiths '95 and Guenter Haines '95 for putting on this event, and Butch Brose and Todd Kaminski for getting the chapter house ready for everyone's return. In addition special thanks to all our hole sponsors. Their support is very important to the event's success. This year we had sponsors for all 18 holes ... a first!

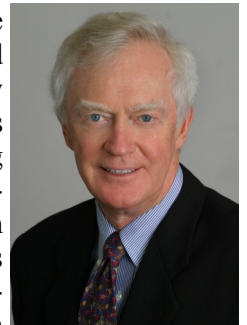
We would also like to thank all the brothers who have returned over the past 25 years to make this event special. We look forward to continuing this great tradition and the return of even more brothers in 2016.



**Champions (L-R) Class of '95's Craig Johnson, Rick Taylor and Eric Morgan**

## Cooper Honored continued ...

California by the *Daily Journal*, and identified by *Chambers USA* as one of the leading intellectual property lawyers in California. He was selected for inclusion as a Fellow in the Academy of Court Appointed Masters as well as in *The Best Lawyers in America* for twenty years in the areas of Commercial, Antitrust, Intellectual Property and Patent Litigation.



**John Cooper '68**

In addition to his professional endeavors, John has contributed many hours in support of the Mental Health Association of San Francisco. Brother Cooper will receive his Significant Sig award at Grand Chapter.



## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS .... ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ....

### A Remarkable Sigma Chi Life

Significant Sig Kenneth H. Kraft, Jr. '56 entered Chapter Eternal on April 16, 2015 at the age of 81 after an extended battle with cancer.



**Ken Kraft '56**

Brother Kraft throughout his life exemplified the ideals of our Fraternity and made significant contributions to Delta Delta, other Sigma Chi chapters, and the International Fraternity.

His remarkable life touched the lives of many and his kindness and generosity were always present. Ken's Delta Delta legacy can be seen through the scholarship established in his name for Delta Delta brothers, his financial contributions to the chapter house renovation and ongoing maintenance, the hundreds of hours spent compiling an accurate Consul's roster, and his willingness to answer the call whenever asked.

At Ken's funeral service his daughter, Kathy, spoke about Ken's love for

Sigma Chi and referenced the Jordan Standard. She eloquently gave examples of how Ken lived his life based on that standard. There was a beautiful array of white roses at the front of the church in the shape of the White Cross.

Ken graduated with a BS degree in Finance. At Purdue, Ken was in the Naval ROTC and served on the Interfraternity Council. At Delta Delta he served as its Magister, Pro Consul and Consul. Ken was a Life Loyal Sig and was named a Significant Sig in 2004.

Perhaps only Ken himself could sum up his life with Sigma Chi and Delta Delta as he spoke with Bernie Sergesketter and Jim Dora the day before his passing. At the end of the call, Ken simply said, "Goodbye dear brothers."

### Your Alumni Brothers Want News From You

Send updates and photos on what's new in your life to Phil Steele at [steele202@comcast.net](mailto:steele202@comcast.net).

### More Photos, Stories Available

For more photos and details on all our stories in this newsletter visit the Delta Delta website and the [Alumni News and Events](#) pages. There are great alumni and undergrad stories you'll enjoy reading.

### Chapter Eternal

*"All honor to their names"*

**Marten Estey '40**, Newtown Square, PA, 2014

**John Coombs '43**, W. Lafayette, IN Nov. 1, 2014

**C. William Bockstahler '45**, Indianapolis, IN February 22, 2015

**Leslie Smith '45**, Topeka, KS January 14, 2015

**Henry Fritz Pohlman '47**, Napoleon, OH August 2014

**Ken Kraft '56**, Winter Park, FL April 14, 2015

**Thomas "Rick" Rudy '65**, Indianapolis, IN February 24, 2015

**Neil Berling '68**, Mill Valley, CA February 18, 2015

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**Brotherhood continued .....**  
to him. Pete spoke to the attentive audience about the role his pledge brothers had played in his life and how they continue to demonstrate the values of our Fraternity.

Brother Kraemer then spent some time reflecting on a number of beer related stories from his younger days at Purdue and several from his years as a brewmaster at Anheuser-Busch. Not to be left out, Pete's pledge brothers in attendance, Dan Rittman, James Blankenship, Jon Hodge, Chris Kurtz and Joe Garnett all spoke of special memories at Delta Delta and how proud they were of all that one of their PB's had accomplished.

As the evening closed with each alumni brother saying a few words, **Jim Dora '58**, summed it up well when he said, "This is a special evening to be able to spend this time with so many brothers. After all the commitment of so many alumni to renovate the chapter house, I am very pleased to see how well it is being taken care of. I am very proud to be a Sigma Chi."

Special thanks to Alumni Relations chairman Frank Speak, the kitchen crew and cook, and the undergraduates for putting on such a rewarding evening of Sigma Chi brotherhood.

## **Ben Taylor Award Recognizes Jim Dora '58**

Friends for over 60 years gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Indianapolis to recognize the lifetime contributions of a very special Delta Delta brother.

**James E. Dora, Sr. '58** was the recipient of the first **Ben Taylor Award** presented by Delta Delta. This honor is given to a Delta Delta brother who has made life-long contributions of their time, talent and treasure to enhance the Delta Delta Chapter and its historic and beloved Chapter House.

Brother Dora was recognized for his dedicated leadership to the chapter house renovation; his ongoing support of building a strong foundation for maintaining the house; and the numerous occasions when he quietly supported both Delta Delta and the International Fraternity with his time and financial resources.

Brother Dora and his wife, Shirley, were feted by the almost 50 brothers, spouses and family members in attendance. The evening was



**L-R: Harold Force '73, Jim Dora '58 and Bart Burrell '81 present the Ben Taylor Award.**

hosted by Bernie Sergesketter '58 who directed the evening's program which included remarks from Jim's son, son-in-law, and Sigs George Valaoras, Dick Hester and Harold Force. Bart Burrell, Delta Delta's House Corporation President presented Jim with the Ben Taylor Award.

The evening was filled with fond memories, great stories and the rousing rendition of several Sigma Chi songs led by Bernie. The entire event was just one more example of how the spirit of Sigma Chi continues to live in the hearts of so many for so many years.