



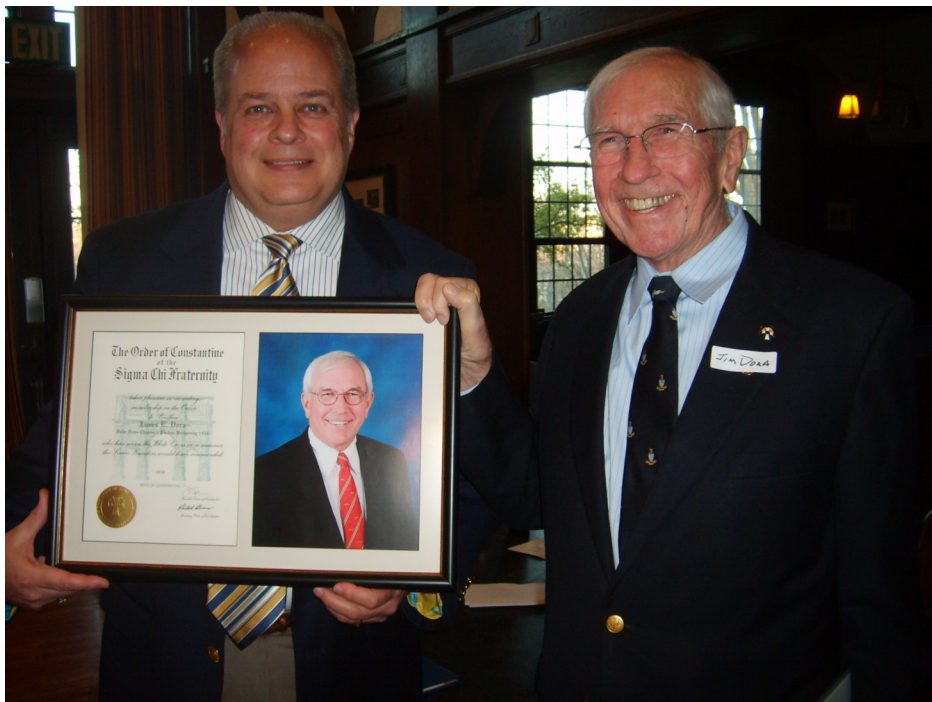
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Past Grand Consul Dick Hester (L) presents Jim Dora '58 with the Order of Constantine.

Dora '58 Joins Order of Constantine

Jim Dora was recognized for his sustained contributions to the chapter for the past 50 years by being inducted into the Order of Constantine, Sigma Chi's highest honor for service to the Fraternity. The award was presented by Past Grand Consul Dick Hester at the 25th annual Brotherhood Dinner held on April 13th at the Delta Delta Chapter House. Along with a record number of alumni in attendance, also present were Jim's wife, Shirley, son, Jim, Jr., and daughter, Libby Troeger.

In his remarks Brother Hester noted that throughout his career, Jim has lent his expertise, time and financial

resources to Delta Delta and the General Fraternity. As the owner and operator of a large number of Holiday Inns and other hotels, his knowledge of building construction, facility design, food service and property management have guided a number of projects at the Delta Delta chapter house. When the chapter house kitchen was revamped 30 year ago, Jim led the project with his expertise and financial support.

Jim again stepped forward in 2003 to help lead the Chapter House

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Dr. Patrick Loehrer 47th Significant Sig

Patrick J. Loehrer, Sr., M.D. is the latest Delta Delta brother to earn the Significant Sig honor for his professional and career achievements. Pat Loehrer '75 has established himself as one of the world's leading doctors and researchers in a number of different cancers. Pat's work, along with that of Pat's mentor, Dr. Larry Einhorn, has contributed to a 95% survival rate for testicular cancer.

Pat took an atypical route to become a doctor. Graduating from Purdue with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, he had to convince the head of Rush Medical College that he was prepared for med school. As they say, "The rest is history."

Dr. Loehrer is director of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center and the H.H. Gregg Professor of Oncology and associate dean for cancer research at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Pat is a specialist in a variety of cancers, including cancers of the testis, bladder, colon, pancreas and, most notably, the thymus gland. His work has led to the approval of ifosfamide for the treatment of testicular cancer, and he helped develop therapies for the treatment of several malignancies, including thymoma and cancer of the bladder, colon and pancreas.

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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 Rajiv Samagond '17

Initiation

At the end of January we proudly initiated 28 new members into the Delta Delta Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. This was the culmination of a successful and effective pledgship, led by Magister Pat Long. The entire house played a large role in the success of our pledge program and initiation, and the ceremony went very well. It's exciting to see these young men take the next step in their involvement with the house. I'm looking forward to seeing the positive impact they'll be able to make on the chapter.

Philanthropy

This semester we've kept up our strong connection with Lafayette Urban Ministry. In December we hosted their 'Jubilee Christmas' event here at the chapter house. At this event we invited local, underprivileged families to pick out donated toys, gift cards, and food for their kids during the holiday season. More recently, we held our annual philanthropy, Derby Days. This year we had 10 sororities participate and raised over \$2,600! Next, we organized a new event this semester, 'Wing Night,' in conjunction with Beta Theta Pi. We were able to raise \$2,000 benefiting College Mentors for Kids. Finally, sophomore JT Garnett represented Sigma Chi for Zeta's 'Big Man on Campus,' which raised over \$120,000 for breast cancer research and awareness.

Greek Gala

Each year the Purdue Greek community holds an awards reception to recognize the outstanding achievements of its members in various areas. This year Sigma Chi was recognized for Excellence in Service and Excellence in Chapter Pride. In addition, we were award-

ed the Indiana Blood Center Greek Challenge Award for having the most blood

donations. As for individual awards, junior CJ Johnson was selected as IFC's Fraternity Man of the Year for his well-rounded accomplishments all over campus.



CJ Johnson (L) receives the IFC Man of the Year award from Brandon Cutler Associate Dean of Students.

Fireside Chats

Using new advanced video conferencing technology we've established a Fireside Chat program to host monthly talks with some of our most successful alumni. We kicked off the program speaking with Richard Hester, a past Grand Consul, and Rick Smith '81, the current CEO of Equifax. The program has been very popular and allowed us to further strengthen our alumni connection.

Our brothers have been working hard to make a positive impact in all areas of the chapter, and fulfill our mission of being the premier leadership development organization on campus. We're thankful for the constant support provided by our alumni and look forward to continuing to grow.

Alumni Rush Recs Sought
Know a young man headed to Purdue this fall interested in fraternities? Let us know!

Send Rush Recommendations to Jake Davis at jakedavis4994@gmail.com or rushpurduesigs@gmail.com.

Fireside Chats Return to 202 Littleton



Many of us are familiar with the McCutcheon illustration (circa 1935) of the Old Grad sitting in front of the Great Hall fireplace and having a heart to heart talk with his undergraduate Fraternity brothers.

Delta Delta Alums Take Part

Fast forward to 2016 and the active chapter is once again hosting “fireside chats” with prominent alumni through the marvels of today’s technology. Using new high-end video conferencing equipment installed in the chapter house, the undergraduates can invite alumni to speak to them from the comfort of their own homes.

Guests for the first two fireside chats held this semester were Past Grand Consul Dick Hester and Rick Smith ’81, the CEO of Equifax. Brother Hester who was the first to present using the new technology covered a number of Sigma Chi related topics.

In the second session Significant Sig Rick Smith discussed his career and current position as CEO of Equifax, how Sigma Chi values have driven his life and career, and the broad network of close friends he has established throughout the Fraternity’s alumni. The brothers then spent time in an open Q&A session where they sought advice from Brother Smith on a number of topics.

Krach Foundation Supports Leadership Initiative

The goal behind installing the video technology was creating a way that the active chapter could tap into the

wealth of knowledge and wisdom so many of our Delta Delta alumni possess. The idea of “remote” Fireside Chats was proposed using video technology and through the generous support of the Krach Family Foundation, the House Corporation arranged to have the new video conferencing system installed earlier this year.

The new system is comprised of two separate units. The larger unit has a 65” screen and can be set up in the Great Hall or Dining Room. With high-end video and audio it allows for presentations to larger groups. Along with Fireside Chats,



Significant Sig Rick Smith ’81 holds his Fireside Chat using the new video conferencing system.

it is used in House Corporation meetings to allow brothers to participate remotely. The smaller unit with a 50” screen is located in the Education Wing conference room and permits brothers to hold video conferences for job interviews and less formal group meetings.

Fireside Chats Warmly Received

The two initial Fireside Chats went very well with high attendance from the chapter, strong participation in the discussions, and positive feedback from the attendees. Everyone enjoyed and appreciated hearing about the impact Sigma Chi has had on the lives and careers of their alumni guests.

Phil Steele ’77 Hoosier Sig of the Year



Phil Steele ’77 (L) receiving Hoosier Sig of the Year from Tom Leslie ’68.

At the Indianapolis Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter’s annual Christmas luncheon and business meeting held on December 11, Phil Steele ’77 was recognized as the Hoosier Sig of the Year for 2015. This honor is bestowed above a member of the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter who has made significant contributions to the community and Sigma Chi.

Tom Leslie ’68 made the presentation to Phil and noted his ongoing work with Delta Delta. This included being involved with the chapter for the past 25 years as a member of the House Corporation and serving 17 years as Chapter Advisor. Additionally Phil has published the Delta Delta Data newsletter for over 20 years and continues to organize the annual Brotherhood Dinner which was first held in 1992. Phil is presently a member of the House Corp and is active in promoting, coordinating and reporting on the various Delta Delta alumni and undergraduate events. He also maintains Delta Delta’s website.

Phil has also begun working with the Sigma Chi chapter at Wabash College to create and distribute the chapter newsletter and help promote alumni events for them.



Returning alumni gathered for this photo op at the 2016 Brotherhood Dinner that honored Jim Dora '58.

Jim Dora Honored continued

Renovation Campaign that raised \$7.4 million to restore his beloved fraternity home.

Jim received the Significant Sig Award in the Great Hall in 2001. In 2002, he attended the Balfour Workshop as a Distinguished Visitor. He attended the 2004 Grand Council and the 2005 Grand Chapter where he was inducted into the Sigma Chi Hall of Fame. He was a member of the International Fraternity's Strategic Planning Committee from 2003 to



Jim Dora '58 (L) with pledge brother, Bernie Sergesketter '58 at the 2016 Brotherhood Dinner.

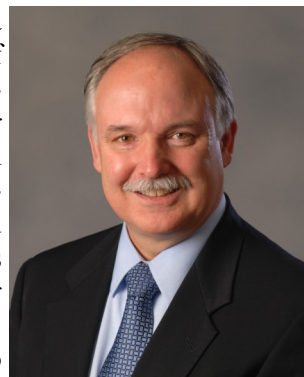
2005, and Jim served on the Board of the Delta Delta House Corporation from 2007 thru 2013. In 2015 Delta Delta honored Jim with the first Ben Taylor Award for his lifetime contributions to Delta Delta.

Bernie Sergesketter '58, Jim's pledge brother, also remarked that there were 18 brothers who wrote letters of support for Jim Dora's nomination for the Order of Constantine. Of these writers, two are Past Grand Consuls, two are current Grand Trustees, ten are Significant Sigs, and ten are members of the Order of Constantine. As Bernie read one of these letters from Vince Pegan '10, it was clear that Jim had touched the lives of brothers over multiple generations and had contributed his support to the chapter for many years and in many different ways.

Jim's daughter, Libby Troeger, also read a letter written by her son, Wade, a Sigma Chi at Indiana, who noted how much he learned about the values of Sigma Chi growing up around his grandfather.

Pat Loehrer continued

He is a founder of the Hoosier Cancer Research Network and served as its chairman for two decades. He has also served as chairman of



Dr. Patrick Loehrer '75

the Genitourinary Committee for the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) and served as the director of the gastrointestinal research program at the IU Simon Cancer Center. Pat is also working on a collaborative initiative where he co-founded the AMPATH Oncology Institute in 2009 to help build a sustainable oncology health care system in western Kenya.

Recognized as a prolific clinical researcher, Dr. Loehrer has published over 250 articles in various medical journals, written and edited 81 chapters in established medical publications, and composed 249 abstracts, letters and reviews.

ALUMNI NEWS ... ALUMNI NEWS ... ALUMNI NEWS ...

Ralph Weiger '49 entered Chapter Eternal on December 1, 2015. He was 90. Born in Hammond, IN he served as a pilot in the Navy Air Corps during World War II before coming to Purdue on the G.I. Bill. Brother Weiger was on the Boilermaker football and basketball teams.



Ralph Weiger '49

One of Ralph's favorite stories was retelling the details behind his touch-down catch he made in the 1948 Oaken Bucket game. The pass was thrown by his Sigma Chi brother Bob Demoss and both had a different recollection of how easy or hard the catch was to make. Demoss claimed the pass was so well thrown that any receiver could have caught the ball, while Weiger recalled he had to make a fairly spectacular catch to haul the throw in. To settle the debate at a reunion of the Sigs from the Greatest Generation, Ralph unearthed film footage found in the IU sports archives that showed a stretched out

receiver in the corner of the end zone making a less than routine catch. In the end Purdue won the game and both brothers enjoyed their football playing days.

Ralph went on to earn an electrical engineering degree and eventually became CEO and President of Midas International. The International Franchise Association named Weiger its president and in 2002, and he was inducted into their Hall of Fame. Brother Weiger was named a Significant Sig in 1981 and was inducted into Sigma Chi's hall of fame in 2005.

During his retirement years in Prescott, AZ he was active in a number of civic organizations including the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Big Brothers, Big Sisters; and the Yavapai County Foundation. In 2006 Ralph was selected Prescott's Man of the Year, in 2001 the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County named him Philanthropist of the Year; and in 2006, he received the Arizona Children's Assoc. Circle of Champions Award for his work on behalf of youth.

More Alumni and Undergrad Photos, Stories Available Online

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"

Kenneth Gerrard '44, Hiawassee, GA, June 2015

Ralph Weiger '49, Sonoma, CA, Dec. 1, 2015

Robert E. Hall, Jr. '49, Bonner, MT, March 8, 2016

Benjamin Youtsey '54, Bellevue, WA, July 2015

James F. Mann, Sr. '59, Oro Valley, AZ, March 3, 1993

Willis D. Bell III '71, Geneseo, IL, February 2016

David Burt '80, Louisville, KY Dec. 24, 2015

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Nancy Lou Clark (1945 – 2016)

Nancy Clark, the beloved House Mom/cook for Delta Delta for 19 years until her retirement in April 2011, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 25 from complications related to polycystic kidney disease. Nancy was 71.



Nancy Clark

Her love of the brothers was shared equally by all the Sigs who cherished the affection she bestowed upon them. In 1999 Nancy was featured in the Sigma Chi Magazine. In it she wrote about the role the young men of Sigma Chi played in her life. She began with "Sigma Chi's role in my life is love. The very first day of my

job I met so many young men who welcomed me with open arms. It was the beginning of an ever-growing mutual caring and sharing of work and play." She added, "God has blessed me with two natural born sons, but He has blessed me yearly as "Mother" to all the Sigma Chi's. I feel very fond and close to all these young men."

Nancy could often be found decorating the kitchen and dining room for the different holidays to make the chapter house feel a little more like home. Her favorite event, though, was the annual Barn Dance held at her farm in Benton County. Here she was able to host the brothers and let them see her "Sigma Chi" room filled with her collection of SX items.

On her last day at Delta Delta, Nancy brought in her Sigma Chi treasures she had gathered since August 1992 and covered four of the dining room tables with her memories. Pictures of her with the brothers, composites for each of

her 19 years, t-shirts and favors from many Sig events, and jewelry all adorned with "ΣX". She even had a copy of her first employment contract with the chapter.

Nancy also loved to visit with returning alumni. She admitted that she missed the graduates and prayed that they would have a successful future after leaving Purdue.



Barn Dance at her farm was always a favorite event for Nancy.

Honoring Nancy

In memory of Nancy Clark brothers raised over \$6500. Her family requested that these funds be used to support her beloved Sigma Chi.

A fund in Nancy's name is being established at the Sigma Chi Foundation. This fund will financially support future generations of kitchen crew members.

Nancy remarked, "One might say, no job is perfect, but this one was as close to perfect for me as any job gets. All the years being part of their lives was special. They will never know how much they have touched my heart."

And Nancy, we won't forget how you touched our lives in so many ways.