



# Delta Delta Data

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## Four Delta Delta Brothers Named Significant Sigs

The 2022 Class of Significant Sigs included four Delta Delta brothers Jim Lopeman '63, Stan Jones '73, Ed Quatmann '92 and Dave Omholt '92. This brings our chapters total to 65 brothers who have earned this honor.

**Jim Lopeman '63** built his career around working for and with small independent refineries as they competed against the oil industry giants. Throughout the '70's and '80's, independent oil refineries were supplying 20% of America's energy needs and were considered a strategic lever aimed at keeping larger oil companies in check.

Jim held a series of leadership positions with different west coast oil refineries including Sound Refining, Fletcher Oil and Refining, Newhall Refining, Golden West Refining, Macmillan Ring-Free Oil and Pacific Refining Company. During his tenure at each depending on the industry challenges at the time, he steered them through the oil crisis of the 1970's to a period of economic transition in the 1990's.

**Stan Jones '71** (posthumously) Following graduation Stan became the youngest ever elected Indiana State Representative serving for over 16 years. During these sixteen years Stan developed a passion for higher education and ultimately was selected by former Governor Evan Bayh as Commissioner for Higher Education. *See Significant Sigs ..... Page 3*



The Class of '95 enjoyed a great day at the Annual Sigma Chi Golf Outing.

## Picture Perfect Day for Sig Golf Outing

For those not able to make it back for this year's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Delta Delta golf outing, you missed out on a "perfect" day of golf. The weather was incredible, sunny and warm, the golf course was in immaculate condition, and the brotherhood exceptional. The outing took place on June 18 at Purdue's Ackermann – Allen golf course.

**And the Winners Were** Once again the younger golfers demonstrated their golf prowess and the team from the Class of 2015 of Frank Speek, Paul Leffler and Jordan Eddy carded a 13 under par round for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Also on the top of their game was the Class of 94 team of Josh Brown, Craig Witmer, Scott Cramer, and Todd Jensen who fin-

ished in second place also at 13 under. Third place winners at 11 under were CJ Johnson, Max Long, Spencer Owen and JT Wirtz, Class of 2016.

Senior winners from the Class of '77 team of Jeff Early, John Emhardt, Dave Nussmeier and John Loop turned in a round of 4 under.

At the dinner that evening long time golf outing participant, Larry Nicolet '71, was remembered for his congenial disposition and big heart. Larry entered Chapter Eternal on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Special thanks went out to Butch Brose '09 and Jay Milligan for getting the chapter house in order for our return and hosting the dinner following the outing. It goes without saying that all the returning golfers are very *See Sig Golf Outing .... Page 3*



## Derby Days raised over \$66,000 for cancer research.

**Jim Lopeman '63****Stan Jones '71****David Ohmhot '92****Ed Quatmann '92**

### ***Significant Sigs continued***

In this post he created Indiana's community college system, the inaugural 21st Century Scholars Program, and the development of the renowned Core 40 college prep curriculum for Indiana students. After serving as Indiana's Commissioner of Education for 13 years under numerous governors from both major parties, Stan founded the Complete College America network in 2009. This network assisted governors, state legislators, educators, and campus administrators to help students in completing their college education.

Brother Jones entered Chapter Eternal on February 6, 2017 at the age of 67. At the time of his death he was still active in his endeavors to improve the opportunities for all students to attend colleges across America.

### ***Sig Golf Outing continued***

appreciative of the effort by golf outing chairman Brian Griffiths '95 and his chief sidekick, Guenter Haines '95, for pulling everything together for our outing.

### **Date Set for 2023 Golf Outing**

The date for the 2023 Delta Delta Alumni golf outing is already set. The Sig outing will return to the second Saturday in June. Mark your calendars now for June 10, 2023. This date avoids any conflict with Father's Day weekend. Plan now to return in big numbers for this great gathering of Delta Delta brothers.

**David Ohmhot '92** is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Entrepreneur Authority (TEA), a leading full-service franchise consulting firm with a national network of independent offices, from New England to Hawaii, that provide franchise "matchmaking" services. It is the only franchise brokerage to ever receive the Chairman's Award from the American Association of Franchisees and Dealers.

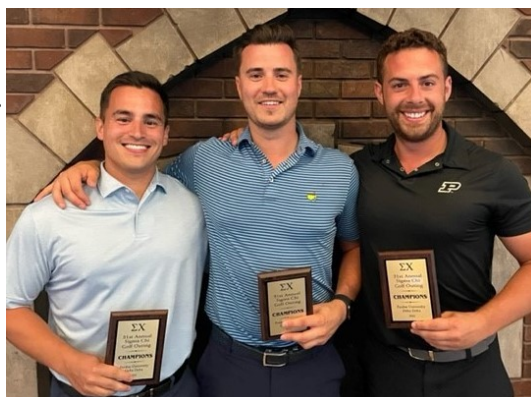
TEA represents over 1000 franchise companies and assists buyers in navigating the process of building their own business. Representing franchisors in over 70 different industry segments in the US, Canada and Mexico, TEA supports individuals ready to invest in themselves.

Since founding TEA in 2002, David has consulted and/or brokered for major franchise brands such as AAMCO, Charles Schwab, Denny's, Potbelly's and Sport Clips, as well as hundreds of others in every imaginable industry segment in the US, Canada, and Mexico.

**Edmund L. Quatmann, Jr., '92** is Chief Legal Officer of Caesars Entertainment. As Chief Legal Officer, he oversees all of the company's legal and regulatory affairs, and the compliance and risk functions for the entire company. Caesars Entertainment is the largest casino-entertainment company in the U.S. and one of the world's most diversified casino-entertainment providers.

Prior to his role at Caesars, he served as Chief Legal Officer for Eldorado Resorts from 2017, and previously served as Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. from 2008-2001. Ed also served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for iPCS, Inc., a telecommunications company. Ed received his Juris Doctor from Saint Louis University School of Law.

To read more about the accomplishments and contributions of these brothers go to <http://thesighthouse.com/category/alumni/>.



**Outing champs from the Class of '15 Jordan Eddy, Paul Leffler and Frank Speck.**



**Class of '77 Senior winners John Loop, Dave Nussmeier, Jeff Early and John Emhardt.**

## Not a Detail Was Overlooked for Class of '80 Reunion



Recreating a photo of their pledge class taken in 1976, the Class of '80 celebrated their 40th reunion that was hosted by John Pierce on Kent Island, MD.



drill, to each room labeled "Great Hall", "Junior Dorm", "Grotto", and other notable Sig room names, not a detail was overlooked."

For this special class their return after 40 years was a seamless passage of time. It was as if they were all down in the pledge room next to the furnace on a Monday night. The respect for one another is uniform. Although some in the class have achievements of note, their accomplishments were not an item of discussion or measure of their joint relationship.

The relationships between these brothers are the same now as then. Maybe the only difference was the willingness to verbalize their love for one another. *Forty years does, after all, demonstrate there is a finite period of time to get that said.*

The Delta Delta Class of 1980 gathered on Kent Island, Maryland, from June 9 to June 12, 2022, to celebrate its Covid-delayed 40-year reunion.

Hosted by John Pierce, the three days of planned activities included a White Rose Ceremony for their three pledge brothers who have entered Chapter Eternal and a heartfelt Good-of-the-Order. The rest of the time

was absorbed by a variety of activities undertaken by an extremely fit group of Delta Delta Sigs four decades removed from their days at 202 Littleton.

According to Jim MacDonald '80, "Brother Pierce and his lovely wife, Roxana, really put on a first class get together! From the White Rose ceremony to the G of O, to the fire

Brother MacDonald concluded, "The depth and integrity of this class was and is exemplary. The fact that all have been successful in their chosen fields of endeavor, yet 41-42 years later, a simple reunion to gather meant enough to have an overwhelming majority show up, truly exemplifies that deep bond. I'm blessed beyond words to have been associated with these fine brothers."

## Summer of 2022 Sig House Updates

Butch Brose '09 and Jay Milligan have been busy this summer working to clean the chapter house, making minor repairs, and addressing specif-



New Drapes in the Great Hall

ic projects requested by the undergraduates.

On the undergrad list were several items including installing a new basketball goal; installing two water fountains with bottle fill capability; and purchasing some portable seating to be used for bid sessions, chapter meetings, and other events when additional seating is needed. On top of these projects, Butch worked with a local interior designer to purchase and install new drapes in the Great Hall.

As usual the chapter house looks very nice and is ready for the return of our younger brothers and

rush activities that begin the first week of school.

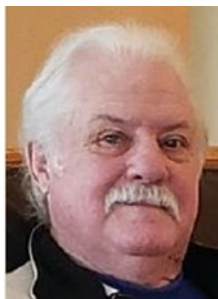


New Basketball Goal and Court Lines

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

### Creative Brother Enters Chapter Eternal

Richard “Dick” McNeely ’67 entered Chapter Eternal on February 26, 2022. Affectionately known as “Wheely” McNeely, Dick was remembered for leading the effort in the spring of 1965 to prepare and drive the chapter’s Grand Prix cart.



**Dick McNeely ‘67**

According to Dave Kelso ’67, Dick was initiated with the Class of ‘67, but missed grades that semester and dropped out. Brother McNeely eventually returned to Purdue to receive his liberal arts degree in 1974.

Dick used his welding skills and creative nature to design and build unique



**Dick’s Quabache Structure**

sculptures. His most prominent is the large structure called Ouabache that sits on a rise at the east side of the Harrison Street bridge and overlooks the Wabash River. Dick also built a mobile designed by his nephew which is on display on the third floor of the Neil Armstrong building.

Richard (Dick) Hall ’57 entered chapter eternal on May 20, 2022. Brother Hall was 87.

Dick was a successful Indianapolis businessman in the mortgage lending and banking arena. In 1977 Dick was kidnapped and held hostage with a shotgun wired to his neck for 63 hours by a crazed customer. Dick was released and chose not to speak of the incident for 40 years.



**Richard Hall ‘57**

In 2017 Dick published a book, “Kiritsis and Me: Enduring 63 Hours at Gunpoint.” In it he described how he feared for his life and his relationship with Kiritsis before and during his captivity.



**Dick McNeely ‘67 (center) hanging out with fellow Sigs Hank Suerth ‘68 and Bob Griese ‘67.**

Brother Hall shared his thoughts on this ordeal at the 2018 Delta Delta Southwest Florida Luncheon. Dick commented, “What I learned is that one can be surprised at what he can do if he has to and has faith. I feel certain that my Sigma Chi training and principles played a part in my enduring this ordeal.” He further noted, “It felt good to have the opportunity to share my experience with my brothers. I have many fond memories of my days at Purdue.” All honor to his name.

### Chapter Eternal “All honor to their names”

**William R. Weaver ‘48**, Toledo, OH 2-4-22

**Richard O. Hall ‘57**, Venice, FL 5-20-22

**Charles R. Most ‘57**, Indianapolis, IN 4-21

**James G. Batman ‘58**, El Cajon, CA 6-22

**Russell K. Glover III ‘63**, Cape Coral, FL 4-22

**Dan R. Demars ‘65**, Indianapolis, IN 3-6-22

**Gordon E. Compton ‘67**, Elkart, IN 3-22

**Darrel M. Massey ‘67**, Eugene, OR 3-22

**Richard D. McNeely ‘67**, Attica, IN 2-26-22

**Larry A. Nicolet ‘71**, Zionsville, IN 6-8-22

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## Sigs Help Push Ade Campaign Over Finish Line

As pledges, all Delta Delta Sigs learn a great deal about George Ade '1887. One of the aspects of his life that we may be less familiar with is his life and times spent at his Hazelden Estate in Brook, Indiana. At Hazelden, Ade entertained dignitaries, hosted parties that launched future presidents, and created a legacy that earned him the title of 'Greatest Living American Writer'.

The George Ade Historic Preservation Commission was formed in 2017. Their vision is to create a one-of-a-kind landmark and unique historical tourism destination in Newton County, Indiana.



**Statue of a youthful George Ade unveiled on June 26, 2022.**

The Commission's initial fundraising effort was to raise \$50,000 in order to receive a \$50,000 matching grant through

the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. To obtain this match all \$50,000 had to be raised first.

When Phil Steele '77 became aware of this campaign, it was within two weeks of its deadline with \$5000 still needed to earn the matching grant. Soliciting the help of the classes of '58, '68, '73, '75, and '77, within 4 days 35 brothers had chipped in to help this group hit their goal.

Brian Ortman '77 wrote, "I'm in. All the benevolence brother Ade donated to Purdue and Sigma Chi was most impressive. He led the way for much enjoyment and rewards in our personal lives."

Kristine Wright, the President of the Preservation Commission, couldn't understand why they were all of a sudden receiving so many donations for \$202. When she learned of the significance of 202 to our chapter, she was amazed and very grateful.



**Look familiar? Ade's Hazelden home was designed by William Mann '1897, the same Delta Delta Sig who was the architect for the Delta Delta Chapter house.**

### Future Goals and Opportunities

Recreating the Gardens at Hazelden is the first step in the preservation project. Future plans include restoring Ade's original carriage house as an event venue; refurbishing George Ade's home and adding to it's collection of Ade materials; and adding a resource room for those interested in learning more about Ade's life from an interactive learning center.

As these projects are initiated the Preservation Commission will be looking for support from Sigma Chi and Delta Delta. As we did this time on a limited basis, we're sure the Sigs will come through in the future.

For more information go to <https://hazelden.newtoncounty.in.gov/>