

Gamma Chi Alumni Association of Pi Kappa Alpha



Upcoming Events

- *Fall 2013: Alumni Tailgate at ALL OSU Home Football Games*
Location: Just North of Old Central
***9/14 vs Lamar*
***10/5 vs Kansas State – Large Pike Reunion*
***10/19 vs TCU – Homecoming*
***11/9 vs Kansas*
***11/23 vs Baylor*
***12/7 vs Oklahoma*
- *Fall 2013*
Annual Alumni Beer Pong Tournament
Location: Edmond
- *March 8, 2014*
Alumni Banquet & Golf Tournament
Location: Stillwater
- *Summer 2014 (TBD)*
Alumni Association Meeting/BBQ
Location: Tulsa
- *June 2014*
Alumni Hosted - Undergraduate Pledge Signing Day Events
Location: Tulsa and OKC
- *August 2014*
Undergrad Meet & Greet/BBQ
Location: Stillwater
- *Many Other Social Events (TBD)*
Location: OKC, Tulsa, and Stillwater

Message from the Outgoing President

S. Shane Pate II

Brethren, the past two years have been incredible for Gamma Chi. As an alumni association, we have far exceeded even our own expectations by hosting alumni events, which have garnered over 1600 participants since we formed. Thanks to the challenge by our own Brother Rodger Riney, we raised over \$50,000 in two short months to make improvements to the chapter house.

Perhaps most importantly, our alumni have experienced an unprecedented level of enthusiasm and excitement for our fraternity, which has been reflected in the success of our programs, the success of our chapter, and general spirit of fraternalism you can almost taste in the air. We have rekindled something truly great over the past two years, and I have been most honored to serve as your president on this journey. I cannot thank the alumni enough for the friendship, love and support you have given me these past years, as well as the hard work and dedication you have invested in creating one of the best alumni associations in the nation.

I am confident that the foundation we have built for our alumni association will endure the test of time. This summer, I was pleased to witness the passing of the torch, whereby we elected new officers for our alumni association. I am excited about the great things they have in store for us and hope that you will give them the same love and support you gave me. Now that my term as president has come to an end, I look forward to focusing more on the chapter needs as Chairman of the Alumni Advisory Board for the chapter, which include a major renovation to the structure of the house and working with the chapter to continue to cultivate a dominant presence on campus so that the coveted Smythe Award can soon come home.



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*"Behold, how good
and how pleasant it is
for brothers to dwell
together in unity!"*

Psalm 133:1



Recent Association News/Activities

Gamma Chi Alumni Association Wins International Award!

At the 2013 Pi Kappa Alpha International Awards Luncheon in Memphis, Tennessee, the Gamma Chi Alumni Association won its *second consecutive* "William R. Nester Alumni Association of the Year" Award. The Nester Award is the highest honor an Alumni Association can receive at the International Convention.

Founders' Day Hall of Fame Banquet

Over 180 guests were in attendance for our Alumni Founders' Day Hall of Fame Banquet Saturday, March 9, 2013. Scottrade Founder and CEO and 1964 Gamma Chi initiate, Rodger Riney was the featured guest speaker for the association's annual marquee event. Scottrade is a discount brokerage firm with over 500 branches around the U.S. and has placed high on Fortune's "100 Best Companies to Work For" list every year since 2008. Brother Riney was inducted into the Gamma Chi Hall of Fame.



The formal event was held in Stillwater at the newly renovated Student Union Ballroom. On Saturday morning before the banquet, association members were invited to play golf at Karsten Creek, one of the most challenging golf courses in the country and home of the 10-time national champion Oklahoma State golf team. Then just prior to the start of the banquet, the association hosted a cocktail hour. Many brothers stayed in town overnight and enjoyed catching up and socializing that evening and the next morning.

Mark your calendars; next year's event has been scheduled for March 8, 2014. It will be a celebration of 75 years of Gamma Chi. The guest speaker for the event will be Gordon Eubanks (1965 Gamma Chi Initiate). Brother Eubanks is an American microcomputer industry pioneer. The banquet will be held in Stillwater, OK at the OSU Alumni Center. Overnight reservations can be made at the Atherton Hotel at OSU under the group name "Pi Kappa Alpha." This is the Alumni Association's annual marquee event, we'll see you there!

OSU Football Tailgates

Every Saturday in the 2012 Oklahoma State Football season, many alumni, family, and friends from all generations attended the Gamma Chi Alumni Association Tailgates. There is no better time to be an Oklahoma State Football fan, with great facilities and a great team.

We're picked to win the Big 12 in 2013!! Stop by the tailgate (just north of Old Central) this fall and have some great food and hang out with other alumni before and after the game. ***The large Gamma Chi Pike Reunion will be held before and after the Kansas State game on October 5, 2013.*** This is the largest event of the Fall for the Alumni Association. Check the calendar on the front page and website for more details.

Annual Meeting/BBQ

The Alumni Association annual meeting was held on Saturday, June 29, 2013 in Edmond, OK at the residence of Shane Pate. In conjunction with the meeting we had BBQ, played yard games, and caught up with friends.

New officer elections were held. The new officers are President - Nick Johnson, Vice President - Michael Price, Secretary - Brandon Lux, and Treasurer - Zach Morrison. Items discussed were the past year, the budget, and events for the coming year. The meeting minutes are posted under resources on the association website. The next meeting will be held in the summer of 2014.

Alumni/Undergraduate Meet and Greet

On August 18, 2013, the Alumni Association hosted a Meet and Greet in Stillwater for the undergraduates. Alumni Association members were on hand to meet the undergraduates at the Pike House shortly after they moved in for the semester. The Alumni Association members cooked burgers for the undergraduate members. The next meet and greet will be held in August 2013.

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*"Live out of your
imagination, not
your history"
– Stephen Covey*



Undergraduate News

The Gamma Chi chapter received great recognition for its efforts this past year at the annual Pi Kappa Alpha national convention. We were given the Chapter Excellence Award for the second consecutive year, a feat we have never previously achieved.

In addition, the house was one of only four to obtain the House of the Quarter Award. After our diligent work on the landscape and our organization of the exterior of the house we were rewarded with the Best Exterior Project for International Work Day. On International Work Day we bought and assembled new patio furniture for the courtyard, built a shed in the back lot for our homecoming materials and yard tools, and planted new bushes in the flowerbeds.

The Gamma Chi chapter stayed busy during the summer when our Rush Team successfully signed 32 pledges for the fall semester. Now that year is underway we have begun organizing our philanthropy event, Cycle for Life, and plan to hold it on the 10th of November. Cycle for Life is an event that raises money for the Taylor Trudeau Foundation. On November 10th, members of the Greek Community will take pledges to ride stationary bikes for a certain amount of time. As well as individually raised funds we are hoping to receive sponsorships from local companies and corporations.

Although we made great progress this past year the Gamma Chi chapter is persistently working to improve the house and achieve the coveted Smythe Award.

How to join the Association

Your membership in the Gamma Chi Alumni Association of Pi Kappa Alpha is the single most powerful way to make Pi Kappa Alpha stronger at Oklahoma State University, as well to expand and enrich your own experiences with the fraternity that helped mold you into the person you are today.

There are several ways to join the association. You can write us via our mailing address listed to the right, email one of our officers listed on the back page, visit our website, or join in person at any Alumni Association event! Association dues are set at \$50 per year. Send payments to the mailing address or pay at our website via a secure PayPal transaction.

Ways to Get Involved with the Local Chapter

Alumni Advisory Board

One of the foremost indicators for the success of a Pi Kappa Alpha chapter is the presence of an alumni advisory board. This team of advisors can provide the mature advice and perspective that will take a chapter from the middle of the pack, to the top of their campus. The presence of an active Alumni Advisory Board is one of the requirements for a Pike chapter to receive the coveted Smythe Award. If you'd like to learn more about becoming a part the Alumni Advisory Board, please contact Shane Pate at pikes_boy_1868@yahoo.com or Nick Johnson at osupike21@yahoo.com.

Housing Corporation

The undergrads at Gamma Chi are still in need of additional board members on the Housing Corporation! House Corporations are 501c(7) not-for-profit corporations, formed with the purpose of planning for, and working towards providing competitive housing on campus for their respective chapters. The manner in which the Housing Corporation seeks to accomplish this is by buying, selling, receiving, exchanging, leasing, renting, granting, improving, developing, repairing, and at times maintaining a mortgage on the real and personal property of the Gamma Chi Chapter.

House corporations are governed by a board of alumni volunteers, elected by their peers. While some house corporation board members have a background in real estate, the most important qualification is having a passion for the chapter's housing. At OSU, the Gamma Chi Chapter house competes with some of the best fraternity housing structures in the nation, competition which becomes increasingly fiercer as the surrounding fraternities are currently engaged in capital campaigns to renovate or completely rebuild their living spaces. A strong Housing Corporation is critical to the longevity of Pi Kappa Alpha as it faces these challenges.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a part of Housing Corporation, please contact Lee Wilson at cowboyvol@att.net or Larry Ricker at larry.r.ricker@gmail.com.

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with life unused."*

-Bobby Bowden



Featured Alumnus

Question and Answer with Gary Morris (Gamma Chi '72):



1) What made you join PiKA? Was there a specific person that convinced you to pledge Pike?

The person responsible for me pledging PiKA was Cyrus Mavalvala. We worked together the previous summer before attending OSU. Cyrus was a great communicator and very passionate about the values & benefits of pledging and becoming a Brother, specifically PiKA. To this day I am appreciative of what he did for me and how PiKA has been beneficial to me through the years.

2) What is your most memorable story from living in the Pike house?

There are many memorable moments, unfortunately most cannot be discussed!!! In all seriousness, the brotherhood shared day to day, month to month and through the years is what's memorable as a whole. Fortunately the story continues! I am privileged to continue my relationship with so many of my brothers for the past 40 years.

3) What was the biggest challenge you faced in college and how did PiKA help you overcome it?

So many of the brothers in the house were great role models. They were leaders through example, in good times and in bad times. I had many challenges in college but through their support, guidance and leadership I made it. I owe them a lot for my success.

4) What do you miss most about your college days?

I miss the atmosphere around the house, the time shared with the brothers at the parties, football games and other "social events". I miss the times sitting on the patio discussing and solving "issues". Many of these "issues" cannot be discussed in this format!!! Those days go fast as many realize when they're gone. I only hope that others appreciate their time as much as I do. It was a "gift".

5) What did you do after college?

After college I embarked on a career in sales and marketing.

6) What do you do today?

As of today I am still involved in sales and marketing in Oklahoma City. For the past 30 years I have been privileged to work with Western Industries Corp. We are a worldwide supplier of engineered packaging solutions with facilities in the USA, Mexico, China and Singapore.