



# The Cornell Alpha Delt

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## A PERSPECTIVE ON "HAZING":

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In the wake of various hazing incidents reported across the country in the past year—including a few that resulted in student deaths—Greek life at institutions of higher learning is once again coming under scrutiny by past and present participants, non-participants, and administrators. As an alumnus of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University, officer of the local chapter, member of the International Board of Governors, and 18-year, part-time risk-mitigation specialist in the ski industry (i.e., a ski patrolman), I come at this issue from a variety of perspectives. As an alumnus, I reflect back on the environment in which we operated (1977–1981) as a chapter and the types of activities/behavior that was considered "normal" and outside the realm of dangerous. As an alumni officer of the local chapter, I strive to see the traditions of Alpha Delta Phi continued and preserved for future generations while, at the same time, being regularly reminded of the exposure that participation brings. Working at the national level, I get to witness the commonalities and differences between chapters, across regions

and demographics, and between institutional administrations. Finally, I worked for years in an industry that, unfortunately, led the way in the '80s with landmark litigation that attempted (and succeeded) to assign "blame" to a business entity for the consequences of individual action(s).

With that foundation in mind, I have mixed feelings about the present state of affairs in the Greek community and the administrative responses to the unfortunate events that have taken place. While the loss of a life is never an acceptable outcome, neither are the irrational and purely emotional reactions that punish many for the actions of a few. At the core of this issue is the activity of "hazing," which, in turn, is typically associated with excessive alcohol consumption (what other excuse would anyone have for the poor judgment associated with these acts?). Underage drinking continues to be dealt with as a cause of much that is wrong rather than a symptom of other ills. We seem to have learned nothing from Prohibi-

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*The Cornell Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity initiated 19 gentlemen into the brotherhood this past spring.*



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## A PERSPECTIVE ON "HAZING": THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE WORD FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

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tion and continue to believe that rules without a sensible basis will be followed just because they are rules, and then we are surprised when the responsive behavior is taken underground and exaggerated. This logic should also apply when we reasonably consider the actions and behavior that constitute "hazing." Typically, the behavior that manifests in most of the headlines is so clearly misguided that there is universal agreement on using "hazing" as the descriptor. However, then there is the "gray" area of "hazing," where disagreement and some intellectual discourse on the subject is possible.

At Cornell, there was a call to action by President Skorton in the fall of 2011 to end "pledging as we know it"—i.e., get rid of the hazing. The response to this call included the creation of a working task force known as R.A.R.E. (Recruitment, Acceptance, Retention, and Education). This task force recently conducted a webinar (which can be seen in its entirety at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vcn2IcUE9II>) that presented the recommendations it had made to the university administration. Much of the substance embodied in the work of the task force has value and would likely serve to enhance the Greek experience. However, there is still that slippery slope of what behavior constitutes "hazing." One of the slides was metaphorical for the difficulty in defining the term. In it, three definitions were summarized:

1) New York State Law (§120.16 & §120.17): "...creates a substantial risk of personal injury;"

2) President's Skorton's "A Call to Lead," CDS 8.29.2011: "... humiliates, intimidates, abuses, or endangers;" and

3) Cornell Campus Code of Conduct (Article II.A.1.f): "... endangering the physical health of an individual or causing mental distress." I have taken the liberty of loosely ordering these from the narrowest to the broadest definition—in my opinion, "mental distress" covers much of our daily lives, including the educational experience of Cornell.

Ultimately, the success of any program that looks to stem the tide of "hazing" will be largely dependent on the scope of the behavior attributed to the term—the broader and more encompassing the definition, the less likely it is that students will be willing to follow the rules. Speaking for myself (although I am sure many others will agree), the experiences of my life during which I felt some degree of "mental distress" are those that I consider to be periods of valuable learning and growth. I hope this effort to "end pledging as we know it" doesn't take away the opportunity for substantive learning and growth from a generation that so desperately needs it.

John R. Tuttle '81

Vice President

Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc.

### ALPHA DELT BROTHERS ...

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Song Master: Gregory Zalevsky '15

Technology Chair: Sam Rosenberg '14

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## SPRING SEMESTER ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE

The end of the spring semester marked another successful year on the hill for the Phi. We have made significant strides over the past semester. After bringing 19 young men into the brotherhood and hosting a wide variety of philanthropic events, the brotherhood is stronger than ever. With the momentum carried forward from the previous semester under the leadership of Bailey Rogg '13, the Phi rose to new heights while maintaining its everlasting traditions.

In addition to Victory Club, Philanthropy Chair Sam Ritholtz '14 organized a wide variety of philanthropic events at the house, often with the help of IFC representative Tate Lavitt '14. Twice we partnered with the ladies of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority to raise money for their Rosario Alvarez Scholarship. We also hosted an event for Cornell Sustainability Hub's Recyclemania and a party for the Cornell Programming Board. These events and their causes are perfect reflections of the type of brothers our house has molded.

The end of the spring semester also marks the end of our Paul Kimonos's (our favorite

chef!) first year. After replacing our longtime Chef Scooter, Paul had big shoes to fill! Fortunately, he did so with ease—whether it was a delicious short-order meal, one of the nightly buffet dinners, or surf-and-turf during special occasions, he kept everyone satisfied and replete. The brothers are excited that he will be returning next year.

Our 19 new brothers bring much enthusiasm and passion to the Phi. It was an honor to bring them into our beloved society. Almost all of them will be living in our beautiful house at 777 Stewart Avenue next year or will remain closely involved through officer positions they hold. As my tenure as president ends and the newly initiated brothers take on more leadership and management roles, I am confident in the future of the Phi. It has been left in good hands and they will certainly keep life "rich and mellow" for all of us in Alpha Delta Phi.

Xaipe,  
Andrew Schrichte '13  
Undergraduate President  
Spring 2012



*Reunion attendees from the class of 1962 gather together for a 50th Reunion photo. Left to right: Sheldon Severinghaus, Pedro Sanchez, Otto Doering, Robert Wood, and Russell Cherry.*

## SMITH CORONA FOUNDED BY AN ALPHA DELT

Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University has produced dozens and dozens of men who have become prominent world, community, and organizational leaders. Did you know that the president of Smith Corona Typewriter, Elwyn L. Smith '17, was a Cornell Alpha Delt? In the age before computers, typewriters were king. Brother Smith took over a company started by

his grandfather and led it through an era of innovation that included the introduction of the first electric typewriters. During World War II, the Smith Corona factory was reengineered to produce Springfield rifles in support of the war effort. A detailed list of other prominent Cornell Alpha Delt alumni can be found on our website at [www.adphic Cornell.org/120-fame.asp](http://www.adphic Cornell.org/120-fame.asp).

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS!

At the 2012 Convention of the Alpha Delta Phi, held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, **Robert Harley Morrissey '12** was awarded one of six Seward Scholarships. Scholarships are awarded based on a combination of academic achievement, contributions to the local chapter, general campus/community involvement and leadership, active participation in the literary traditions, and financial need. Robert has been a campus leader in local and global philanthropy efforts, including Victory Club and humanitarian relief efforts in the wake of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Congratulations to Robert and all the winners of the 2011 Seward Scholarships.



**Samuel Ritholtz '14**, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences, has been awarded the Alpha Delta Phi Cornell Tradition Fellowship. Cornell Tradition Fellowships are given to deserving undergraduates who demonstrate a strong commitment to work and service. Samuel's other recognitions include the Roughrider Ragtime Joe Cornell Tradition Fellowship, the S. Ann and Robert R. Morley Student Research Fund, and the Martin M. McVoy Jr. Alpha Delta Phi Scholarship. Congratulations, Samuel!

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## VICTORY CLUB RAISES OVER \$8,000

On April 28, Victory Club celebrated its 95th anniversary at 777 Stewart Avenue with a truly spectacular event. This year, Victory Club worked with the global support group, Voices of African Mothers (VAM), to hold an event that not only expanded our philanthropic boundaries, but also our exposure on campus. The founder of VAM, Nana-Fosu Randall, kindly joined the brothers of the Phi for the event and spent the rest of her time on campus touring the school to speak with students about her initiative. Alpha Delta Phi teamed up with a conglomerate of on-campus service organizations, including Big Red Relief, to organize these educational events.

Victory Club itself was an enormous success and was essentially Mrs. Randall's main event. This year, Victory Club featured a jazz ensemble, an *acapella group*, a toast from Mrs. Randall, gambling, and a set by DJ Greg Monte. Overall, the event exceeded its fundraising goals through various advertising means, as the attendees represented a diverse demographic of both Greek and non-Greek students. Garrett Loh '13 and Luis Arturo Corzo '14 were this year's Victory Club chairmen. They have made many expressions of their sincerest gratitude to the brothers and alumni who made this event possible—especially the philanthropy chair, Samuel Ritholtz '14, who performed an indispensable role in advertising the event to the Cornell community.

Victory Club is a truly unique event and was one of the main inspirations for Garrett Loh '13 to join the brotherhood of Alpha Delta Phi in the spring of 2011. As a chairman, he believes: "Every year, we try to outdo the achievements of the year prior. This year, I am so proud to have accomplished the set goals and am so appreciative of the unconditional support I received from our generous sponsors, involved brothers, and dedicated alumni."

Xaipe,  
Garrett Loh '13  
Luis Arturo Corzo '14  
Victory Club Chairmen  
Spring 2012



## ALPHA DELTS CONTINUE OUR TRADITION OF PHILANTHROPY

This year the Phi, following the pillar of service, has done much work to give back to our local and global communities. In September of 2011, we focused on our Cornell community and organized a banquet in honor of one of our own—fellow Cornellian Ingrid Nuñez '14, who is a friend of many brothers and was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer during the summer of 2011. To raise money for her cancer treatment, we hosted a banquet at the Phi with help from our friends at Sigma Chi and Kappa Alpha Theta. The event was well attended and raised over \$5,000.

Extending our sights to the Ithaca Community, we worked with the multicultural sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, to raise money for its scholarship fund. The Rosario Alvarez Scholarship provides funding for a high-achieving female minority student with financial need to attend a four-year university. Last year's winner actually attended Cornell and is a good friend of mine. To raise money for the scholarship, we sponsored two open "after-hours" parties, one in the fall and one in the spring. The parties raised \$1,300 and \$1,100, respectively, and thus added \$2,400 more to our total philanthropy dollars raised.

Following our community-focused events, we began to concentrate on issues affecting everyone and teamed with the Cornell Sustainability Hub to host the kick-off event of their campus-wide initiative, Campaign to Sustain Us. Although we did not raise money for a specific cause, we helped start this conservation campaign off right.

Lastly, in April, the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi hosted three different events to raise awareness and funds for causes affecting our global community. Our first event, titled "Bid Night for Bed Nets," was a date auction with the on-campus club Cover Africa to raise money to purchase bed nets, which help fight malaria in Ghana. Our second event was a rave sponsored by Life Changing Apparel. Proceeds for this event went towards medical

supplies for a hospital in Nicaragua.

Our final philanthropic endeavor for the year was our annual Victory Club. This year, the proceeds for Victory Club went to the Voices of African Mothers (VAM). VAM creates self-sustaining eco-villages for women and children refugees affected by war and conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa. I have the honor of representing this organization as a Youth Ambassador at the United Nations and have personally become very devoted to the cause. The brothers of the Phi are also exceptionally honored this year to announce that the founder of the organization, Nana-Fosu Randall, joined us at the event, along with other members of the board of directors, including Jeff Furman, chair of the board of directors of the Ben and Jerry's Foundation and one of the founders of Ben and Jerry's.

Nana-Fosu Randall is a career diplomat at the United Nations and, when she formally retired as the chief financial officer of the United Nations Peacekeeping Operation, she was the highest-ranked African woman in the United Nations system. To fully take advantage of Nana's visit and in the spirit of our founding as a literary society, the Victory Club chairs and I worked diligently to plan numerous events on campus for the good of our brotherhood and the Cornell community. We hosted a fireside chat with campus leaders and Nana. She also went to dinner with fellows from the Public Service Center. On Saturday morning of Victory Club weekend, Nana met with the sisters of the multicultural sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. At that evening's Victory Club, the entire community celebrated the work of her organization. Finally, we concluded with a brunch on Sunday with Taverna Banfi, brothers of the Phi, and the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs. We very much enjoyed her visit and Victory Club itself!

Xaipe,  
Samuel Ritholtz '14  
Philanthropy Chair



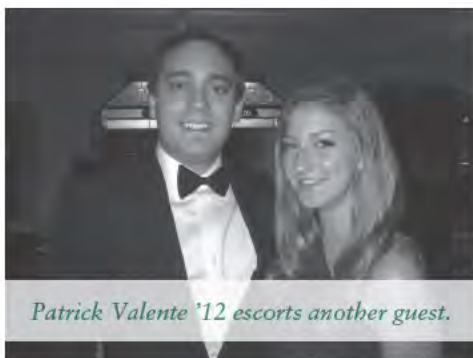
Luis Arturo Corzo '14, Samuel Ritholtz '14, and Garrett Loh '13 enjoy Victory Club with Nana-Fosu Randall, honored guest and founder of Voices of African Mothers.



## VICTORY CLUB RAISES OVER \$8,000 FOR AFRICAN MOTHERS



*Connie Walker-Fowler talks with Luis Arturo Corzo '14 at Victory Club.*



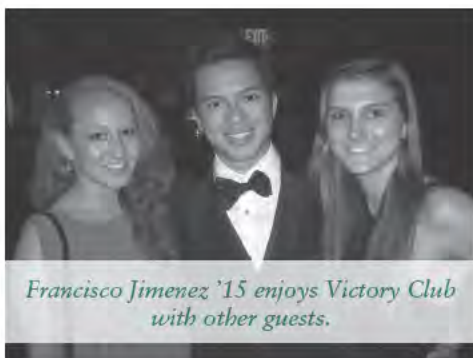
*Patrick Valente '12 escorts another guest.*



*The gaming tables were a popular diversion for all Victory Club guests.*



*Alfonse Muglia '14, Adrian Diaz-Granados '14, Alex Egan '13, Kevin Donovan '14, Matt Brendall '14, and Garrett Loh '13*



*Francisco Jimenez '15 enjoys Victory Club with other guests.*



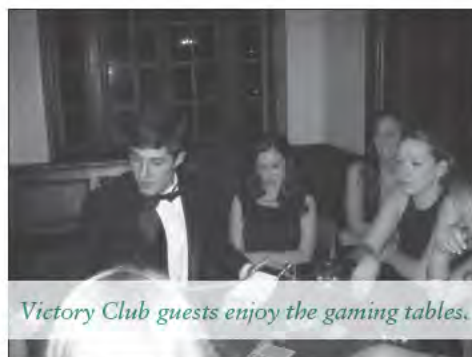
*Michael Chen '11 and guest enjoy music and dancing at Victory Club.*



*Luis Arturo Corzo '14 and Garrett Loh '13 celebrate a successful Victory Club.*



*Alexander Gulbrandsen '15, Kevin Donovan '14, Gregory Zalevsky '15, Sam Rosenberg '14, Kenneth Ballato '15, and Mikhail DeJesus '13*



*Victory Club guests enjoy the gaming tables.*

## VOICES OF AFRICAN MOTHERS EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR ALPHA DELTA PHI SUPPORT

On behalf of Voices of African Mothers (VAM), we cannot thank you and your fraternity enough for your sponsorship of our annual major fundraising event.

Voices of African Mothers (VAM) was formed in 2004 to promote peace, equality, and justice. Our goal is the economic empowerment of women in Africa. You can visit our website at [www.vamothers.org](http://www.vamothers.org) to learn more about our mission and the history of VAM.

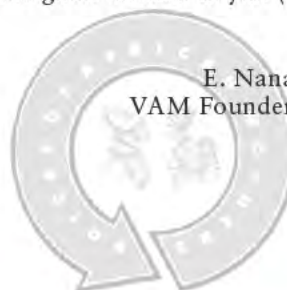
It is through the tremendous generosity and support of individuals and orga-

nizations like Alpha Delta Phi that we can continue to establish, fund, and support the much-needed programs that we sponsor for women and children, such as VAM Girls Academy, in Sogakope, Ghana—soon to be a model for demonstrating strong, viable, and sustainable approaches toward improving the quality of life for African women and their families. We also support the John William Montessori School in Kumasi, Ghana, which offers the highest quality of education to over 700 students since 1997.

Once again, we thank you for your generosity and continued support, and wish good fortune to you (and us!).

Regards,

E. Nana-Fosu Randall  
VAM Founder and President





## BROTHERS ENJOY CHEF PAUL'S DELICIOUS MEALS

While we said goodbye to Scott "Scooter" Schmutzler this past year, we welcomed Scott's top recommendation for the position of the house chef—Paul Kominos. Although we anticipated a tough transition, we were happy to be proven wrong! From the start, Paul got right to work, cooking up short-order items for breakfast and lunch to perfection and offering everyone a fresh (and tasty) variety of options for dinner. His delicious cooking makes his days off unbearable for the entire brotherhood!

This year, we have had quite a few evening events in which Paul cooked for up to

150 people. Our Homecoming dinner, bid dinner, February formal, and Initiation dinner were the largest events, and they went very smoothly thanks to Paul and our lovely waitresses from the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

Lastly, we are in the process of implementing some nice changes to the drink room, in which shelves will be installed for organizational purposes. Additionally, beginning in the fall, we will be starting a new initiative to improve transparency between the treasurer, steward, and chef with regards to finances. A small desk will be installed in the storage room within the kitchen so Paul can

have appropriate space to organize and keep track of all receipts detailing incoming and outgoing costs. These receipts are relayed to the steward, who will be updating a spreadsheet (weekly) of all of the kitchen costs in order to budget appropriately.

With the changes that have already occurred and some more right around the corner, we look forward to another successful year with Chef Paul!

Xaipe,  
Adrian Diaz-Granados '14  
Steward



*Chris Boak '80 recently submitted this photo of Shirley, a former ADPhi chef. Also pictured: Philip Romero '79 and Benjamin Bamford '79.*



*Denton Chase '92 poses with his children during a recent visit to Cornell.*

## SAMUEL RITHOLTZ '14 JOURNEYS TO AFRICA FOR SUMMER RESEARCH IN TANZANIA AND ZANZIBAR

Much to the chagrin of my overprotective mother, I will be embarking on the adventure of a lifetime this summer. As a double major in economics and Africana studies, it should come as no surprise that I will be spending 10 weeks exploring the western and eastern regions of Africa. Although I will be taking advantage of opportunities that Cornell has provided for me during much of my trip, I will also spend some time on experiences of my own devising.

My trip begins in Washington, D.C., from where I will fly through Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and finally arrive at my first destination: Kilimanjaro International Airport, Moshi, Tanzania. For the first eight weeks of my summer, I will be based in Moshi, Tanzania, at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro. During my first four weeks in Moshi, I will be taking a class and conducting research at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center with my fellow Cornell students, as well as Tanzanian medical students. The class will be about global health issues affecting Tanzania and their impact on the local community. My research will involve choosing a specific issue in public health and analyzing its effect on the Moshi community.

I will remain in Moshi for four more weeks as a teacher at a school for street children and children with special needs. Everyone's internship

in the program is different, but is based on our skills and interests. Because of my extensive history working with children with disabilities, I will be placed in the school for street children, creating curricula and behavior-management plans for teachers to follow for years to come.

During my eight weeks in Moshi, I plan to visit the various game reserves and national parks that the area is known for. I will also visit typical tourist villages, such as Arusha, and—depending on how bold I am feeling (and how much I train)—I may even consider climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. Much of how I spend my leisure time will not be decided until I get there, but I do expect to spend a fair amount of my time with wild animals that I probably should not be near.

After my eight weeks in Moshi, I will be traveling to the tropical island of Zanzibar with other members from my program. Zanzibar is a veritable paradise known for its beaches and ancient Swahili villages. I look forward to exploring the natural and manmade parts of the island while also practicing my Swahili. Although it is supposed to be my "week off" during the summer, I will most likely be volunteering in an orphanage on the island, as I cannot be on a beach for too long without going crazy. After five days in Zanzibar, I will be meeting my peers in Dar es Salaam

to view the Tanzanian operations of our Victory Club charity, Voices of African Mothers.

After my time in Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar, I will board a plane and fly to Accra, Ghana, in western Africa. I will be there for nine days with a few other Cornell students, and we will be observing the Ghanaian operations of Voices of African Mothers. We will be staying in the villages with the women and children, learning about how the village runs and brainstorming ways for how village life can be improved. Upon returning to Cornell, we will be designing a global service-learning trip available to Cornell students interested in social entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship for change.

While I am incredibly excited for my trip this summer, I am also a bit nervous. This will be my first time traveling in the developing world, and I do not expect things to be easy. In fact, my experience filming a documentary in Amsterdam this past summer pales in comparison to what I am about to take on this summer. With all this said, I know there is no better time for me to do this, and I look forward to the challenges awaiting me.

Xaipe,  
Samuel Ritholtz '14  
Philanthropy Chair



## RETURNING TO CAMELOT WITH TED OLT '57



*Laird Logue '56 dances with his wife, Joan, at a formal in the '50s. They have now been married for 50 years.*



*H. Marshall Shambarger '57, Peter Newell '57, and Roger Wickers '57 laugh with Jan Olt on the lawn on a Sunday morning after a house party.*



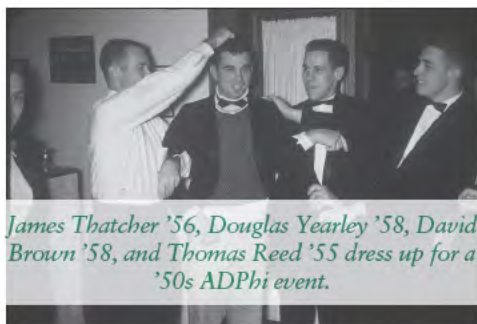
*This '50s Alpha Delt gathering was attended by Douglas Yearley '58, Thomas Ellis '55, Donald Berg '54, Gilbert Rankin '56, J. David Rowland '55, Robert Hubbard '59, and Daniel Hall '58, accompanied by no fewer than five Wells ladies.*



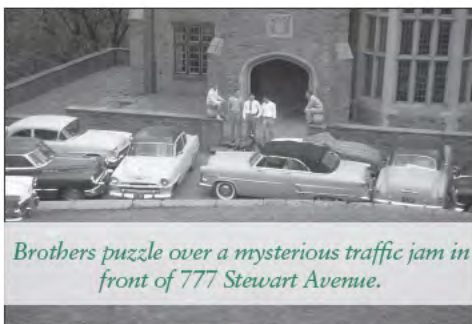
*Judy and Jim Edgar '58—who have now been married for 50 years—at an ADPhi formal.*



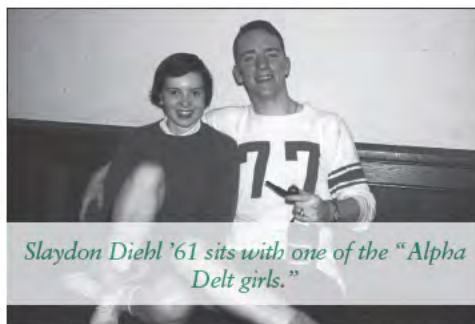
*John Brooke '55 enjoys the company of his wife, Gigi, and Jan Olt.*



*James Thatcher '56, Douglas Yearley '58, David Brown '58, and Thomas Reed '55 dress up for a '50s ADPhi event.*



*Brothers puzzle over a mysterious traffic jam in front of 777 Stewart Avenue.*



*Slaydon Diehl '61 sits with one of the "Alpha Delt girls."*

# INITIATION 2012 WELCOMES 19 NEW BROTHERS TO ALPHA DELTA PHI

**Alec Jeffrey Budow '15** is a freshman in the School of Hotel Administration. Alec is from New York City and a graduate of the Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School, where he was known for his commitment to public service. While at Columbia Prep, Alec served on student government for five years in addition to working on Mayor Bloomberg's reelection campaign and in the Office of the Mayor of the City of New York (Bloomberg). In student government, Alec raised the most funds as treasurer in the school's history; these funds were ultimately donated to the school's scholarship fund and Doctors Without Borders. Alec's work to better his community was ultimately recognized by the New York State comptroller with an award for academic excellence and civic commitment.

**Alexander Davis Gulbrandsen '15** hails from Far Hills, New Jersey. He attended the Lawrenceville School, where he was a member of Hamill House and competed in tennis and swimming. He is currently enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in history. Alexander intends to pursue a career in either law or finance.

**Alexandre "Alex" Yves Langlois '15** was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, and raised in Bedford, New York. He attended Deerfield Academy—a boarding school in western Massachusetts—for high school. While at Deerfield, Alex was an active member of both the football team and disciplinary committee. He is currently studying biology at Cornell in the College of Arts and Sciences, and he is considering becoming a pre-med student. Alex is also a member of the Cornell polo team. Polo has been a lifelong passion of his, and he is looking forward to playing with Cornell in the future.

**David Jacques Weinstein '15** was born and raised in New York City and attended Riverdale Country School. During his high school career, he interned in finance and real estate, worked as a superintendent in an apartment house, volunteered in a hospital, and did biology research. David played competitive tennis for part of high school and then made the switch to track and field, which he continues to pursue at the college level. He is a natural resources major and plans to intern in private equity this summer.

**Francesco Xavier Jimenez '15** was born in Los Angeles, California. Before matriculating at Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration, he attended the Buckley School in Sherman Oak, California, where he was captain of the soccer team. He is currently the vice president of the Hotelie Entrepreneurs club. He aspires to start his own entrepreneurial business in the United States. Alpha Delta Phi's distinguished history, magnificent chapter house, and the unique ideals of the brotherhood are what first attracted Francesco to our fraternity.

**Gregory "Greg" Alan Zalevsky '15** was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He attended the Harvard-Westlake School in North Hollywood, where he was student head of solicitations for silent auctions as well as captain of the football team. During his senior year, he achieved the Scholar-Athlete award for maintaining the highest GPA on the football team. Currently at Cornell, Greg is majoring in economics in the College of Arts and Sciences in addition to playing varsity sprint football. He hopes to pursue a lucrative career in finance and develop strong, lasting

relationships with the brothers of the Phi. It was an appreciation for individuality in addition to a feeling of unity which first attracted Greg to the brotherhood.

**John Bowen Dunn '14** was born in New York City and raised in Bedford, New York. He trained and studied at the Weil Tennis Academy in Southern California for high school. Upon graduation, he accepted a Division I tennis scholarship to the Citadel Military Academy. After completing his first year at the Citadel, he decided to transfer to the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell. John is concentrating in finance and entrepreneurship and minoring in real estate. After his time at Cornell, John aspires to work in finance and eventually start his own investment firm.

**Jonathan Ronald Grecco '15** was born and raised in Bedford, New York. Before coming to Cornell, he attended Fox Lane High School, where he was a captain of the wrestling team, a two-time all-district cellist, and head of the President's Junior Leadership Council based out of Northern Westchester Hospital. As a member of the council, he organized an alcohol awareness campaign for which he created a tri-fold card containing information regarding physical signs that indicate a person needs to go to the hospital, important numbers to call when a person is in trouble, and myths about alcohol. 10,000 copies were published in 2010 and continue to be published and distributed throughout Westchester County every spring during prom season. Jonathan is currently a nutritional sciences major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with aspirations to become an orthopedic surgeon.

**Joseph "Joe" Vincent Loria '14** was born and raised in Woodmere, New York. Prior to attending Cornell University, he studied at G. W. Hewlett High School, where he was captain of the lacrosse team. Joe later continued his athletic career at Adelphi University as a member of the varsity lacrosse team. He is currently an ILR major in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. The camaraderie and character of the brothers in the house is what attracted Joe to the brotherhood.

**Jose David Pagan Lassalle '15** was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He received his high school diploma from Wesleyan Academy, where he was president of the student body, vice president of the National Honor Society, and a member of the varsity soccer team. Among other things, Jose collaborated with faculty and staff on his school's re-accreditation committee, as well as in the Parent, Teacher, and Student Organization (PTSO). His interest in and commitment to Puerto Rico have led him to participate in different efforts, the most recent of which was a proposal to an NGO for a project aimed at developing environmental awareness in the urban district. Jose is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in architecture from the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning and plans to explore different opportunities in the fields of design

and business.

**Justin Rogers Calabrese '15** was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. Before coming to Cornell, he attended the Harvard-Westlake School in North Hollywood, California, where he was goalie for the varsity water polo team and a delegate in Model UN. Currently, Justin is studying in the College of Arts and Sciences, but is undecided about his major. The long history and tradition are what attracted Justin to the Alpha Delta Phi.

**Kenneth Rudy Ballato Jr. '15** was born and raised in Westhampton Beach, New York. Before arriving at Cornell, he attended the Groton School in Massachusetts, where he was captain of the tennis team, president of the book club, and co-author of a collection of essays about Groton alumni who devoted their lives to government service (the collection is expected to be published this autumn). Currently, Kenneth is a history major in the College of Arts and Sciences with the aspiration of entering public service.

**Michael Guy Rothbaum '15**, from New City, New York, attended the Solomon Schechter School of Westchester before arriving at Cornell. In high school, he was a member of student government, a volunteer Hebrew teaching assistant, editor-in-chief of his yearbook, and the president of the local volunteer ambulance youth corps. On campus—where he serves as a university ambassador as well as the international projects associate director for Cornell Health International—Michael is studying comparative literature in the College of Arts and Sciences, with minors in Spanish and pre-medical advising. He hopes to become a neurosurgeon. The strong respect for both tradition and diversity is what first attracted Michael to the brotherhood.

**Michael Paul Jahnle '15** was born and raised in the western suburbs of Philadelphia and is the youngest of four children. He attended the Episcopal Academy in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, where he captained the varsity rowing team and was a lead editor of the school newspaper, among other achievements. At Cornell, Michael studies urban and regional studies in the School of Architecture, Art, and Planning, and he intends to earn a minor in real estate. Michael was attracted to Alpha Delta Phi because of its diverse, unique, and accomplished brotherhood.

**Nicholas Morris Stieg '15** was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and raised in New York City. Before arriving at Cornell, he attended the Browning School in New York, where he was captain of the varsity soccer team as well as a member of Model UN, Mock Trial, and the investment club. Nicholas was also captain of his interscholastic polo team and is continuing his polo career at Cornell as a member of the men's varsity polo team. Currently, he is a government and economics major in the College of Arts and Sciences with the aspiration of entering into real estate development.

**Nicholas "Nik" Taper Feldman '14** was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland. Prior to attending Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration, Nik studied at the Gilman School for 13 years and received both the Christ's Hospital England Exchange Award and the Gilman Award upon graduating. As a distinguished polo player, Nik was one of

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## INITIATION 2012 WELCOMES 19 NEW BROTHERS TO ALPHA DELTA PHI



*Roger Tufts '11, Adrian Diaz-Granados '14, Nina Legrand, Raquel Sghiatti, Anne D. Pennington, Derek Zakov '00, Allison McQueeney, and Lizzie Nolan*



*Nicholas "Nick" DiNorscio '08 and Luis Arturo Corzo '14 shake hands in front of the Tower.*



*Undergraduate brothers occupy the Great Hall during Initiation.*



*Thomas Chandy '03 and Ryan Welner '04 reconnect at Initiation 2012.*



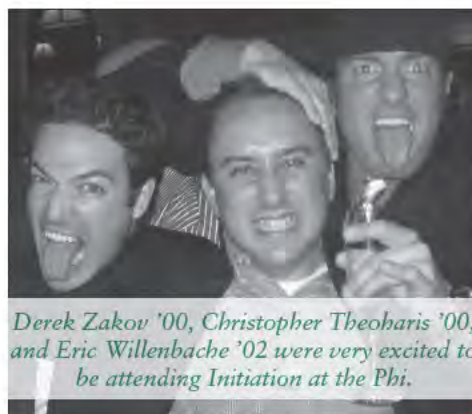
*Three Musketeers: Andrew Schricke '13, Colledon Lupoli '12, and Matthew Brendel '14*



*Andrew Schricke '13 and Bruno Cero-Ulloa '14 enjoy the Initiation events.*



*Thom Chirug '64, Ron Schaefer '78, and Doug Bond '66 lend gravitas to the Initiation ceremony.*



*Derek Zakov '00, Christopher Theoharis '00, and Eric Willenbach '02 were very excited to be attending Initiation at the Phi.*

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four high school All-Americans as a sophomore. He currently competes on Cornell's varsity team. After college, Nik plans to pursue a career in hospitality development in Eastern Europe while using his passion for the Russian language.

**Peter "Tripp" Hauck Plamondon III '15** was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Darnestown, Maryland, a nearby suburb of the nation's capital. He attended Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, Maryland, where he played football for four years in addition to spending four years on the track and field team as a shot put and discus thrower. He was also a member of the German Club and Big Brother program. Tripp is

currently a student in the School of Hotel Administration and would like to someday own and operate his own hotels and restaurants.

**Sam Jason Rosenberg '14** was born and raised in Port Washington, New York. Before arriving at Cornell, he attended Paul D. Schreiber High School, where he was on the track team and worked for the district attorney's office. After high school, Sam spent a year at Lafayette College, where he was a member of the volleyball and rugby teams. Currently, he is an Industrial and Labor Relations major and hopes to enter financial services.

**Tom Jaeger '14** hails from Munich, Germany, where he attended Munich High School. He is a student in the School of Hotel Administration. Tom is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration and a real estate minor. Coming to the United States

was Tom's biggest goal, in order to become more independent and learn more about American culture. As a Cornell student and a brother of Alpha Delta Phi, Tom hopes to get closer to his goal and become a well-rounded, independent man with strong values.

**Volkan Hasan Sipahioglu '15** was born in Bethpage, New York, but grew up in Alanya, Antalya, located in the Mediterranean Region of Turkey. Upon graduation from his middle school he ranked 82nd in Turkey on the High School Entrance Exam (OKS) among 800,000 other students. Before coming to Cornell, Volkan attended Robert College in Istanbul as a boarding student, where he was captain of the basketball team and president of the student council. Volkan is currently studying at the School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University and wishes to pursue a career in the hospitality industry.



## REUNION WEEKEND AT THE PHI: JUNE 7–10, 2012



*Luis Arturo Corzo '14, Alex Egan '13, and Lee Maschler '97 gather for a group photo.*



*Bob Wood '62 and Barney Hodges '57 reconnect outside the Goat House.*



*Bob Green '77 chats with some of the other Reunion attendees.*



*Mitchell "Buzz" Lavine '67 attended Reunion with his wife, Linda.*



*Pedro Sanchez '62 shares a story with his fellow alumni.*



*Howie Schaffer '90 greets The Sherwoods, a Cornell alumni a cappella group.*



*Jim Brady '67 and Thom Chirug '64 catch up at Reunion.*



*Class of 1962 Reunion attendees gather outside the Goat House.*



*Reunion attendees enjoy a performance by The Sherwoods.*



*Tony Johnson '80 chats with one of the members of The Sherwoods.*



*The Sherwoods perform a cappella music for ADPhi Reunion attendees.*



*Chuck Lomax '59 enjoys festivities in the Solarium.*

### DID YOU MISS OUT ON REUNION 2012?

Then join us for Homecoming Weekend instead!  
Friday, September 21–Sunday, September 23, 2012



# NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

"Our lovely, comfortable home on two acres became more than we were up to caring for," writes **Jim Arthur '50**. "So we moved to a retirement community. Someone else can do the chores!" Write to Jim at [REDACTED]

**Bill Hodges '52** reports that he's proud of today's Alpha Delts. Keep in touch with Bill at [REDACTED]

"Just published a book about my great-grandfather's experiences during the Civil War, based on the 46 letters he wrote home to his wife and two small boys from the Petersburg Campaign," writes **Myron "Moose" Miller '55**. "The title of the book is *The Soul of a Soldier: The True Story of a Mounted Pioneer in the Civil War*. Check out the website for the book at [www.myronmiller.com](http://www.myronmiller.com). It's always great to connect with my Cornell AD brothers!" Reconnect with Myron at [REDACTED]

**Dave Givens '82** writes in: "Hello from Shanghai! I had six interns come out here for six weeks from the Cornell hotel school. I held a small barbecue at my apartment to welcome them. We were all chatting, and as it turns out, one of the young guns is an Alpha Delt! The first question from him was, 'What year did you graduate?' Now I am feeling old! One of his friends was chatting up my daughter—I may have to lay some 'Givens' Law' on him. The Alpha Delt's name was **Matthew James Yuschik '14**—he mentioned that his uncle was also an Alpha Delt around my time (**Dennis Wisniewski '82**). He was all gung-ho, reciting passages from the history (he really studied his pledge book!), wanting to sing ADPhi songs (Dave doesn't sing), and performing the secret handshake (glad I remembered it!). I thought he was going to pin me! He was a good kid and a good addition to Alpha Delta Phi." Keep in touch with Dave by email at [REDACTED] or send postal mail to [REDACTED]

"I'm still living with my wife and three kids on Long Island, but I find myself in NYC a lot," reports **Mark Fasciano '90**. "Oracle bought my company, FatWire—great exit! I also started a venture fund last year; I have 12 companies, including General Sentiment." Write to Mark at [REDACTED]

"I am writing to ask if you would take a short

minute to send a spirited note to **Dick Wambach '53**," writes **Howie Schaffer '90**. "As you know, Dick led the House Corporation for several years. He left a legacy of stability that we still benefit from today. It is hard to send scotch via email, but a short email of cheer to [REDACTED] would bring a smile to Dick. He is slowly recovering from a year-long affliction that became life-threatening. His strength is improving, and your encouragement and any recollections or words of inspiration would be welcomed. His snail mail address is [REDACTED] if you would be moved to send a card. Thank you for your many ongoing acts of brotherly kindness!"

**Tom Wyvill '90**, MBA '09, reports, "I've been working at Google NYC since 2007 in travel industry strategy and now in display ad sales operations. Before starting a career in digital marketing, I previously earned a degree in vocal performance and went pro as an opera singer. In the early 1990s, I founded a bakery-cafe and brought Starbucks to the East Coast. Happy to reconnect." Keep in touch with Tom [REDACTED] email him at [REDACTED]

**Nick Matuszcak '01** has a new mailing address: [REDACTED] Email him at [REDACTED]

"It is a pleasure to announce that I have officially joined Madison Marquette as a director in the investments group in the firm's New York City office," writes **Ryan Colbert '05**. "I will be responsible for new acquisitions and the formation of strategic joint-ventures." Reconnect with Ryan at [REDACTED]

**Trevor Sell '08** is now working at L.E.K. Consulting and living in Los Angeles. Write to him at [REDACTED]



*Sylvain Palmer '74 (with wife, Rosemary, and son Andrew (CU '15) and Todd Slotkin '74 (with wife, Judy, and son Thomas (CU '15) enjoy a lobster dinner on campus.*

## REMEMBERING J. ROBERT MERTENS '58

John Robert "Merts" Mertens '58 (whom some of us called "Bartlin' Bob"—a name Ted Olt '57 apparently gave him fairly recently) experienced some major health difficulties over the past few years and was fairly quiet activity-wise because of those challenges. However, he continued to reach out with his wonderful and very entertaining sense of humor, huge sense of loyalty and friendliness, and deep sense of friendship and wonder. Our friend and brother passed away on September 22, 2011.

Merts was in the Navy for several years following graduation and thought he had the opportunity for enormous responsibility in the Navy that he would not have had so quickly if he had gone to work for a company right away. He then lived in Metairie, Louisiana, for a few years, working and spending time with family.

Many of us lost touch with him for a long time, and some of us wondered if he was still alive. Thanks to the efforts of Donald "Don" Marshall '59, however, Merts was able to reconnect with the brotherhood.

Despite his various illnesses (including a battle with lung cancer), I was fortunate to spend two weekends with Merts during 2007 and 2008, for the 50th wedding anniversary celebrations of Nancy and David "Dave" Brown '58 and Judy and James "Jim" Edgar '58, respectively. Don Marshall '59 arranged for Merts to travel from California to Vermont for the Browns' celebration, and I traveled with Don and Merts during the New Hampshire and Vermont portions of that trip. I also joined them for the journey from San Luis Obispo, California, to San Francisco for the Edgars' anniversary. Those two trips are some of my favorite memories of Merts, in addition to rooming with him in the Tower during our fourth year at Cornell, serving as an usher alongside him in a wedding, and just being with him as a brother at Cornell. The wonderful email and phone conversations we had over the past five or six years were also incredibly memorable.

Others who saw Merts several times before his passing include Sally and Terence "Terry" West '58, now living in Colorado. Terry wrote me two wonderful emails recently to reminisce about the time he spent with Merts. Peter Cornell '58 also kept in touch with Merts until his own death in 2009. In addition—thanks again to Don's efforts—Dave Brown '58, Jim Edgar '58, Mal Johnston '58, John Brinsley '58, Jack Nestor '58, Jim Hunt '58, John Post '57, and several other brothers were able to reconnect with Merts over the past few years. We have now lost at least four members from our class, and we are not getting any younger. It has been a wonderful thing to be together throughout all the years since our time at Cornell, and I know that those precious times and great memories will continue on.

Gordon "Woody" Anderson '58



**Robert H. “Bob” Herrmann ’41** died on May 23, 2011, of heart disease in Cockeysville, Maryland. Herrmann was born and raised in Garden City, New York. He earned bachelor’s degrees in chemistry in 1941 and chemical engineering in 1942. In the army during World War II, he attained the rank of captain, commanding troop transports to France and Italy. Herrmann began his career in 1946 in Montclair, New Jersey, working for E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company. He moved to Baltimore in 1948, when he was hired by Davison Chemical Company as technical director of a silica gel project. In 1958, Herrmann went to work for W.R. Grace and Company, directing the production of silicon used in rectifiers and transistors. After Texas Instruments produced a form of the chemical that was 10-times more pure than its competitors’ products at half the cost, Herrmann joined Thiokol Chemical Corporation, where he spearheaded sales of solid-fuel rocket boosters to NASA. “During trips to Cape Canaveral to view launches, he met astronauts Gus Grissom and John Glenn, as well as Vice President Lyndon Johnson,” said his son, R. Leith Herrmann. From 1974 until 1993, when he retired, Herrmann worked for Teledyne National and National Ecology, establishing recycling plants in Palm Beach, Florida, and other U.S. cities. He enjoyed woodworking and was an accomplished watercolorist. Herrmann also liked to ski and was a world traveler.

**Paul Micou ’48**, of Montclair, New Jersey, died on Sunday, July 17, 2011. Micou was born in Detroit, Michigan. After graduating from Cornell, he attended Michigan Law School. Micou also served with the First Marine Division in China in 1945. After practicing law in San Francisco and serving as mayor of Sausalito, California, he spent his career in international development assistance with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Ankara, Turkey; Development Resources Corporation in Tehran, Iran; and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), based in New York City. After he retired, Micou also helped found the U.S. Committee for UNFPA in New York City.

**John Brady ’49**, a retired bank assistant vice president and U. S. Navy veteran, died on September 24, 2011, at Beechwood Homes in Getzville, New York. He was 87 years old. Born in Buffalo, Brady attended Nichols School, Cornell University, and the University of Buffalo. He served in the

U.S. Navy and went on to become an assistant vice president of the Bank of Buffalo and Chemical Bank. Brady was a longtime member and past commander of American Legion Post 78, as well as a member of the Western New York Genealogical Society.

**Timothy Walter Richards ’65** of Lunenburg, Massachusetts, died Tuesday, January 4, 2011. Richards received his undergraduate and master’s degrees from Cornell University’s College of Engineering in 1965. There, he was a recipient of both the Hamilton Watch and Cornell Engineer Awards for best combination of athletics, academics, and activities. Richards was the founder and owner of Orchard Hills Athletic Club for nearly 40 years, founder and director of the International Health and Racquet Sports Association, and founder of the North Central Massachusetts Boys & Girls Club, which reaches out to over 400 youngsters in the communities of Leominster and Fitchburg. He was also a former trustee of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts and Fitchburg Art Museums, and former director of both the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce and the Fay Club in Fitchburg. Richards was very passionate about astronomy, hiking, tennis, and running marathons. He ran his first of 17 marathons at age 57, and at age 60 he successfully hiked to the summit of Mt. Whitney in the Sierra Nevada. He will long be remembered for all he was and the amazing things he did.

**Thomas K. “Bear” Allison Jr. ’67**—president of Allison Systems Corporation and its blade systems division, Allisontech Sales, passed away unexpectedly on January 21, 2012—at Community Medical Center in Toms River, New Jersey. Allison had over 30 years of experience in the design and manufacture of doctor blades and doctor blade systems. He earned his Bachelor of Science in engineering physics from Cornell University and a professional engineer’s license from New York State, and he gained considerable experience working with satellites, nuclear warships, and commercial electric generation technologies before beginning his long and successful career with Allison Systems. Allison Systems got its start over 45 years ago, when Tom’s father, Thomas Allison Sr., invented the first truly effective doctor blade edge-finishing machine. Tom Jr. continued this tradition of innovation, working with Bill Warner and other talented engineers at the company to develop computerized doctor blade production machines and retrofit blade systems for

customers’ presses. Tom also pioneered the use of new high-tech materials for blades, including QR and QRH tool steels, fiberglass, and graphite. Tom’s wife, Eve English Allison, will succeed him as president of Allison Systems. Eve has extensive experience with the overall management of the company, and has long managed Allison Systems’ extensive inventory of precision steel, specialized plastic, and advanced composite materials. Eve’s expertise in this area eventually led Tom to create business cards for her with the title “Woman of Steel and Plastic.” In addition to his work at Allison Systems, Tom greatly enjoyed both sailing and singing. He began racing sailboats with his dad when he was in his teens, participating in regattas on Barnegat Bay at the Jersey Shore. On one such trip he met his wife-to-be, Eve, on the dock at the Island Heights Yacht Club, and the couple was married in 1967. Over the years, Tom and Eve spent many happy summers in Island Heights, making it their weekend and summer home. Although he sailed in many types of boats, Tom was best known as skipper of “B+,” an 18-foot Marshall Sanderling, known locally as a Barnegat Bay Type-B Catboat or “B-Cat.” Tom participated in numerous regattas sponsored by the Island Heights Yacht Club, Lavallette Yacht Club, and the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA), and was looking forward to competing in the 2012 season.

**Clayton Davis Wrigley Jr. ’68** passed away on February 5, 2012, in Pasadena, California, after an extended illness. Clay was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, to Harriet Murray and C. Davis Wrigley. He grew up in Upper Providence, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Penncrest High School in 1964. At Penncrest, he was an avid wrestler, baseball player, and cross country runner, as well as an excellent student. Clay served in the U.S. Army as an Italian language specialist and was also a USCF master-level chess player. He will be dearly missed by his family.

**John Alan Stefaniak ’70** passed away on December 19, 2011, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Stefaniak was born on March 18, 1948, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated with an MBA from Columbia University in 1972. Stefaniak was also very active in his community and his church. He was a dedicated volunteer for Jefferson County Habitat for Humanity for many years while his health permitted. Stefaniak’s family and friends will miss his dry sense of humor and his wonderful smile.