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## UPCOMING EVENT

**February 17, 2007**  
**Pig Dinner**

Mark the date NOW! Come one, come all - Break out your email addresses and phone numbers. Call your pledge brothers and chapter officers you held office with - rally the troops to join us for our annual celebration!

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- 2006-07 schedule
- Team roster

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# THE BOILERMAKER FIJI

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## Brother Attendance is High and Spirits Soar with Boilers Win at Homecoming 2006

### *Class of 1956 Celebrated their 50 Year Anniversary*

We would like to thank all the graduate brothers who visited the house for Homecoming 2006. Spirits were high and weather was good as the Boilers defeated the Minnesota Gophers 27-21. There was great attendance throughout the day with graduate brothers from 1948 and 2006, and everywhere in between. Twenty-nine brothers and wives from the Class of '56 came back and celebrated their 50 year anniversary. Brother **Fred Phares '56** made it all the way from Los Altos, California!



We encourage everyone to come back for any of the remaining big 10 games. We also want you to please encourage your pledge brothers to attend Pig Dinner on February 17.



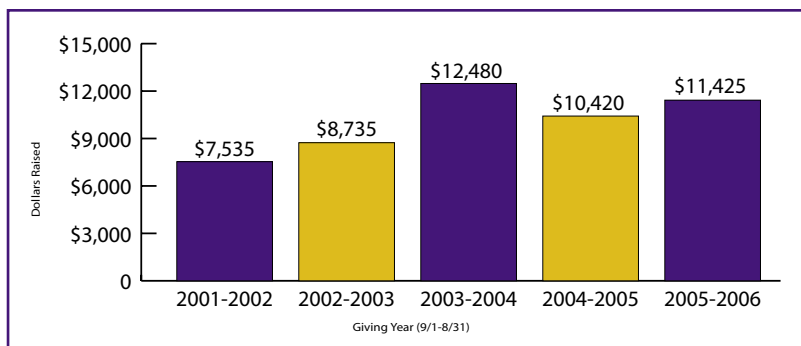
*Brothers from 1956 came together to celebrate 50 Years of Brotherhood and friendship at our Homecoming 2006 celebration. The Fijis are: (bottom row, left to right) Ken Thomas, Creighton McChord, John Jamison and Fred Beckman; (top row, left to right) George Barger, Froncie Gutman, Verne Petry, Noble Kizer, Victor Peck, Fred Phares and Dan Johnston.*

## 2006-2007 Annual Fund Kicks Off – Help Us Exceed Last Year's Great Giving Total

### *Make Your Donation Today and Watch Our Giving Grow*

The Alpha Graduate Chapter, Lambda Iota would like to thank the 128 Graduate Brothers who contributed a collective \$11,425 to our 2005-06 annual fund. While this was a great response, we'd like to increase our giving total! Help us exceed what we've raised in the past by making your gift today to kick off the 2006-07 annual fund. It's easy. Just visit [www.purduefiji.org](http://www.purduefiji.org) or call 800-975-6699 to make your donation.

Your generous giving helps us maintain our membership database as well as Homecoming, Pig Dinner, *The Boilermaker Fiji* and other Graduate relations programs.



## H. Parker Wyland '59 Shares how Phi Gamma Delta Got Him Hooked *Geography Doesn't Keep Him from Making the 1959 Reunions Every Five Years*

### **Why did you join Fiji?**

As a NROTC Midshipman, I was impressed by seniors **Gene Cernan '56** (later an astronaut who went to the moon) and **Joe Showalter '56**. There were several Fiji pledges in my NROTC classes, and they all seemed like nice, sharp guys. I had to ask to be invited to the house as a rushee, but the invitation was quickly forthcoming and I was even more impressed when I met the rest of the guys.

### **Tell us about your favorite memory of the fraternity.**

There are so many, but perhaps the best story is the night **Dick Marshall '59** and I double-dated by taking our gals to a movie in Lafayette. This was about 1958, but Dick's car was a bright red (1929?) Ford Model A Roadster. Dick and his date were in the cab while my date and I were in the rumble seat. As we were coming up the



**H. Parker Wyland '59**

Levee Hill on the way back, the car started slowing down, the engine racing, and finally we were moving backward down the hill. It seems the bands of the transmission were slipping and totally failed. We wound up walking our dates back home, but the adventure far outweighed any inconvenience.

### **What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?**

The biggest influences were the improved

confidence and social graces (hospitality, fellowship, etc.) that became a part of me in those years.

### **With whom do you still stay in contact? Who would you most like to find?**

Our class of 1959 meets regularly every five years, and I make it a point to be there. Our 50th is coming up. Since my Tennessee home is not near any of the brothers, I seldom see them except at those times.

### **Tell us about your family: Have you married? Do you have children?**

I met my wife Betsy when she was a student at Connecticut College for Women, New London, and we were married in 1963. We have four grown children, Becky, Hank, Kent and Judi, and four grandchildren, Kiran and Nikhil (Hank) and Alex and Erica (Kent).

### **What other activities or organizations were you involved with during college?**

The Office of Student Services was my primary activity. That led to a place on the Student Senate my senior year. I was also a member of Gimlet and Iron Key.

### **Did you live in the house? If so, who were your roommates? Tell us about a memorable time with them.**

My junior year I roomed with **Dick Reed '58**. Dick had the campus concession for distribution of sample cigarettes for Winston, and there were always many boxes of sample cigarettes in the corner of the room. I had just been experimenting with smoking, and I got thoroughly hooked that year. Winston certainly came out in the black on that deal. (I finally did quit about 20 years ago.)

### **What do you do for a living?**

I retired in '04. I served 7 years in the Navy, including 4 years on USS Nautilus, the first nuclear powered submarine.

When I left active duty in 1966, I moved to Tennessee to do process development work in the AEC/Department of Energy weapons plant in Oak Ridge. I stayed in the Naval Reserve and retired as a Captain in 1989. At the plant I later did procurement and engineering project management work.

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### **What affiliations do you currently have and/or public service do you participate in?**

I am active in Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church and in Aldersgate Renewal Ministries (ARM), an affiliate organization of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship.

### **What hobbies do you enjoy?**

I enjoy being part of ARM local church ministry teams that do weekend “Lay Witness Missions” and “Life in the Spirit Seminars”. Since 1997 I have been going on evangelistic mission trips to Ghana and Nigeria to preach crusades and plant new churches. Recently I have also done teaching missions to Tanzania, Slovakia, Russia and Brazil.

### **What are your goals for the next few years?**

Assuming the invitations continue to come, I expect to be doing foreign mission work as indicated above. At other times, enjoy my wife and my grandchildren. Life is GOOD.

## GRADUATE UPDATES

### '30s

#### Ward Fenstermaker '39

8140 Township Line Rd., #1101, Indianapolis, IN 46260) You are doing a good job on the *Boilermaker Fiji*. I am trying for 90 and a 66th wedding anniversary.

### '50s

#### William Smith Jr. '56

1635 73rd Ave. N.E., Medina, WA 98039) Enjoying retirement with my wife, Marilyn. (My former wife Lucy died in 1990 from ALS.) I am keeping busy with various Board and Advisory Committee work and volunteer with Northeast Medical Teams International. I have nine grandchildren. We also enjoy our 49-foot sailboat, which we cruise every July and August in the San Juan Islands (U.S) and Canada (Gulf Islands and Desolation Sound).

### '80s

#### John Schommer '86

(4 Stone Briar Dr., Long Valley, NJ 07853; schommer@verizon.net) Hey fellow Phi Gams, and especially you KIBPROF'ers— Our 20th year is coming up shortly and I need to get in touch with you. Send me your most recent email and contact information, hope to be pulling something together shortly. My email is schommer@verizon.net. We recently moved to Long Valley, NJ 50 miles west of the City. Kathy, Austin (13), Michael (11), and Nathan (8) all love the scenery that NJ provides - yes, surprised me too. Ring me! 908-852-0850.

### '00s

#### Kyle Wright '01

(Charlotte, NC; kyle@bluewaffle.com) This is Kyle Wright from the class of 2001. I am trying to get back in touch with my Pledge Brothers. If anyone is out there, send me an email.

## AD ASTRA

**Hugh Woolverton Jr. '49** passed away Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006. His father, **Hugh Woolverton '13** and son, **Bill Woolverton '84**, both Purdue Fijis, preceded him in death. His other son **Hugh "Chip" Woolverton '73**, also a Purdue Fiji, survives.

Hugh was a member of our Phi Gam Kappa group that has met once a year every year since we graduated in 1949. We send our condolences to the Woolverton Family and friends.

**Lawrence C. Lane '50** passed Ad Astra Thursday October 12, 2006. Larry was initiated as a member of the Legends of Lambda Iota. He served for many years as President of Alpha Graduate Chapter and President of the Lambda Iota Housing Corporation. He has always been an avid supporter of the undergraduate Chapter and Brothers. The Brothers send their deepest condolences to the Lane family.

## HELP US FIND A LOST FIJI!

We've lost touch with the following members, and need your help to find them! If you know of their current whereabouts, email their contact information to our graduate relations office at [feedback@affinityconnection.com](mailto:feedback@affinityconnection.com) (just mention FIJI at Purdue in the subject line).

Charles Brandt '42  
Richard L. Dirham '42  
Thomas Graham Sr. '42  
Jack Lowe '42  
D. Edward Travis '42  
James Dunn '43  
Howard Stevenson '44  
Alan Oatey '45  
John Burchfield '46  
Robert Augsburger '47  
Richard Jones '47  
Ned J. Burroughs '48  
James House '49  
Neal Randolph '49  
John Scott Jr. '49  
Edwin Sweeney '49  
Daniel Elledge '50  
David Johnston '52  
James M. Mack '53  
Donald Koehlinger '54  
Donald Schma '54  
James Hankins '57  
A. Dennis Mehegan '57  
Clarke Miller '59  
Robert H. Black '61

Douglas Peklo '61  
Larry Skillman '61  
Joseph Disque '62  
Robert Sheets '64  
Donald Dahn '66  
B. Allison '67  
James Apple '67  
Leon Klingaman '68  
Tom Yoder '68  
Stanley Hurst '69  
James L. Landes '69  
William Ellerman '72  
Mark Kennedy '72  
Jeffrey Mortensen '72  
Robert Burns '73  
Jon W. Langerak '73  
Leon Schweir '74  
Scott Schubert '75  
Christopher Barr '77  
Jeffrey Morford '77  
Douglas K. Eller '80  
Daniel Doyle '81  
John Munro '82  
Jasen W. Gaslin '83  
Patrick L. McGarth '83

Robert Clutter '84  
David Brown '86  
William Andrews Jr. '87  
Brian Michael '87  
Bradley Rae '88  
Isaia Carucci '89  
John Coghlan '89  
Nicholas Deets '89  
James Mitchell '89  
Kevin McIntosh '90  
Stephen Kriegel '91  
Michael Atkinson '92  
Aaron Chaney '92  
Todd Coghlan '92  
Christopher Niehaus '92  
David Zielinski '92  
Thomas Davis '92  
Robert Righi '93  
Jason Williams '93  
Andrew Degyansky '94  
Chad Thacker '94  
Thomas Cervenka '95  
Andrew Clark '95  
Chad George '95  
Andrew Bar '96

James Capeless '96  
Jeffrey Knoeck '96  
Matthew Melton '96  
George Moore '96  
Jeremy Schupp '97  
Clayton W. Bartel '98  
David Farkas '98  
Jeffrey Hooks '98  
Noel Niehaus '98  
Stephen Prifogle '99  
Caden Taylor '99  
Benjamin Walker '99  
Andrew Cains '00  
Nick Borden '01  
Eric Cecava '01  
Craig A. Garceau '01  
Scott Killen '01  
Benson Angelo '02  
Prescott Carr '02  
Thomas Gottlieb '02  
Christopher Hauska '02  
Justin Jancaric '02  
Andrew Powell '02  
Damien G. Hirsch '03  
David Johnson '04  
Matthew Lehtinen '04  
Casey Wright '05

## OLD PHOTO ALBUM

### Our Website Needs Your Photos! *Give Us Your Best Shot(s)*



What better place to share your Fiji photos than at [www.purduefiji.org](http://www.purduefiji.org)? Whether you've recently reunited with Phi Gam friends, or stumbled across an old scrapbook from your fraternity days, we want to see the pictures! Upload them to the site today.

## QUICK NOTES

### Brothers Serving the International Fraternity

**Gerry Bay '62** retired as Archon Treasurer at the 158th Ekklesia held in Minneapolis in August of this year. Gerry served as Treasurer for four years and previously served on the Financial Advisory Broad, including a two-year term as chairman.

**Bill Brock '63** is currently serving on the Financial Advisory Board. Bill was appointed to the board in October of 2002 for a six-year term.

**Bill Miller Z '62, AI '96** was elected to the position of Archon Vice President at the 158th Ekklesia for a two-year term. Bill previously served as Archon Councilor, Archon Secretary and Ritualist of the Fraternity.

*Pig Dinner 2007; Homcoming 2006 Celebrations; what is Parker Wyland '59 doing these days and more... details inside!*



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