# **UPCOMING EVENT**

### Pig Dinner Saturday, February 7, 2009

**2:00 p.m.** Annual meeting of Lambda lota Housing Corporation and Alpha Graduate Chapter

4:00 p.m. Graduate Reception

**5:00 p.m.** Frank Norris Pig Dinner honoring the class of 1961 and 1987, presentation of Gold and Silver Owl Certificates

# **ON THE WEB**

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- 2. Click on the 'First Time Login' link on the home page.
- 3. Enter your last name.
- 4. Select your record.
- 5. When prompted, enter your Member ID (found above your name and address on this newsletter).
- 6. Click on 'Edit Info' to update your email and other information.

Our web site contains all the latest news on what's happening with graduates and actives, details on upcoming events, photos from recent get-togethers and more!

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# **GRADUATE REUNION**

# The Class of 1958 Enjoys 50th Reunion in Indy and on Campus

By Herb Wilken '58

It all began a couple of years ago. We hadn't been a particularly close knit group after graduation in 1958...we had maybe three reunions over the years. But the prospect of seeing the whole group and rekindling friendships after 50 years took hold.

**Bill Blue '58** had the particulars on all the brothers. **Bob Worley '58** was Lambda Iota Chapter President our senior year. And I was the brother living closest to West Lafayette and had the time and energy to make local arrangements. Most of the brothers hadn't strayed too far from the last get-together, however, a few were downright hard to find!

The energy was building for a successful 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. We decided early on that we would locate on the north side of Indy which is convenient to Purdue. Luckily we made our reservations at the Marriott five months in advance as a 75,000-member convention also moved into Indy the same week.

Thirteen of 19 brothers were able to come for our two-day agenda and 11 brought their wives. We began with a welcoming reception in the lobby area of the Marriott on Wednesday

afternoon. A nice seating area in the lobby complete with a bar, made a perfect venue to welcome brothers and their wives.

Thursday morning we loaded up in cars and vans and drove to West Lafayette. We had reservations with the Purdue Visitor Information Center and we were met by three very well-versed students who took us on an hour and half tour of campus. Wow! What a beautiful change from 50 years ago.

After the tour, we met back in the Lafayette Room of the Union for lunch. **Bill Miller '96** (Purple Legionnaire and Archon President) and **Jack Coffin '59** graciously joined us for lunch.

Following lunch we drove to the Fiji House for a reorientation about Phi Gamma Delta by Bill Miller. He was able to bring us up to date on both national and local aspects of the fraternity, followed by a tour of the house. We met many of the undergraduate brothers and came away with a very high impression. They are a great group of young men. We left 640 Russell and headed back to the Marriott in Indy.

That evening we spent three to four hours dining, recalling stories, laughing, catching up on past years, taking photos and generally just having a wonderful time.

The next morning, after breakfast and checkout, all of the brothers agreed we had a great time and that we shouldn't wait long to do it again soon. Thanks to Bill Miller and the young men of Phi Gamma Delta for putting the icing on our reunion cake!



Thirteen brothers from the Class of 1958 spent their 50th Reunion together in Indy. Left to Right: Kent Fredrick, Bob Worley, Dick Reed, Jack Ingold, Ed McCormick, Bill Blue, Bill Jones, Ron Russell, Mel Corley, Herb Wilken, Pete McClure, Bill Lewis and Jim Hilderbrand.

# **OLD PHOTO ALBUM**

### Brother Parker Wayland '59 recently sent in these photos from his days as a Purdue Fiji in the late '50s!

Send in photos from your days as an undergrad to **content@affinityconnection.com** and they may be selected for the next issue of *The Boilermaker Fiji* or our monthly e-Letter! (Make sure to mention Fiji at Purdue in the subject line.)



The Purdue Iron Key class of 1959 included five Lambda Iota brothers. Three of these brothers, Jack Coffin '59 (rear Ieft), Parker Wayland '59 (2nd row, 3rd from Ieft) and Jerry Weisenauer '59 (front row center) are shown in this photo from the spring '59 social retreat (with our dates). The other two were Bill Davis '59 and Jerry Kimball '59.



The entrance to the house for the party was this swinging bridge which entered through the center second-floor window.

# **REUNION UPDATE**

### KIBPROF 25th Year Reunion - October 25, 2008

On October 25th, 2008 the Class of 1986 celebrated our Silver Owl Anniversary in which it seemed not that long ago that we were zooming into initiation celebrating our



Front Row L-R: Tim McGraw, Dave Brown, Terry Curella, Tom Yoder. Back Row L-R: Bill Williams, Andy Pontious, Miles Ridgway, Troy Reynolds.

first KIBROF holiday. It doesn't seem like it could be that long ago. Anyway, a get together was long past due. It was a great turnout with 12 KIBPROF members attending. The reunion was attended by brothers **Dave** Brown, Terry Curella, Andy Falender, Tim McGraw, Jim Neff, Andy Pontious, Miles Ridgway, Troy Reynolds, Dean Samuels, John Schommer, Bill Williams, and Tom Yoder. The weekend started with a reception and dinner at the University Plaza Hotel on Friday night along with a late road trip out to Harry's for old time's sake. On game day, our class met at the House for a tour and the pre-game brunch. The entire group moved onto the Purdue vs. Minnesota football game. We attended the Schommer family tailgate at halftime and reminisced about all the great football games during the 1980s. We never

did make it back to the game but instead went to Bill William's tailgate on Slater Hill.

The night was closed out with a dinner at Arni's where we were joined by brothers from the Class of 1988. We met for breakfast at the Hotel on Sunday morning with the pledge to get together again shortly since a 25 year wait is too long for a class reunion. I really appreciate all brothers who attended and am very glad that everyone had a great time. A special thanks to Dave Brown for buying the tickets and to Miles Ridgway for negotiating the hotel reservations.

It was great seeing everyone back at the house for our Silver Owl celebration.

Perge! Tim McGraw

# **ANNUAL FUND UPDATE**

### We're Halfway to Our 2008-09 Goal

Since the 2008-09 giving year began on September 1, we have raised \$6,230 towards the annual fund. This year's goal is to exceed last year's giving of \$12,155 and raise \$13,000 to our annual fund.

Our annual fund that occurs each year enables us to stay in communication with all of our graduates through our website, monthly e-Letters and our newsletter the *The Boilmaker Fiji*, as well as to keep our email and mailing address databases up to date and help sponsor events for both actives and graduate brothers.

You can make a donation to the annual fund by calling our toll-free hotline at 800-975-6699 or online at our secure web site, **www.purduefiji.org**.



# **GRADUATE UPDATES**

# **'50**s

### James C. Redinger '59

(18500 Lake Rd., Ste 400, Cleveland, OH 44116; james.redinger@ubs.com) I spent 40 years in the investment business and have five children and 14 grandchildren.

# **'60**s

### Richard A. Miller '64

(2092 Independence Blvd., Lancaster, Ohio 43130; ram.oh@att.net) I got on married May 3, 2008 for the first time to Becky Anderson.

**'70s** 

### Jeffrey Thomas Dean '73

(943 King Henry Way, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762; jeffreytdean@comcast.net) My wife Jan and I have one son, Zachary. He is currently completing Tailhook Jet training in US Navy Partner at a Sacramento CPA firm. I still keep in regular touch with **Bob Durfee** '72 and semi-regular contact with Big **Al** Sowers '72.



### Chad E. George '95

(PSC 473 Box 1408, FPO AP 96349-1408;

### Jim Neel '63

(3 Madelyn Ln., Fairview, NC 28730; jneel1@charter.net) **Tom Gould, Jim Neel, Larry Ray, Bob Martin** and I enjoyed a fishing trip together in Canada this past July.

Tom Gould, Jim Neel, Larry Ray and Bob Martin, all from the Class of 1962, on a recent fishing trip in Canada.

chad.e.george@gmail.com) My wife and I are still living in Yokosuka, Japan where I am serving on the Seventh Fleet Staff. Upon completion of this tour in August of 2009, we will transfer to Whidbey Island, WA. I would love to hear from any brothers that may be in or around the Tokyo area. Feel free to drop me an email.



### Nicholas Borden '01

(2280 Carrington Ct. Apt. 103, Naples, FL 34109-1411; nicholasborden@yahoo.com) I married Lindsay Banks IU '08 on November 1, 2008 in Naples, FL. We honeymooned in Vancouver and Whistler, British Columbia,



Canada. Fellow brothers Adam Van Someren '01, Jeremy Malnar '01, Steve Johnson '02, Nicholas Hecimovich '02 and David Bawcum '02 were all groomsmen.

### We want to hear what's new with you too!

Send in your update and favorite pictures from a recent reunion or from your undergraduate days to content@affinityconnection.com. (Make sure to mention Fiji at Purdue in the subject line.) Your update and photo may appear in the next newsletter!

# **ON THE WEB**

### Help Us Increase Our Email Database!

Did you know that we do not have the email addresses for 66% of the brothers in our database? We need your help to get more graduate brothers to use our web site and receive our monthly e-Letter! A few of these brothers are listed below and you can see a full list online at **www.purduefiji.org**. If you know the email address for any of the brothers listed below (or you see yourself listed!) follow the directions online for helping us to update our database. By increasing our electronic communications, we can decrease the costs for paper, printing and postage.

Even if your name isn't listed here, log into **www.purduefiji.org** and click 'Edit Info' to verify that we have your correct email address in our database! If you have never logged in before, you will need to use the simple first time login instructions on page 1. James Marshall '63 John J. Stafford '63 Donald F. Storner '63 Steven D. Wright '63 Richard C. Cammerer '64 William Cook '64 Charles L. Crissman '64 Alan R. Foster '64 Wayne F. Henderson '64 Charles G. Lynch '64 David McKenzie '64 Garry W. Metcalf '64 Byron Moody '64 David Peters '64 Robert Sheets '64 Donald VanDyke '64 John C. Vogel '64 William Williamson '64 Thomas Burke '65 Edgar W. Closson '65 James W. Deible '65 John Disterdick '65 Richard J. Ely '65 Wayne Harvey '65 Ronald Hughes '65 Robert W. Inpyn '65 Edwin K. Jones '65 Roger Parkhurst '65 Michael Schreyer '65 G. Blackburn '66 Richard Bozung '66 Donald Dahn '66 John C. Dewenter '66 Milton Fowler '66 Michael Gery '66 James W. Hales '66 James T. Hobbs '66 Douglas S. Holcomb '66 Robert J. Jameson '66 Joseph Keenan '66 James Lamb '66 Paul Lind '66 Daniel Ludwin '66 James K. Ramaker '66 Thomas Reiley '66 Larry Swick '66 James Apple '67 Charles Carson '67 William A. Clore '67 Jeffrey Cooke '67 Stephen S. Furste '67 Everett B. E. Goshorn '67

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# **GRADUATE UPDATES**

#### See page 3 for more graduate updates and instructions for how to submit your own!

### **Ryan Ranck**

(401 City Ave., Bala Cynwyd, PA, 19004-1122; rranck1@sbcglobal.net) Eight of us just got back from our 17th annual PB golf trip. Every year, eight members of the Class of 1980 play four days of golf in some sunny and warm location. In the photo, you will see this year's group preparing for another day at Hilton Head, SC



From left to right (All Class of 1980 except one) John Goodin, Mike Martindill, Chris French, Ryan Ranck, Tom Primavera, Kirby Yoder '83, John Cochran and Joe Taff. Bruce Kidd is the 8th member of our group but had a conflict this year.

### D.G. Warren '74

(8888 Pickwick Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46260-1710; dgwarren3@comcast.net) The Class of 1974 recently met for our annual reunion. This is the fourth year in a row we have reunited following the death of our pledge brother, William R. Yeo. This year's reunion was held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL aboard Brother Keith Brown's 113 foot yacht, Top Times.



The Class of 1974 Lambda lota at its annual reunion, this year the brothers gathered in Ft. Lauderdale.

Find more photos from the 1950's on page 2!



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