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RE-COLONIZATION

Colony Members- Fall 2016

Hello Brothers of West Virginia Alpha,

My name is Marc Munoz and I am the Expansion Consultant from Phi Kappa Psi Headquarters. I was initiated into the California Eta Chapter at Cal Poly in 2012. I graduated in June of 2016 and began to work for headquarters this past June (2016) immediately after my graduation.

In my time of recruiting over the past 3 months, I have managed to recruit 24 men that range in grade from Sophomore to Senior and have an average GPA of 3.25. We began by tabling in the Mountainlair and letting people approach us. While it was minorly successful, we had several people reach out to us requesting more information.

We hosted information sessions that were able to strike interest of multiple groups of people and where we were able to invite potential new members to. After some time, we have managed to recruit some legacies and local West Virginians with the help of many alumni throughout the state. Currently, I am in the process of teaching the colony members best practices in recruiting on their own and so far we are having success and feel that we are on track to have a colony of 40 men come December. While our progress is steady and shows promise, alumni support and involvement with the colony is still crucial. I highly encourage that you see how you can get involved.

Members to date include:

Name	Year	Major	Hometown
Charles Hageboeck	Sr	Finance	Charleston, WV
Ben Lauro	So	Energy & Land Management	Latrobe, PA
Auggie Walder	So	Sport Management	Green Pond, NJ
Brian Riley	So	Medical Laboratory Sciences	Enfield, CT
Joseph Berecin	Jr	Psychology/Political Science	Shippensburg, PA
Nick Furbee	Jr	Biometric Systems Engineering	Powhatan, VA
Aaron Whitlock	Sr	Accounting	Charleston, WV
Christian Dick	Sr	Business Administration	Morgantown, WV
Elias Sokos	Sr	Finance	Morgantown, WV
Naby Damarputra	Jr	Exercise Physiology(Pre-Dental)	Elkins, WV
Zachary Graves	Sr	Psychology	Fairmont, WV
Jake Beaver	So	Global Supply Chain Manage	Long Beach, CA
Zane Pusateri	Jr	Supply chain	Westminster, MD
Patrick McDonough	So	Finance	Davidson, NC
Jon Simon	Sr	Exercise Physiology	Cleveland, OH
Jacob Stone	So	Industrial Engineering	Detroit, MI
Isaac Eddleblute	Jr	Computer engineering	Parkersburg, WV
Jesse Lackey	Jr	Education & English	Clarksburg, WV
Brandon Copeland	Sr	Sport Management	Virginia Beach, VA
Matthew O'Brien	Jr	Biometric Systems Engineering	Haymarket, VA
Mitch Buckberg	So	Mechanical Engineering	Brookeville, MD
Mitch Freeman	Jr	Philosophy	Doylestown, PA
Adam McMunn	So	Business	Clarksburg, WV
Harley Hymes	Sr	Communications	Petersburg, WV
Josh Anders	Sr	Petroleum Eng	Nashport, OH

FROM HERE TO THERE

- (518) **William Maxwell '44**, 1202 Kanawha Blvd, Apt 3-G, Charleston, WV 25301. Mailed \$40.
- (681) **Robert Douglas '50**, 1578 Kanawha Blvd E., Apt 8-D, Charleston, WV 25311 [New Address]. Mailed along \$200 donation and writes: Have sold our house. Please note the new address. Getting ready to once again dodge winter as we will be returning to Long Boat Key, FL on December 15, returning on March 15th. Have been married to Nancy for 51-years. I am a LUCKY man! Still in the law business-for 61 years. Trying to slow down. My best to all brothers.
- (706) **Tom VanLandingham '52**, 865 Vandalia Rd, Morgantown, WV 26501. Mailed \$100.
- (720) **Charles McKown '53**, #3 Willow Glenn, Huntington, WV 25701. Ph: 304-638-6426. Email: Mckown@marshall.edu. Mailed along \$100 and notes: Stepped down as Dean of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Now... V.P., Marshall University for Health Science Advancement.[Editor's Note: Congrats Charlie as a distinguished Dean for many years...even if it was at that other state school!]
- (737) **John Stetzer '54**, Box 5650, Eagle, CO 81631. Ph: 970-328-7238. Email: nstoetzer1@icloud.com. Sent along \$100 and notes: We moved to Eagle, Colorado almost two years ago. Our two Daughters and four grandkids live here also. Our son is still in Driggs, ID (near Jackson Hole, WY).
- (743) **Robert Riffie '54**, 9012 Scarsdale Ct., Apt G, W. Melbourne, FL 32904. Sent along \$100.
- (803) **George Thompson '57**, 760 East Maiden Street, Washington, PA 15301. Mailed \$100 and sends along his best wishes to ALL brothers. [Editor's Note: Great to see George at Founder's Day-he is an ageless wonder!]
- (805) **J.B. Campbell '57**, 496 St. Albans Way, Richmond, VA 23229 Mailed along a check for \$100 and writes: I was interested in your article about re-colonization and have fond memories of the house as it was in the 1960's. My hope is that you succeed in your endeavor because it makes sense. Manners were taught or reinforced as the case may have been and responsibility for maintaining the house was also front and center. There was a pride in bringing parents and dates to the house. Enough reminiscing. It was good to see **George Thompson '57** and **Jack Bowman '58** are still alive and kicking. P.S. Had dinner with **Leslie Wade '58** about a week ago (May 10th). It had only been about 40-years since we last saw each other.
- (809) **Phil Gainer '57**, 11701 Oakmont Ct., Fort Myers, FL 33908. Ph: 239-395-3184. [New Address] Mailed along \$100.
- (824) **Richard Burchinal '58**, 1109 E. Aspen Court, Kohler, WI 53044. Ph: 920-458-7532. Email: burchinal@att.net. Mailed along \$100 and writes: Thank you to the local brothers for keeping Mountaineer Phi Psi newsletter and chapter going. I was saddened to hear of the passing of **Jerry Kendrick '58** and several others I was privileged to know during my time at WV Alpha. Jerry and I probably shared the lone distinction in the chapter of being the only two pre-veterinary students that went to OK State University to receive of Doctors of veterinary Med degree. We were able to be roomies for one year. Our paths crossed again after graduation in military service when Jerry was stationed at the Air Force Academy and I was the Station Veterinarian at Fort Carson. It sounds as though you have a good plan for the herculean task of re-colonizing the chapter. Make sure you recruit some local boys, as we will need brothers that make Morgantown home to be our future alumni leaders.
- (835) **Richard Jennings '58**, 9005 Buckingham Ct., Woodway, TX 76712. Ph: 254-722-4897. Email: dsjenn@gmail.com. Renewed his subscription and notes: Sue and I are doing fine. I work out 3X a week and play a little golf. Work in yard. Sorry to hear about **Dave Nichols '56**, my Big Brother.
- (850) **William Yagle '59**, 18 Sawyer Drive, Salem, VA 24153. Mailed along \$40.
- (855) **John Piles '59**, 4721 Kahala Ave, Honolulu, HI 96816. Mailed \$140 and noted that \$100 was in memory of **Jack Blair '62**.
- (876) **Robert Henderson '60**, 38 Maple Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26501. Mailed along \$100.
- (886) **Stephen McWhorter '60**, 570 Lovely Lane, Sylacauga, AL 35151. Ph: 912-506-3544. Mailed \$100 and notes: After retiring for the 5th time, I am now back with my three dogs in Alabama.
- (890) **John Martin '61**, 11 Tanaguay Ct, Savannah, GA 31411. Ph: 407-421-7617. Email: an53@comcast.net. Sent along \$140 for the good of the fraternity and re-colonization!
- (908) **Murhl Flowers '62**, 668 W. Bay Front Road, Lothian, MD 20711. Ph: 301-646-7039. Email: wvrph@verizon.net. Mailed along \$100 and notes: Retired as a Director of Pharmacy for the Eastern Division of Safeway, Inc. in 2002. Enjoying retirement. Looking forward to the successful re-colonization of the chapter!
- (925) **Mike Keller '63**, 4755 Ridgetop Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508. Ph: 304-671-4529. Email: mkeller@bowlesrice.com. Sent \$140 and notes: Both me and my wife, Royce (Delta Gamma), are fully retired. Enjoying life in Morgantown and a few weeks in South Florida.
- (978) **W.C. Bird '65**, 10 Maple Drive, Morgantown, WV 26501. Ph: 304-685-3978. Email: birdwcmad@aol.com. Sent \$50 and notes: Would like to see the 60's brothers send in your subscription \$\$\$ and whatever else you can afford in support of the re-colonization.
- (1038) **Nick Conger '67**, 15064 Almansor Pl, Haymarket, VA 20169. Email: nconger147@aol.com. Mailed \$50 and notes: Finally fully retired: U.S. Govt (2010); and full time college teaching (2015). Expect to move to NC in 2017 to be near family and new grandson. R.I. P. Brothers-**Jack Blair '62** and **Fred Higginbotham '66**. Enjoyed my four years teaching at WV Wesleyan (2010-2014).
- (1058) **William Richards '68**, 214 Linden Drive, Elkins Park, PA 19027. Sent along \$50.
- (1072) **Tom DeWitt '68**, 3146 Dahlia Way, Naples, FL 34105. Ph: 304-290-0842. Email: tjdewitt47@gmail.com. Mailed along \$100.
- (1166) **J.T. Thomas '70**, 1204 Greemont Hills Drive, Vienna, WV 26105. Mailed along \$140.

- (1223) **Mario Marra '72**, 204 East Olive St, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Ph: 304-842-8894. Sent along \$140 and notes: My wife (Mindy) and I are both retired and enjoying every day!
- (1415) **Dick Daugherty '78**, 1814 Kanawha Ave, Dunbar, WV 25064. Ph: 304-549-8166. Email: ddhotboat@aol.com. Mailed \$100 and notes: Still in car and power sports business- www.wvautosales.com. Sold our sternwheeler and bought a big houseboat, Irish Rover from **Joe Dunn '55**. Life is Good!
- (1427) **Jeff Brooks '78**, 3032 Heron Ridge Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Mailed along \$150.
- (1433) **John O'Shaughnessy '78**, 170 Deepwater Dr., White Stone, VA 22578. Ph: 804-436-4514. Email: joshughnessy@chesbank.com. Mailed \$100 and writes: Thanks for continued publication of this newsletter. Sorry to miss Pinehurst this year but now have two grandchildren and all came home for the weekend. Just celebrated 33rd anniversary this year-all is good!
- (1437) **John Yochum '78**, 4586 SW Hammock Creek Dr, Palm City, FL 34990. Mailed along \$50.
- (1446) **Mike Fiery '79**, 340 Foxleigh Drive, Hanover, PA 17331. Sent along \$200. [Editor's Note: Great to see Mike in Pinehurst, along with family at BYU Football Game in Washington, DC].
- (1471) **Dave Strait '79**, 2702 Autumn Lake Drive, Katy, TX 77450. Ph: 281-392-8668. Email: dbstrait@hotmail.com. Mailed along \$200 and notes: Enjoyed Pinehurst very much this year. Thanks for the newsletter.
- (1543) **Curtis Miller '82**, 5220 Glenbrook Dr., Vienna, WV 26105. Ph: 304-482-9791. Email: cmill1980@gmail.com. Mailed along \$40 and writes: Both daughters are now WVU grads! We are season ticket holders and tailgate in the Blue Lot before every game. First- time grandparents in the past year. Life is Good!
- (2176) **Nick Miragilo '08**, 502 Wilson Ave, Linwood, NJ 08221. [New Address] Ph: 609-957-1399. Email: nrags525@aol.com. Mailed along \$140.

UPDATES FROM CAMPUS

George Daugherty '51 was honored by the Lawyer Assistance Program's Board of Directors with a retirement reception on June 28th at the State Bar Center. Daugherty served as Executive Director.

Jake Mullett '65 was honored by Morgantown High School and the Monongahela County Board of Education on August 26th with the naming of the Jacob D. Mullett Press Box. Jake's widow, Betsy, still resides in Morgantown.

William Wilmot '69 noted back in June (2016) when so many were remembering The Champ-Muhammad Ali, with the following: I was on the Festival of Ideas Committee of Student Government in 1970 when Ali came to town. The committee members split up the assignments for who was responsible for a particular speaker, and I had the good luck to draw Ali, so I got to spend some quality time with him: we had a snack, he let me sit in his pink Cadillac convertible parked outside the Lair, etc. We had several nice talks, and he was not what I was expecting at all. He was quiet and sweet, and he was well-read and downright eloquent. We talked about the Vietnam War and other current events, and it was like I was talking to a sociology professor. Just as he was about to take the stage, before he called up Jim Braxton, whom the audience identified as the toughest guy on campus, we were standing off stage next to each other. He said to me, "Wilmoth, you're a big guy. Put 'em up." "Oh, no, Champ," I said. "I'm a lover, not a fighter, and you'd kill me." He promised not to lay a hand on me, and I then started to raise my hands. Before they were up to my waist, he had gently slapped me maybe nineteen times. He laughed a big laugh and went out onto the stage, where the gentle professor became the Ali we saw on TV, with the jive talk and the braggadocio. When the show, and that was what it was, was over and he left the stage, a crowd surged toward the door from the ballroom floor to the backstage area, and I jammed my shoulder against the door to keep the crowd out. I instantaneously realized that the nose I almost broke with the door belonged to Ben Hardesty '69, so I opened the door quickly and grabbed Ben to let him, and only him, in. Who says that brotherhood stuff doesn't have its advantages sometimes? Anyway, good times and good memories of a great American's visit to WVU.

Steven McBride '86, Founder & CEO of One Chronicle, Inc, is developing a unique photo-sharing platform and app that empowers people with shared experiences and interests to collectively record their stories over time. Photo's are saved to an interactive timeline where others can add photo's to the same subject. Steve recently noted to me, "my Instagram is focused on the moment and lacks quality control, Snapchat is mainly temporary, Chronicle provides a platform to create lasting records and shared stories over time."

Our goal is to see how we "WV Alpha" can utilize this new social media platform to help WV Alpha Alumni preserve our history and memorable experiences, along with recruiting future members into our chapter.

While Chronicle was founded in 2016, McBride has over 15-years experiences planning and launching successful award winning digital solutions for leading brands and start-up organizations. Since 2001, he served as CEO of VisualMax, a successful NYC Digital Agency. He lives in NYC with his wife and 4-year old daughter.

The WVU College of Law announced in September an out-of-state student who earns an undergraduate degree at a West Virginia college or university will qualify for a new Loyalty Tuition Program. Beginning Fall 2017 students from other states who received a bachelor's, master's, or doctor's degree in the Mountain State will be eligible for the in-state tuition rate at the law school. The Loyalty Tuition Program could help students save up to \$16,000 a year.

SAVE THE DATE
2017 Founder's Day-WV Alpha
Saturday, April 8th
Luncheon from 11:00—2:00 p.m.



GATOR HUNT

Tom Wiley '76, and wife Cheri, can check this off their bucket list!

In September 2016 they ventured to Central Florida Trophy Hunts, located in Cocoa Beach, FL. Their hosts, Captain Grayson Padrick and his wife, Mindy hosted Tom and Cheri for three days. For the day hunting excursion, the Wiley's landed the two big ones — 11.5' & 10.5'. Interesting side note...

Tom used a tomahawk to kill the 10.5' gator when (his gun) ran out of bullets. For the night hunting, from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., four additional gators and two dozen frogs were harvested.

Cheri came home with a large purse and belt. Two Hyde's are being tanned for two pair of boots. Other hydes will be going to Tanner's Alley (Morgantown Leather Shop) who is one of the few businesses in the U.S. that work with gator hyde.



MISSION TRIP TO HAITI

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WHERE IT COUNTS...

In October, **Tim Muscaro '79** was part of a team of 18 people who traveled to Ste Suzanne, Haiti. The group, Renew Haiti, operates out of Tampa, FL, has now made three trips to the impoverished country. A total of 18 people traveled, including 3 dentists and 4 physicians. Brother Muscaro, a practicing dentist from Tampa, takes 3 of his staff members with him.

The group has established a medical clinic for which they pay a Haitian physician to staff year-around. Personally, "my goal is to educate the children on proper dental hygiene and put in place a Haitian dental hygienist who will clean all children's teeth once a year. This year we spent most of our time removing badly infected teeth," noted Muscaro.

Brother Muscaro also wanted to thank the many **"BROTHERS"** who have supported this effort in past years!



This group of brothers arrived on Friday night in time for a late afternoon 'hotel parking lot' tailgate—followed by dinner at Jaspers.

From L to R (front row): **Ken Waldren '78, Paul Schulte '78, and Pat McLister '78;** (back row) **Jeff Brooks '78, Arch Reed '78, Abe Key '78, Matt Herrick '79, Zach Mendelson '79, Tim Muscaro '79, Jon Rupert '79, and Dave Hanna '77**



From L to R: **Todd Jubeck '89, David Blankenship '87, Abe Key '78, David Delorenzo '86, Frank Fumich '87, and Zach Mendelson '79**

FALL FOOTBALL WVU VS BYU SEPTEMBER 24TH— LANDOVER, MD



The hotel parking lot tailgating started early for this group of ladies.

From L to R: **Krista Mendelson, Kim Herrick, Ann Marie Muscaro, and Michele Holtzapple**

The brothers from the late 70's, early 80's were well represented at the pre-game and post-game tailgate



MOUNTAINEER PHI PSI—PARENT’S CORNER



This NEW section of our newsletter has been dedicated to the parent’s of our new colony members who have pledged their commitment to our fraternity, West Virginia Alpha of Phi Kappa Psi. As the header of this November issue proclaims, **our chapter has had a strong, rich tradition for many years.** Founded on May 23, 1890, as the first fraternity on West Virginia University’s campus.

After a five semester sabbatical, our chapter is very pleased to have your son be part of the FIRST COLONY class during the Fall 2016 semester. **Marc Munoz** is our expansion consultant and the individual who has been in communication with your son this semester. In fact, a few weeks ago, I hosted these young men at my home for their Sunday evening meeting. It was a pleasure to meet your son and personally welcome him into our Phi Psi family.

Marc has done a terrific job recruiting 26 young men [see complete list under **RE-COLONIZATION-Colony Members 2016**] that range in grade from Sophomore to Senior- and have an average GPA of 3.25. The goal of our Chapter’s Advisory Board is to recruit quality young men who set lofty education goals and are committed to accepting the Phi Kappa Psi Oath of Values which includes: *Integrity, Service & Leadership, Intellect, Community Involvement, Acceptance, and being a Gentleman.* All of these values align with WVU’s Values-and hopefully yours as family. We will ask your son to challenge the ‘status quo’ — which as we all know-- is not good enough to succeed in this day and age.

Scholarship will be a major component of our chapter’s existence. In fact, it is our intent to award scholarship monies on a semester basis. Therefore, there will be an expectation for your son to maintain a minimum GPA in order to not only remain active within the chapter itself, but most importantly, to remain eligible for these scholarship monies. There are both local and national scholarship monies available.

While our chapter house is currently under lease, we will “take back” the house in May 2017-and plan extensive renovations throughout the summer (May, June & July). In August 2017, the house will be ready for OUR members to move in! If you are not familiar with our chapter house/grounds, we invite you to visit our web page: **www.wvuphikappapsi.com**. Once at the web page, scroll down and click on West Virginia Alpha. Watch our Re-Colonization video. Understand the word fraternity is a “good word”. Looking forward to meeting you at some point in time.

I welcome your questions and/or feedback at : **zacharymendelson1@gmail.com**

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT...

W.C. BIRD, JAMES COCHRAN HOUSE CORPORATION

Much has happened since my last update.

In August, Marc Munoz became our Colony consultant. Marc has proven to be a real asset as we start our Colony. We have 24 young men and growing as I write this letter. All of these men are sophomore or above which is our strategic plan for changing the culture of WV Alpha. Current overall GPA for this group is 3.27.

The re-colonization process will last well into 2017. Recruiting (of new members) will continue until the end of the semester, and again during Spring 2017. One finding that we figured could be challenging is our ability to recruit the state. This is important because we need younger alumni who remain in-state (post graduation) and remain engaged with the chapter. Most of our key contacts around the State of WV pledged in the 50’s, 60’s & 70’s. Therefore, I am committed to re-establishing our contacts across the state, and also in key communities where our alumni base is strong and vibrant. We have started alumni communication events in several cities. In September we had a meeting in Clarksburg/Bridgeport. Additional events are being planned for: Wheeling, Charleston, Parkersburg, and Western PA. Please attend these functions as we need to “prime the pump of our recruitment pipeline”. Our chapter needs you more now than ever before.

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Additionally, we realize there are many quality brothers located outside of the state who are eager to support our fraternity. For example, in NYC & the surrounding area; Washington, DC/Northern, VA; and the Charlotte area, we have a strong nucleus of younger brothers. We are definitely looking to establish local alumni associations in each of these communities.

The Board has been working in several areas on your behalf for the benefit of the fraternity. The most important function is to fill the Advisor roles that are necessary for the Colony to continue. This is a continuous process.

A second area that ties in with our re-chartering is the ending of the (Sigma Alpha Mu) lease-which ends in May 2017. We are busy developing our laundry list of renovations that needs to be done next summer to have 780 Spruce ready for the new brothers.

We have invested portions of the 501(C3) accounts and plan to continue this process for our scholarship program. Our scholarship program hinges on WV Alpha being financially solvent today and in the future. This scholarship program along with requiring a higher than average GPA and recruiting sophomores and above has set WV Alpha above other fraternities on campus. We are pledging quality young men with character, leadership and attention to academics.

Please log on to our web site: **WVUPHIKAPPAPSI.COM** to communicate with us, see the video we developed for recruiting, request a brochure and recommend a quality young man.

Please call, write or email me and I will answer questions, follow up on a prospective pledge and deposit your donations. *Remember, WV Alpha is a life time commitment!*



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WEDDING BELLS

On Saturday, September 24th, 2016 twenty-one brothers attended the wedding of **Alex Natsios '06** and Amy Pitaro.

The Stone Tower Winery, located in Leesburg, VA presented a beautiful setting for this affair.

2016 GAC in NYC



Representing WV Alpha at the 2016 NYC GAC were: **David Woodrum '61**, former SWGP; **Abe Key '78**; **John Miesner '81**; and **Bob Bird '73**

