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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

CAL DELTA THANKS ALUMNI FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT, INVOLVEMENT

We are very excited about the fall semester at California Delta. We are currently over 100 members strong. We also welcome more than 20 new pledges after the recently completed recruitment. The undergraduates have done a tremendous job building up the chapter. We are excited about the progress they have made and look forward to another successful semester.

Chapter Leadership & Philanthropy

This fall, the chapter is under the leadership of Chapter President **Cory Cooney '10**. This semester the philanthropy will again be the Phi Psi 500. This event has become a cherished tradition at Cal Delta and we're thrilled to see it continue. The proceeds will benefit the Kure It Cancer Research Foundation. Kure It was founded by Cal Delta alumnus **Barry Hoeven '69**.

Alumni Support

As all of us Cal Deltas know, we have the best alumni around. The undergraduates are planning a dinner, as well as organizing some tailgates for the football games (details to follow), to thank you all for your support. I would also like to encourage those of you who are local to get involved with the house corporation. We have a great group, but we always appreciate new volunteers. Since the management of our house is all of our responsibility as alumni, we need some brothers to step up and volunteer. You must be at least four years out of school and willing to give up a few hours per month during the school year. I know we are all busy, but I can tell you from my experience, it's very rewarding to serve on the board and stay involved. Please contact me for more details.

Endowment Fund and Scholarships

The house corporation would like to thank every brother who has donated to the endowment fund over the last year. This has been a valuable source of scholarships to our undergraduates and is much appreciated by all. Last school year we were able to give over \$85,000 in scholarships to the men of Cal Delta. I encourage you all to continue to support CA Delta as we rebuild and strengthen the chapter.

Amici,

David Bondurant '96

House Corporation President

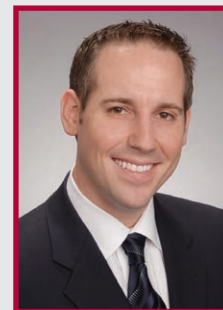
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Membership Benefits Include Lifelong Friends and Career Preparation

Spotlight on Businessman Karl Brensike '96

For **Karl Brensike '96**, membership in California Delta gave him experiences that led him to a successful career and sustaining lifelong friendships. "It means everything to me. My friends from the fraternity are still some of my best friends in the world. The things I learned in the chapter house and from alumni mentors have had an indelible effect on my life," says Karl.



Karl has experience in several work fields, including technology, Hollywood script writing, and the oil industry, and has been surrounded by his fraternity brothers throughout each endeavor. "I started a software company called netHESIVE with **Sam Reed '98**, **Ed Wunsch '95**, and **Ken Namimatsu '93**, which was a total cliché of the dot com era but we managed to develop some great technology," he says. "After the dot com bust I started writing books and screenplays in Hollywood, which was another wonderful chapter in my life. Then **Bruce McMahon '57** contacted me about helping raise money for the chapter house rebuild and after that project was complete we began a business in oil." Karl is now the CEO of Haymaker LLC, which is backed by \$100 million of private equity to purchase oil and gas properties across the United States.

Throughout his impressive and extensive career, Karl has made a huge effort to stay in touch with his Phi Psi brothers. "I keep in touch with more fraternity brothers than I can count," he says. "When I had my bachelor party at Oktoberfest in Germany in 2010 about 20 Phi Psis made the trip over. I probably had around 30 brothers who were also at my wedding in 2011. I also do an annual ski trip with about 10 broth-

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CAL DELTA SPENDS ANOTHER SEMESTER ON TOP



Brothers Nick Petrou '11, Jack Heston '09, Cory Cooney '10, Charles Pfirrmann '09, Alex Kablanian '12, and Dan Eiger '10 celebrate their honors at the Greek Awards alongside Parent's Club President Sara Pfirrmann.



The helicopter approaching the hole for the charity ball drop.

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ers that I haven't missed in the nine years since we started it," says Karl.

Knowing the significance of one's time at California Delta, Karl advises undergraduates to not waste a minute of the time you have in school. "You will never have more immediate access to friends and mentors that could alter your life than you do at this very moment. Hit the books hard. Remember to work just as hard on your lifelong relationships. At the end of the day, the people you spend the most time with will have the greatest impact on your happiness."

Karl and his wife, Heather, reside Houston, Texas. E-mail: kb@phikappsi.com

The spring was another great semester for California Delta. We hosted our scholarship dinner, parent-alumni golf tournament, and many other fun activities. We have again been one of the top chapters at USC and enjoy a strong brotherhood with more than 100 active members. We had some major house improvements through the semester, including new carpeting, painting, and, with the help of Parent's Club, the addition of a conference room. We are always so grateful for the support of the house corporation and the Parent's Club. We were happy to initiate 17 new members in the spring and have 28 new pledges for the fall. This semester proved to be one of the most competitive recruitment seasons in USC history with record numbers.

CONTINUED PHI PSI SUCCESS

At the annual Greek awards, Cal Delta won awards for alumni relations, house diversity, and chapter pride. We also won the award for best overall house for the third year in a row, which has never been accomplished before. We swept the individual awards with **Ben Lamson '86** receiving the award for continued alumni support, and **Shawn Pfendler '06** won the award for Best Chapter Advisor. Sara Pfirrmann won the award for best parent support for her exceptional work with not only our Parent's Club, but also the Interfraternity parent's club, where she serves as president. **Charles Pfirrmann '09** also was recognized as a senior who made a difference. Beyond USC, we were accredited with honors by the national headquarters, having passed 10 out of 11 categories, which very few Phi Psi chapters were able to accomplish. We were happy with all of our honors as a way to show how much hard work we have put in over the last year and hope to win even more next year.

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

In the spring, we were excited to host our scholarship dinner with Dean James Ellis of the Marshall School of Business as our honored speaker. It was very inspirational to

hear about his life and how he got where he is. Our chapter GPA has risen for the last three years, placing our chapter above the all-men's average and the all-undergraduate average once again. We are excited to announce that our speaker for our fall scholarship dinner on October 28 will be USC President Max Nikias. We are honored to have him speak and excited for what he will have to say.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GOLF TOURNAMENT

As we do every spring, Cal Delta hosted our parent-alumni golf tournament. We had a great showing of support with more than 15 alumni and 25 parents in attendance. This was a great time for brothers to meet alumni and their brothers' families. We also sold golf balls, which were then dropped from a helicopter over a hole, and the winning ball won \$1,500. Overall, we were able to raise \$11,000 for Kure It Cancer Research and had a great day on the course.

RECOGNIZING THE SENIORS

Parent's Club helped organize the senior recognition dinner the night before commencement. We celebrated the graduation of 38 seniors, all of whom made great contributions to the chapter house and to USC through their time in college. The Parent's Club even had a surprise appearance of the Trojan marching band, which made the night extremely memorable. We were sad to see the seniors graduate but are excited to see what the future has in store for these men as they continue their lives after college.

Again, we are excited for what this semester has in store for Phi Kappa Psi California Delta. We look forward to continuing our academic successes and allowing our brotherhood to thrive.



Amici,
Cory Cooney '10
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Thank You, Annual Campaign Contributors

Through the generosity of 38 donors \$6,360 was contributed to our spring 2013 appeal. The success and achievements of Cal Delta are directly attributed to the support and involvement of its members. The active brothers are grateful for and proud of the support they receive from alumni.

Contributors to the spring 2013 appeal, as well as our Centurions, are listed below by their cumulative giving totals. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift(s), or if we have mistakenly omitted your gift, we sincerely apologize. If corrections to your giving record are needed, please send them to Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, 924 Westwood Blvd., Suite 550, Los Angeles CA 90024-2941. Your generosity is making a difference!

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(\$10,000 and above)

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Evan H. Whitworth '48

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Bruce McMahon Cumulative Scholarship Award

P.J. Atchison '10

Awarded for achieving the highest cumulative GPA

Brian Kennedy Scholarship Improvement Award

Jack Heston '09

Awarded for earning the greatest increase in GPA

Jerry Nelson Dedication Scholarship Award

Cameron Parsa '12

Awarded for outstanding dedication and effort for the chapter

Paul Wineman Excellence Scholarship Award

Cory Cooney '10

Awarded for excellence in office during the semester

Ben Lamson Leadership Scholarship Award

Alex Amato '09

Awarded for extraordinary leadership of the chapter and earning 3.4 GPA

Woodrow Wilson Junior Active Scholarship Award

Alex Kablanian '12

junior active brother who contributed the most to the chapter

Jack Davies Memorial Scholarship Award

Dan Guthorn '09

Awarded for exceptional participation in chapter events and meetings

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Gary "Kalei" Akiona

Kailua, Hawaii
Biology/Finance

Shane Bick

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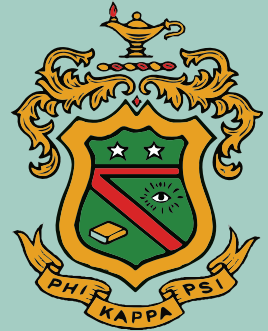
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ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Charles S. Cox '61 entered Chapter Eternal February 14.

Frank L. Flores '50 entered Chapter Eternal July 29.

ALUMNI NEWS

1950s

Dennis C. Dailey '57 resides in Davis, Calif., and would love to hear from his Phi Psi brothers. E-mail: dc.dailey@live.com

Glen Dickney '57 lost his wonderful wife, Betty, to cancer last year and is busy adjusting to this new phase of his life. He plays tennis and golf, enjoys traveling, and loves being a grandpa to eight grandchildren. E-mail: BGDickey@comcast.net

Jack Conley '57 is a retired professor of dentistry from USC. E-mail: jconley@usc.edu

Andrew Whittlesey '57 is a retired airline captain. He resides in Westlake Village, Calif.

Joseph Haynes '57 is a ski instructor in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Gordon C. Morrow '58 resides in Nashville, Tenn., with Bernadette and is learning the ins and outs of bass fishing. E-mail: tbadd@sbcglobal.net

1960s

Tod Ridgeway '66 lives in Newport Beach California. He is a developer at Ridgeway Development Company.

1970s

Gordon S. Chuchian '73 and his brother are working in the family business, Chichian Branch and Sundate Packing

House. Howard's two sons completed college and are now in the business too.

Robert Sterns '74 is the vice president of Calscience Environmental Laboratories. He resides in Palos Verdes Estates. E-mail: bsterns@calscience.com

Gregg Prickett '75 is a judge for the Superior Court of California.

William D. Buckner '75 resides in Costa Mesa, Calif. He is a managing partner as Buckner, Alani & Mirkovich. E-mail: wbuckner@bakcm.com

Standish Penton '77 lives in Littleton, Colo. He owns Mayflower Wealth Management.

James Arnett '77 is the CEO and owner of Posh Properties. E-mail: drkrtan@aol.com

1980s

Benton Lamson '86 had a great visit with **Greg Bachli '86** in February in Northern California. He is managing the fraternity house at USC. He visited with a NE Phi Psi friend in Florida in June before his family's Disney cruise with two other families. Benton is looking forward to seeing everyone at the home USC games (he can be found in section nine). E-mail: bentonlamson@gmail.com

Jeff Ramsey '86 is the president of Ramsey Real Estate Group.

1990s

Adrian Jayasihna '95 lives in San Morino, Calif., and is an executive director at Walter J. Co. E-mail: adrianj@me.com

Homecoming 2013

USC Trojans vs. Stanford Cardinal
November 16, 2013
Kickoff: TBA



The Trojan marching band made a surprise visit to the senior dinner.

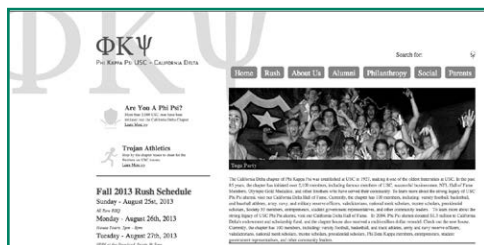


A few of the items available at this year's tournament.



Evan Amato '11 and his father prepare for a fun day of golf.

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ATTENTION: This newsletter is intended for Phi Kappa Psi alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Southern California, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send his permanent address to acromer@penningtonco.com. Thank you.

Recognizing and Rewarding Excellence

Over the course of the last year, the Cal Delta House Corporation awarded 47 undergraduates with scholarships for their outstanding academic achievements. These scholarships were made possible thanks to the generous brothers and friends who donated to the Cal Delta Chapter Scholarship Fund. The following supporters recently contributed to the chapter's fund*:

Brian E. Miller '91
Todd A. Emigh '03

Individuals interested in providing continued academic support to the chapter's undergraduates can do so by contributing to the Cal Delta Chapter Scholarship Fund through the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation, a 501(c)(3) educational foundation. Gifts can be mailed directly to the Foundation at 5395 Emerson Way, Indianapolis, IN 46205 or can be made online at www.PKPFoundation.org. When contributing, be certain to designate your gift to the chapter by writing "California Delta Chapter Scholarship Fund" in the memo line or selecting it from the dropdown online giving menu.

*Gifts made from January 1, 2013 to September 21, 2013