



# SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

## NEW YORK EPSILON CHAPTER

### Fall 2016 Alumni Newsletter

## A Message from the Eminent Archon

I am extremely excited to be the chapter's Eminent Archon for the upcoming semester and I believe that it will be a great semester for the chapter. The chapter has kicked the year off with a great work week and a productive brotherhood retreat. The house is a great combination of young brothers full of zeal, and older brothers leading by example. After our start of the new school year brotherhood retreat the chapter has set some goals for the upcoming semester. The top three goals being to get a 20+ new member class, to increase the overall house GPA, and to increase involvement within the brotherhood. After having a large class graduate in May, the brotherhood currently stands at 56 brothers, with a boost in numbers coming after bids are signed later this month. Again, this year we have brothers involved in almost every aspect of campus life, including varsity and club sports, IFC, community service, and academic organizations. On campus we have again been recognized as a 5-star chapter, and won the ΣAE national Chapter Achievement award. Last year we added 13 new members into the chapter in the fall, and then an additional 4 from a spring class. With the brotherhood enthusiastic about rush, and with the house in great condition, things are looking promising for this fall's new member class. There has been a lot of interest in the house from freshman during the beginning of rush. I am looking forward to the rest of this semester, and to continuing the excellence that we know to expect from New York Epsilon. I hope to see many of you at this fall's Alumni Weekend.

*Phi Alpha, Kevin Mullin '16*



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## *Alumni Weekend*

*October 7-9*

*Please RSVP using the online survey or email the alumni chair*

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# House Manager—Work Week 2016

The start of another Fall semester means the start of yet another Workweek. This year at New York Epsilon there were many projects that were completed over the course of the week. This Workweek was focused on improving the aesthetics of the interior and exterior of the house as there was no need for any major projects or renovations. For inside the house, we refinished the basement floor, took down the bar in the basement and did some painting throughout the entire house. For the outside, some painting was completed as well, new mulch was placed around the entire house as well as around the shrubs that were planted last year, two new pine trees were planted on either side of the front porch and a new basketball hoop was installed. While there wasn't one big project that needed to be completed, I feel that it was a productive work week and the house definitely benefitted from the work that was done. Now that Workweek is over I can say that the future of 12 Myrtle looks bright and is in good hands of the Brothers here at New York Epsilon.



*Making significant strides in the basement*

## True Gentleman Story



This past summer I had the privilege of riding a bike across the country with 22 other incredible people; all for a good cause. Truthfully, no words will ever fully be capable of explaining what I experienced but I will try my best. The program is called 4K For Cancer, a non-profit that organizes rides and runs across the country in order to raise awareness and money for the cancer community. Prior to the trip I had to raise a minimum of \$4,500 with all funds going directly to the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults. The UCF is a non-profit that assists young adults who have been diagnosed with cancer by providing scholarships for college, housing near treatment facilities, medical and financial assistance, and overall guidance through the cancer process. My team started out in Baltimore, MD and finished in Portland, OR 70 days later. The first couple of days were difficult as my body slowly became accustomed to biking for 12 hours every day. But by the second week we were all "professional" cyclists. While on the trip we handed out scholarships to college students, delivered care packages to cancer patients and visited cancer hospitals. I didn't realize how widespread cancer was and how many people have been/ are affected until I began to meet countless people per day who said they or someone they knew was fighting cancer. I honestly didn't think "raising awareness" actually meant anything but after completing the trip and experiencing the generosity of others and the hope and joy my team and I instilled in others along the way was something that was indescribable. Some key things I learned this summer was not to take things for granted and appreciate the small things, live in the moment, live light-heartedly, and to live everyday as if it were your last. Simply enjoy life and the people around us.

*Phi Alpha, Marco LoBosco '17*

## 80th John O. Moseley Leadership School 2016



*This was the last year for the cruise ship school*

I am so grateful that I was given the opportunity to attend the 81st John O. Moseley Leadership School. It was everything that I anticipated and more. I would attend seminars ranging from values-based goal setting to leading through a crisis from a formal army general. My time at the leadership school has not only changed my perception on the fraternity but also as an individual and how to thrive in an imperfect situation. Though they did have seminars focused specifically for the growth and well-being of the chapter such as making high impact members, National also offered seminars focused on self improvement with etiquette for a true gentleman to even showing us how to successfully give an elevator pitch. With those seminars in place we can see that National is leading by example when it comes to the formation of true gentleman. While a majority of my time on the cruise was spent in seminars and meetings, the free time that I did have I used to become friends with brothers from all across the nation. Where I was able to pick their brains on how they run their chapters and handle specific events. I was even able mentor the younger chapters and colonies. Giving them insight on how we operate our rush events and how to deal with apathetic brothers. Though my time at the leadership school was short, I learned a tremendous amount, much more than I thought I would when coming into the school. This experience was incredible and I would highly recommend it to anyone interested.

*Phi Alpha, Sergio Gomez '19*

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*True G Day of Service with Habitat for Humanity*





# Phoenix Task Force—Future of Housing at 12 Myrtle Ave.

Over the past year, the Phoenix Housing Committee has been continuing its hard work to determine the best way to move forward with a future housing project at 12 Myrtle. Since last alumni weekend, we have continued to work with architects, actives and alumni to figure out the best project to move forward with but there have been some bumps along the way.

Once such bump is a new program RPI has introduced called “Summer Arch”, which would require all students to do spend the summer after sophomore year on campus taking classes and then have an “away” semester the next fall or spring. This situation worries the entire Greek community since lower number of juniors present would mean lower live-in rates and lower revenue for fraternities and sororities. On top of that, juniors who are usually the workhorse of in their houses, would be gone most the normal academic year, creating a leadership gap. Working with the Greek community, we raised our concerns to RPI, but it has been hard to get a straight answer about RPI’s final plans. We’ve crunched the numbers with all possible scenarios to determine that even in the worst case where no juniors live in, we should still have the chapter numbers to fill the house. It would be a big change, but we should survive.

Determining if we can effectively do a housing update without juniors has been only one of the tasks the committee has done over the last year. In addition, going off of the architecture plans from last year, we dived into the renovation and addition costs to create a “bill-of-sale”. During this exercise, we worked with a brother’s family contractor business to get ballpark prices on each renovation or expansion item to help us better understand the costs. Finally, we have also been looking into how to fund any major project. We created more detailed spreadsheets to calculate potential loan costs the effected on the undergrad’s rent, researched fundraising activities like working with organization to manage donations, and looked into the types of mortgages and/or bridge

loans that would be needed.

Despite not knowing for sure or not if juniors could live in our house, the Phoenix committee believes that our aging house truly needs a major update and recommends moving forward. As always, we want all members (alumni and actives) to have a say in the decision to move forward or not, as well as how to move forward. This conversation will take place during alumni weekend on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2016. So please try to attend! We will give more details on the project, talk about potential funding routes, and have a discussion on what to do moving forward.

Additional posts about the project as well as updates beyond this newsletter can be found on the chapter website: <http://nyepsilon.com/housing.php> . As always feel free to email or Facebook message me with any questions.

Phi Alpha, *Lucas Rice, Class of '14*



## Alumni Weekend Schedule — October 7-9, 2016

First, some of you have 10, 15 or 20 year reunions coming up. We would love to see you back! In addition to the normal alumni weekend events listed below, we will have an update and discussion about the work of the Phoenix Housing Taskforce for the future of 12 Myrtle Avenue housing. See our tentative schedule below. We look forward to seeing all of you October 7-9. You will see more on Facebook and an on-line RSVP on the NYEP website (<http://nyepsilon.com/alumni.php>). You can find RPI’s schedule of events on the RPI homecoming website. **Phi Alpha, Matt Jeffers '95 LAE House Corporation Board Member**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**—Check in and chill out—Downtown has new establishments to check out and Sutters (a.k.a. Ruck) wings still exist.

### SATURDAY

10:30 AM	Alumni v Actives Soccer Game	Lower Renwyck grass field
12:30-2 PM	BBQ and House Tours	12 Myrtle
2:30 PM	Annual LAE Shareholders Meeting	12 Myrtle
	<i>- Elections to the Board—Nominations accepted up to voting time</i>	
4:00 PM	Phoenix Housing Taskforce	12 Myrtle
	<i>- Renovation Concepts and Means of Financing</i>	
5-7:00 PM	Reception and Dinner	12 Myrtle
	<i>- Happy Hour, Announcements, Awards, Fine catered dining</i>	
7-8:30 PM	Alumni & Active Career Networking Roundtable	
	<i>- Alumni share SAE &amp; life lessons and answer undergrad ??s</i>	

### SUNDAY

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Brunch at the Chapter House  
*- Will Jerry Witter '82 cook again?*  
1 PM - LAE Board business meeting

Minerva’s Shield and RPI risk management policies require BYOB and no kegs and it is better if you make plans to not stay at the house but at a area hotel.



*1960's Chapter Meeting in the Dining Room*

# ΛAE House Corporation and “10 Minutes for Minerva”

The recent 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary House Corporation retreat delved into the “Why” purpose and mission of the Board and Corporation Body. We are almost a mini chapter as we morph into other areas of Alumni Mentorship and Operations such as Scholarship, Fundraising, Health and Safety, Community Involvement, Member Education, Ritual, Alumni Relations, Legal, Technology, and Marketing. Do you have a skill set in these areas? Are you willing to devote **10 minutes for Minerva**??

On the Physical Plant side, we had a very busy year spending money on some major maintenance projects and an emergency replacement of the main house boiler (which was fortunately was covered by insurance). The Phoenix Task Force and Committee has worked hard on developing concepts for the future of housing for NYEP Commissioning an architect and hosting several development meetings and surveys with undergrads and alumni.

We were happy to be of help for the chapter to be named winner of the ΣAE Chapter Achievement Award and runner up for Chapter Management Award at this year’s SAE Leadership School—two of our long standing strengths.

If you can devote **10 minutes for Minerva** a day, week or month- we are looking for Alumni Mentors, committee participation or LAE Board members, let me know and visit us during alumni weekend! There are big Fraternity changing moments ahead and only you can keep the flame!

*Phi Alpha, Don “Buck” Vanderhoef ‘93, Chairman of the LAE Board email LAE.Chairman@gmail.com*

## Phonathon 2016 Update

As of August 23, the results from phonathon look pretty good with 148 donors so far. On average the alumni donated \$172 and we’ve deposited a total of \$25,500 in donations, though expect \$10-15,000 from another 58 alumni who made pledges and haven’t sent their checks or done PayPal yet. We’ve sent out some reminder letters and “missed you” letters, so donations leading up to the fall Alumni weekend are sure to rise. If you’d like to make a donation online you can visit <http://nyepsilon.com/donate.php>. The phonathon is an important part of our operations for maintaining the current chapter house, supporting educational opportunities for the undergraduates with scholarship funds, and saving for future major housing projects. Thank you all for your help in sustaining the great New York Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Checkout the Top 10 Classes and the donor roster for 2015 as of the start of September.

Top Ten Classes in Donations and Participation				
Rank	Class	Donation	Class	Participation
1	1995	\$1,837.12	1968	41.18%
2	1982	\$1,825.00	1983	36.36%
3	1990	\$1,550.00	1972	36.36%
4	1972	\$1,100.00	1982	35.29%
5	1968	\$1,100.00	1980	33.33%
6	1992	\$1,100.00	1956	33.33%
7	1989	\$1,000.00	1969	31.25%
8	1988	\$1,000.00	1967	30.77%
9	1996	\$989.92	1966	30.77%
10	1994	\$950.00	2009	26.92%

### **Phi Alpha, Jerry Witter ‘82**

#### **≥\$500 (13 for total of \$9,058)**

Ronald Byer (1955), Robert Athanasiou (1962), David Colten (1972), Jonathan Witter (1982), Eric Wenberg (1988), Erik Aarts (1989), Michael Weiner (1989), David Lowe (1990), Christopher Jeffers (1992), Robert Filbey (1994), Matthew Jeffers (1995), Mark Wilensky (1995), James Kennedy (1996)

#### **≥\$250 (21 for total of \$5,734)**

Robert Fopeano (1951), James Owens (1968), Kenneth Watson (1968), Michael Quan (1970), Robert Vaughan (1972), Paul Shanahan (1980), Carlos Hidalgo (1982), Kevin Neumann (1982), Eric Saenger (1986), David Gutmann (1990), Pedro Riveros (1993), William Valls (1993), Andrew Drazic (1994), Christopher Downey (1996), Michael Szczepanski (1999), Nicholas Mandelenakis (2001), Peter Marafioti (2001), Stephen Finkle (2003), Kurt Spiegel (2004), Benjamin Meyer (2005), Rory Arredondo (2008)

#### **≥\$100 (75 for a total of \$9,134)**

Douglas Porto (1952), Stephen Ruggles (1954), John Busse (1963), Thomas Katra (1963), John Steinhoff (1964), John Decker (1965), Robert Dorsch (1965), David Hoffman (1966), Ronald La Pointe (1966), Richard Miller (1966), Andrew Morawski (1966), Charles Learoyd (1967), C. Peter Smith (1967), Robert Wayne (1967), David Bischoff (1968), Joseph Gil (1968), Steven Seelinger (1968), Robert Whitby (1968), Jerome Kunkel (1969), Robert Peters (1969), Peter Riba (1969), Daniel Phillips (1970), James Pluta (1970), Michael Jiminez (1972), Thomas Morgan (1972), Robert Olsson (1975), Thomas Stumpf (1976), R. William Berg (1978), John Bischoff (1978), Frank Parlini (1978), Charles Cassidy (1980), David Ho (1980), George Earle (1982), Andrew Ford (1982), A. Lester Hoogetveen (1982), William Fahey (1983), Timothy Powell (1983), Mark Davis (1984), Mark Murdoch (1984), Stanley Dahl (1985), Russell Haynal (1985), Mark Lepofsky (1985), Jeffrey Wilcox (1985), John Beaudoin (1986), Douglas Hunter (1987), Thomas Irick (1990), Robert Steele (1990), Brent Oberlin (1992), Michael Auren (1994), Richard Chiafolo (1995), Dan Gaur (1995), Charles Taylor (1995), Rene Gonzalez (1996), Richard Raymond (1998), Francisco Ferrer (1999), Carlton Jarvis (1999), Nathan Spillane (2003), Nishal Narechania (2004), Peter Manoogian (2005), Cary Klemm (2007), Anthony Guidarelli (2009), Stephen Knapp (2009), Jeffrey Sangillo (2009), Andrew Brooks (2010), Jim Croke (2010), Nick Profita (2010), James Aram (2011), Aaron King (2011), John Hennessey (2012), Kyle Moise (2012), Benjamin Clemence (2013), Paul Detwiler (2014), Dante Gizzi (2015), Paul Koetke (2015), Dylan Quinn (2015)

#### **Sustaining (39 for a total of \$1,575)**

Joseph Mosca (1952), Richard Schmidt (1956), Gordon Wenner (1956), Arthur Mason (1961), Robert Shaffer (1964), Robert Mazzaferro (1967), Russell Surveyer (1968), Frederick Herpel (1969), Richard Randall (1969), John Fietze (1970), James Bischoff (1975), Paul McGuire (1980), Thomas Sayuk (1980), Daniel Buechler (1981), Jon Hall (1983), Roderick Kunz (1983), Donald Birks (1987), Joseph Mannino (1991), Joe Zaremski (1994), Scott Gaillard (2001), Daniel Wilkens (2001), Bradley Howe (2003), Blessen Kurian (2004), Michael Campanelli (2006), Manuel Severino (2007), Mike Holihan (2008), Bryan Michalis (2009), Ray Nassar (2009), Richard Tenure (2009), Michael Walker (2009), Derek Cheng (2011), John O’Neil (2012), Jason Dubois (2014), Christopher Girard (2014), Ian Halter (2014), Keegan Mik (2014), Jordan Stambler (2014), Colin Steifel (2014), Josh Moriarty (2015)

# Bylaw Revision—Objective and Use of Lion Fund

A proposal to clarify the purpose and use of the Lion Fund . See the markups in red italics. The biggest chance is to clarify to use for renovations, to be able to use up to 75% of the fund instead of 25%, and then for the expenditure and replenishment of the fund. In 2011 some updates to these same sections had been made to use the Lion Fund as our building fund.

*Phi Alpha, Jim Croke '94 and Tom Morgan '72 LAE Finance Team*

## 241. The Lion Fund

### .3 Objective of Fund

- (a) The long term objective of the fund is to provide LAE Corporation with a capital base with which to accomplish major projects such as *renovations*, acquiring real property or the building of a new SAE Chapter House. *The intent is to build the fund over a period of years as the current facilities age and have a source of capital available to support large scale upgrades or replacement. Once an expenditure is made, replenishment of the fund will occur as the next aging cycle occurs. The expectation is that withdrawals from the fund will be substantial, but infrequent, ideally every 20 to 30 years.*
- (b) Limitation on Use of Fund Money – The funds of The Lion Fund may only be used for major house improvements, building of a new chapter house, or acquiring real property. The funds may not be withdrawn until there is at least \$100,000 in the fund and no withdrawal can be more than *75 {delete 25}* % of the total fund value. To withdraw funds, a motion to the LAE Board must be made detailing the amount of the withdrawal and its use. The motion must then be passed by a majority vote of the board.

## Proxy for the meeting bylaw voting and elections

### General Proxy

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Class of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby appoint Jonathan “Jerry” Witter (1982), Secretary of LAE, Inc to be my proxy, to vote in my place and on my behalf as though I were voting, at the Annual Meeting of Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Incorporated on October 8, 2016 at 2:30 PM or at any adjournment thereof, hereby revoking all previous proxies. This authorization is to terminate on October 9, 2016.

### Specific Proxy for Bylaw Amendments Proposals and Election of Directors to the Board

This is to certify that, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Class of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby to cast my votes the Annual Meeting of Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Incorporated on October 8, 2016 at 2:30 PM or at any adjournment thereof, hereby revoking all previous proxies at that meeting's balloting on that issue. This authorization is to terminate on October 9, 2016.

I hereby vote as follows for the bylaw amendment proposals (Mark selection with an X):

Section 241 to clarify the objective and used of the Lion Fund YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

I hereby vote for the following named persons to serve as Directors for a four year period from October 2016 to October 2020.

(Vote for 2 by marking with X or writing in a candidate)

Jonathan Witter 1982 \_\_\_\_\_

Kevin Neumann 1982 \_\_\_\_\_

Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please send the proxy form to the following address to arrive before October 7, 2016:

Lambda Alpha Epsilon. Inc  
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