



Mountaineer Pike



Electronic Newsletter of the Alpha Theta Alumni Association

*For the establishment of friendship on a firmer and more lasting basis...
...across the years and across generations*

It is hard to believe just 10 years ago Brother John (Greek, '62) Allevato penned a letter which has led to great times with brothers of all ages. Golf outings, picnics, dinners, sports events, touring, and exploring with brothers, brave spouses and friends all have been and will continue to be enjoyed by all.

If you missed one of these times, just look in the mirror and tell yourself you want to see your brothers. They meet all over the country. You can look up all your brothers quickly at www.wvupikes.com by geographic area or by initiation year or whatever. Pick up the phone or write by email or snail mail. You'd be surprised how easy it is to get together. Your time is now.

August Reunion 2009

Both the Morgantown, West Virginia, reunion and Golf Outing and Sandbaggers Classic outing held in Virginia this year enjoyed good times and fellowship and were blended in with a very productive Alumni Association and House Company meeting where we got down to the business of looking for ways to expand our attendance to bring back members from all the classes, and to ensure that Alpha Theta is able to continue as a viable chapter. The attendees brought a wealth of ideas and experience that should ensure that both occur.

Alpha Theta Alumni Association Elected Officers

Your slate of officers elected for the next two year term include, President Joe Feola '79 joseph.feola@morganstanley.com , Vice President Tom Whalen '80 pikes@zbzoom.net , Treasurer Doug Ladish '62 ladish@mindspring.com , Secretary Gary Earp '65 2inapplevalley@comcast.net and an expanded list of decade/geographic Vice Presidents including for the 50's decade – Andy Barrett '58 Marcellab41@hotmail.com , Larry Cobb '59 ethicsworks@aol.com , Tom Pendleton '55 thpendleton@suddenlink.net ; for the 60's Bob Elliott '64, for the 70's Don McIntosh '70 ddmc1952@comcast.net ; for the 80's Miguel Frisco '83 mrfrisco@mactec.com ; and for the 00's Ryan Coss '03 ryancoss@mix.wvu.edu .

House Company of Alpha Theta Chapter, Inc. (ATHCO) Elected Directors

Returning Directors

Joe Feola '79
Al Dering '65
Doug Ladish '62
Phil Iapalucci '83
Hank Wagner '61
Tom Pendleton '55
Jim Gabriel '64
Larry Cobb '59

Newly Elected Directors

Skip Connor '64
Jim Laughlin '60
Dick Rawlings '62
John Allevato '62
Dan Snyder '75
Jim Morgan '77
Dan Brennan '65

For a copy of the minutes please contact Gary Earp '65 2inapplevalley@comcast.net for the ATAA meeting or Doug Ladish '62 ladish@mindspring.com for the ATHCO meeting.

House Status Update Summary:

- ATHCO is working on two approaches for renovating and managing the house: Emperor Group (a nation-wide real estate development firm specializing in Greek housing) and the WVU Greek Village project.
- Emperor Group has provided a letter of intent for the project and it is under review by the ATHCO Executive Council.
- WVU and ATHCO dialog is ongoing.
- During the annual pre-school year inspection of the Pike House by the Morgantown Fire Marshal, several code violations were observed and the occupancy permit was revoked and the house condemned. Needless to say, this elevated the urgency of our current work. Our goal is to have the house renovated and re-opened for the fall 2010 semester.
- Architectural drawings for the construction phase are 90% complete. Re-appraisal of the property based on these drawings is underway from two perspectives: As is, condemned; and as renovated based on the latest plans.

Alpha Theta of Yesteryear

Past pictures of the fraternity house, events, brothers, newsletters, postings, outings and links are available at www.groups.yahoo.com/group/pika_alpha_theta. Hundreds of pictures memories of years gone by through today are right at your fingertips. Our "lead historian" Bill Chittum's (wachittum@verizon.net) dedication to organizing an easy to use website makes it hard to resist. If you have any difficulty joining the group contact Bill or I. We will be happy to assist you in starting your walk down memory lane. There are 17 picture albums spanning the chapter activities of the "60's Campus Drive" on through the "80's Memories", Sandbagger 2002, colony/re-chartering and recent alumni events. (Note: This site is not open to the public, so you will need to join the group to access the pictures. Bill Chittum or Gary Earp can establish your membership.) Please check this site out. You will be glad you did! Also drop Bill a note of appreciation. You will agree he has done a tremendous job.

Alpha Theta and Pi Kappa Alpha of Today

Visit www.wvupikes.com (no "dash" between wvu and pikes) for the combined current Alumni Association and House Company news. Also searchable data base for updating contact information, and an interactive site for posting your news and personal updates.

Soon all the happenings of the active chapter of the last several years will be posted to www.wvu-pikes.com (There is a "dash" between wvu and pikes). This is a new website still under construction. Check it out. Only the active Alpha Theta chapter could come up with a great successful fundraiser entitled "Bikini Bowling for the Blind." From the pictures it looks like quite a FUN raiser too. Do you want to know more about Pi Kappa Alpha International of today? Check out the web site at www.pikes.org.

There are a host of other pictures at <http://www.geocities.com/Pikawvu/>. Unfortunately this last site is closing some time this fall.



Find your fraternity brothers at one of the many websites.

News from the Active Chapter

Internal Vice President Ryan Combs provided the following update :

- Our chapter currently has 62 active members, 28 of which are last year's initiates.
- Bikini Bowling for the Blind raised \$500 for the West Virginia Eye Institute, which included an article about the donation in their most recent newsletter.
- Pamela Donaldson of Alpha Xi Delta was the winner of our Dream Girl competition.
- Our Fall 2009 Grade report listed 14 active brothers with a semester GPA of 3.0 or higher and 18 with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better; 6 of the 9 Spring 2009 initiates also had a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. Also, 4 active brothers earned a perfect 4.0 GPA: Flynn Altmeyer, Chris Doerflinger, Rob Kepics, and Cory Vamos. Also, Sean Singleton has been awarded the Littke Memorial Scholarship for the second year in a row (08-09 and 09-10).
- Our athletic teams, among several playoff appearances in various sports, won the Intramural Bowling Championship. We also won Alpha Omicron Pi Dodgeball and our fourth consecutive Delta Gamma Anchorball softball championship .

Morgantown Reunion 2010

The Morgantown reunion will be held next year the weekend of August 13th, 2010. Look for further developments on plans for it and the Golf Outing and Sandbaggers Classic, scheduled for Pittsburgh, as time moves on. In the meantime check out all the great websites noted and get together with a Pike brother. You don't have to wait until next year to get together. Brothers get together unofficially all year long. When you get together drop us a line or a picture or two. Your Pike brothers are counting on you.

You all come back now!!!

