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# SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON PENNSYLVANIA

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## ALUMNI UPDATES

Thanks to these brothers for responding to our recent alumni email survey! If you'd like to submit an update of your own for publication in an upcoming eLetter or a future newsletter, head over to our alumni website at [saepath.org](http://saepath.org) and click the "Submit an Update" tab.



**Guy Antonioli '75** reports: "This was our first re-union of the four of us brothers since we graduated in 1975. On August 16 - 18, 2019 (exactly one year ago), we met in Austin, TX for a weekend of golf, dinners, drinks and good times." From left, **Wally Enick '75**, **John Cherry '75**, **Guy Antonioli '75** and **Dan Maze '75**.

**Enrique Abeyta '95** says life has been busy since his last update. Their family expects a new baby in November, joining 7-year-old Kai and 3-year-old Nava. They've moved from New York City to Cave Creek, AZ, and he's started an investment newsletter business, Empire Financial Research with his colleague Whitney Tilson. Enrique's digital media/ecommerce company acquired the #1 brand in tattooing – *Inked Magazine* – and the #1 brand in music satire – *The Hard Times*, and he's in the process of launching a venture incubator called Project Capital.

**Guy Antonioli's** daughter got married on February 8th this year in Cuernavaca, Mexico at the Hacienda San Antonio. He says that she and husband Jorge live in Austin in the loft above his garage. His son's family drove down from Detroit (where his son works for Maserati) to spend the indefinite "COVID Season" with Guy's family in Austin. He says that it's great to have everyone under one roof!

**Shawn Bleam '91** just saw his first kids off to college. He says that he's seeing shifts in the quality of life due to COVID and seeing a lot of New Yorkers moving to Colorado. He lives in Boulder near a few other SAE brothers.

**Harold Denmark '52** turned 99 in July. He majored in entomology and acarology at the U of Florida after serving 5 years in the Navy, and spending a year at Penn. He served as head of entomology for the Florida Department of Agriculture for 40 years. He says it hosts one of the best curated collections "only because it was developed last." He's published over a 100 publications, mainly focused on mites.

**Chris Pham '10** reports that he's working as vice president/head of sales at a Proptech company called Dealpath.

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## Mission and Creed

**Our Creed:**  
"The True Gentleman"

### Our Mission:

The mission of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is to promote the highest standards of friendship, scholarship and service for our members based upon the ideals set forth by our Founders and as specifically enunciated in "The True Gentleman."



## SAE National Award

### Steve Saltzman '85 Selected as an SAE Outstanding Chapter Advisor



Brother **Steve Saltzman '85** has been selected by SAE's National Office as one of SAE's Outstanding Chapter Advisors for demonstrating peer leadership and excelling in serving as a role model and mentor. It is a well-deserved award and understates the contribution and commitment we have benefited by Steve's hard work. Congratulations Steve and we sincerely thank you for your decades of service to Penn Theta!

# REMEMBERING TRADITIONS

## Five traditions that made coming back to campus feel like coming home

If there's one thing we're certain about in 2020, it's that everything is uncertain.

New announcements about fall at Penn are coming out every day, and it seems like many of our favorite campus activities are being postponed, moved online, or even cancelled altogether. That means that current Quakers may miss out on many of the things we loved about our Penn experience. But in the midst of these unfortunate cancellations, we suggest looking back on better days. In remembering our traditions, we reassure ourselves that someday they will return, for us and future generations of Quakers to enjoy.

We'd like to remind you of five traditions that made coming back to campus feel like coming home.

### Convocation

Freshmen are formally welcomed to Penn during the Convocation ceremony. The entire freshman class marches together, just as it does during Commencement. Speakers include the President, Provost, Penn Alumni President, Dean of Admissions, and Chaplain, and several student groups perform musical selections. Many freshmen remember Convocation fondly as a tradition shared with their class, a "bookend" for their Penn experience that mirrors Commencement, and the first of many events with free food.

### Hey Day

In 1916, Hey Day was established as a "Moving-Up" celebration to mark the advancement of each class. In recent decades,



Hey Day has represented the official passage of the junior class to senior status and is characterized by thousands of marching students parading around campus and wearing red T-shirts, carrying canes, and biting into fake straw hats.

### The House Cup

The College House Cup is an intramural sports competition between all of the College Houses. Kicking off with Penn Traditions Quizzo during NSO, the competition runs through the entire school year culminating with a celebration and the awarding of the College House Cup to the winning House at the end of the spring semester.

### Spring Fling

Since the '70s, Spring Fling has been the ultimate student festival at Penn. Beginning in 1972, with an attendance between ten and fifteen thousand, students descend onto the Quad, Hill Square, College Green, and Penn (formerly Wynn) Commons to dance, eat, party, and enjoy a day full of surprises. Each

Spring Fling consists of a carnival with games and events, a concert hosting high-profile bands, and the Quad concerts, which showcase some of the hottest local bands and performers.

### Toast

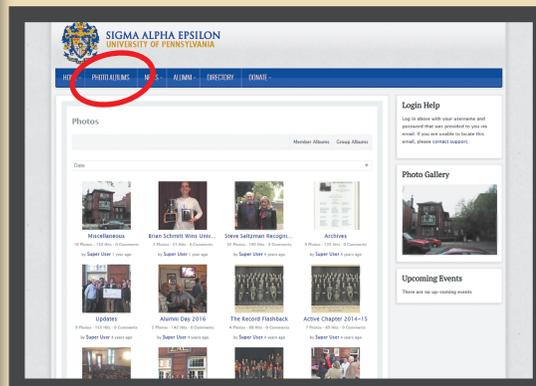
Penn fans throw toast onto Franklin Field after the third quarter of every home football game. The toast-throwing tradition was in response to the line "Here's a toast to dear old Penn" in the school song "Drink a Highball". The act of throwing toast was adopted after alcohol was banned from the stadium in the 1970s. In a good season, 20,000 to 30,000 pieces of toast are thrown per game!

## ALUMNI UPDATES

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**Tom Robinson '72** just retired after a 48-year career in advertising and public relations with some of the better agencies in the country, and is most recently client-side at the Medical University of South Carolina. He says that if it wasn't for COVID-19, he'd be starting his second year as a substitute teacher in Title I schools, working with ESE kids (Down Syndrome, intellectually impaired, behaviorally problematic, blind/deaf, etc.) He's on the public policy council of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and a volunteer Guardian ad Litem, a "Court Appointed Special Advocate," representing kids in the foster care system and also serving on the board of Florida's GAL Foundation.

## SAE PHOTOS ONLINE



Did you know that we have chapter photos at [saepath.org](http://saepath.org)? With albums ranging from early in the charter to recent alumni reunions, you can take a trip back to your time at Penn. If you have some photo memories you'd like to share, we'd love to add them!

## MOST VALUE

### This is what SAE meant to me

#### Brothers share their most valuable SAE experiences

We asked alumni to weigh in about their time at SAE. What meant the most? What did they take with them? These brothers agree—it's a place to call home, and brotherhood for life.

"Brotherhood/friendships that I carry with me to this very day. Still super tight with a half dozen guys and I communicate with another dozen beyond that."

–Enrique Abeyta '95

"Having a house to come home to."

–Mike Schaedle '89

"Building brotherhood and making friends for life."

–Chris Pham '10

"Interchange with other chapters and their brothers—helped while in undergrad and for many years."

–James Tito '59

"The friendship with my three brothers—I was the best man at Wally's wedding and John was my Best Man. Dan is a very good friend to all of us."

–Guy Antonioli '75

"The fraternity gave me an oasis—a manageable, comfortable group of friends and a sense of belonging in the vastness of a large university and a major city."

–Tom Robinson '72

"Brotherhood and community... I still meet SAE alums today from other schools and have an immediate bond and common interest."

–Dan Povia '80

We want to hear from you! What did SAE mean to you? Tell us at [www.saepath.org](http://www.saepath.org) or email us at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

## SAE'S FAVORITE PHILADELPHIA HAUNTS

Where was your favorite place in Philadelphia, and why was it so special to you?



Taking the Russell P. Heuer trail to walk from Smoke's to the house, and hitting the lamp post along the way.



Koch's Deli and Bui's – the ultimate hangover cures.



The walk from just over the bridge down to Franklin Field in the fall.



Collectively, there were so many great restaurants, from the former white-table cloth Deux Chiminees for fancy dinner to Pat's cheesesteaks in the middle of the night.



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## *In this Issue...*

*Remembering favorite Philadelphia haunts,  
latest alumni news, and more*



### Help us Find Missing Brothers

As Penn continues to issue announcements about fall semester in the face of COVID-19 our alumni association must make important decisions about the future of Penn Theta. We need our alumni to remain informed and involved.

For this reason, communication with our brothers is critically important, even more than ever before.

We're missing contact information for members of Penn Theta. You can help our brotherhood stay strong and connected through these troubled times by providing missing contact information.

With your help, we can ensure that Penn Theta will emerge from this crisis and endure for generations to come. ***Together, as brothers we will overcome.***

Check out our list of lost brothers on the homepage at [saepath.org](http://saepath.org), and if you can provide any missing contact information, email our alumni communications partner at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

## HONOR ROLL



# SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

Our giving year started on September 1, and fifteen brothers have already voted to support our chapter of True Gentlemen. Join them in helping us reach \$25,000 this year—money that will help Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Penn keep going strong.

*Thank you!*

### **Penn Theta Legacy Society (\$500 - \$999.99)**

William Winder 1956

### **Phi Alpha Club (\$250 - \$390.79)**

Lloyd Swaim 1958

Ronald Bond 1959

David Cotterman 1999

### **Royal Purple & Old Gold Society (\$150 - \$249.99)**

John Meier 1959

John Vander Wiele 1963

Frank Fehrenbach 1995

Thomas Murtaugh 1995

### **Minerva's Circle (\$100 - \$149.99)**

Robert Langlois 1968

Richard Barrios 1980

Jeffrey Karp 1988

Paul Schuster 1989

### **Penn Theta Supporter (\$50 - \$99.99)**

Philip Repetto 1952

Charles Tornetta 1953

Daniel Povia 1980