



Phi Sigma Epsilon Delta Alumni Association

Reunion Edition



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PSE Student Award Application Time is Here Again

Well, we made it! This year marks the 25th anniversary of the inception of the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. Student Awards program (1991-2015). It started out as the precept for implementing a positive direction of action after the loss of the PSE Chapter and House in the late '80's. Although it seems to be whittling down in numbers, it is still viable as denoted in our PSE Mission Statement, and could be for as long as we have EIU students meeting the requirements of the application process.

With the issuance of this Spring 2015 PSE Newsletter, the window of time to apply or reapply for the financial Student Award money is hereby opened to those eligible. See more details at the end of this Newsletter, as well as a printable form for application of your EIU son or daughter. The deadline for this application is July 15, 2015

Bullet Highlights for a Successful Reunion

--Arrival and check-in at the U-Hotel on Friday, June 12, 2015. PSE Hospitality Room open.

--Friday night - Roc's upstairs (Top of the Roc) - 6 PM until ? - No registration for Roc's - Just show up!

--Saturday morning - June 13, 2015 - PSE Golf - 9 AM Tee Time - Cost \$35 per person.

-Register with Charlie Henry using printable entry form at the end of this newsletter.

--Saturday morning - June 13, 2015 - Women's Program - Winery Tour - No cost to PSE Ladies - Register with Dave Carrell at: davewcarrell@gmail.com to be a part of this group. More details inside Newsletter.

-10:30 AM - Brunch in Brickhouse Bar area for Winery Tour Ladies.

-11 AM - Luxury Bus leaves with Winery Tour Ladies group to Cameo Winery in Greenup, IL.

-3 PM - Luxury Bus returns to U-Hotel with Winery Tour group from Cameo Winery.

--Saturday evening - Reunion Banquet at U-Hotel - Free to all registered PSE members/spouse or significant others.

Register/email your attendance on the Banquet registration form (printable) at the end of this Newsletter or from the earlier hard-copy PSE Newsletter you received.

-5:30 PM - Cash Bar set-up in the Banquet Room.

-6 PM - Buffet Dinner in the Banquet Rooms followed by the evening program.

-PSE Hospitality Room open following program.

--Sunday morning - June 14, 2015 - PSE Hospitality Room open - check-out and departure for home after a great weekend at the PSE Reunion.

Expanded details are enclosed in this Newsletter as you continue to read on. Have a great time!!

MISSION STATEMENTS

EIU - Phi Sigma Epsilon Delta Alumni Association

- ** To foster fellowship and interaction among alumni
- ** To provide for the management of assets for the well-being of the alumni association
- ** To implement a scholarship (Student Award) program for children of alumni attending EIU
- ** To develop and implement an orderly distribution of remaining funds that either serve to increase alumni interaction or to support community programs

Amongst the consideration of community projects that will interject the proud name of the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. honoring the PSE Delta Chapter in Charleston, IL or at EIU, is the following listing of potential expenditures. The listing includes:

Morton Park Tree or Remembrance Bench
Homecoming Ad (s) - EIU newspaper or Charleston newspaper
Wounded Warrior Project
Charleston Food Pantry
EIU Gift Contribution
Fraternity All Sports Trophy
Thomas A. Grud Scholarship
Vietnam Veterans

Some of the PSE Alumni Assn. expenditures that were considered and adopted, include the usage of funds to provide both the Reunion Banquet meals to all attendees and the Women's Winery Tour bus excursion to Greenup, IL. Several other potential expenditures are also being considered for the near future, but we will address those disclosures at a more opportune time.

June 12-14, 2015: Updated Reunion Information

At the end of January 2015, the PSE Alumni Assn. mailed out a hard-copy of a supplemental PSE Newsletter. It was mailed first-class to approximately 560 PSE alumni that we have addresses for in our database. Our intent was to reach every Phi Sig that we could, to inform them of the plans for the Reunion, exclusive of the online edition. Because only about 30% of our alumni membership is currently registered to utilize all of the alumni information contained within the PSE website, they would be the only PSE members that would receive an email notification of the newest Newsletter. Now everybody should be aware of our plans to host a Reunion weekend, that includes a free Banquet dinner to every person in registered attendance. Of course, as has been reiterated here numerous times, any PSE alumni can read the Newsletter online by accessing the website at: www.phisigdelta.com, hit the Newsletter icon, and the most current issue will pop up. The Phi Sig Newsletter typically comes out online in May and November.

From the 560 Newsletters that were sent out, we received 42 Unable to Forward-Addressee Unknown returned Newsletters, 8 Change of Addresses (not forwarded) and 1 Deceased notification from the US Postal Service. That means that about 90% of the PSE Newsletters were delivered to an address-now whether they were read or not, who knows. I do know though, that I have received some registrations from Phi Sigs that aren't registered online, so the mailing achieved its purpose.

As of this writing, I have received only 20 registrations using the

form from the recent hard-copy PSE Newsletter, 10 of which were for couples. I have received quite a few emails detailing others who plan to attend. However, I have not heard from many of you who have reserved rooms at the U-Hotel. At this time, the rooms are rapidly being occupied for that Reunion weekend and the 50-room block is probably nearly filled. I was assured by hotel management that we could have another 10-12 rooms available to our group. If you call requesting a room, you still must designate your PSE Alumni Assn. affiliation and ask that the overflow rooms be opened up for your reservation. The rates will be the same as noted in the PSE supplemental Newsletter you received in late January. **For all of you who reserved a room, but did not send me a registration or email, I need to hear from you with information about who will be in attendance.** I don't know if the room is for a single person or a couple and I must know that to accurately secure the number of meals that we are paying for. The last thing I want to happen is that we have to pay for 125 guaranteed meals and have only 100 or less individuals in attendance. At this time I have a list of 108 people, who have either registered with me, sent me an email or secured a room at the U-Hotel. The registration form also helps me to keep your address, phone and email information up-to-date in our secure database.

Since the room situation seems rather tenable at this time and being the pessimistic optimist that I am, I should provide for your availability some further choices for your overnight

accommodations, if Reunion Central fills up. The following local motels listed here are available if needed or by your choice:

Days Inn - Charleston - several blocks from U-Hotel - (217) 345-7689

Baymont Inn & Suites - Mattoon - (217) 234-2355

Comfort Suites - Mattoon - (217) 235-6745

Hampton Inn - Mattoon - (217) 234-4267

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites - Mattoon - (217) 235-2060

Super 8 Motel - Mattoon - (217) 235-8888

As stated previously, **“All attendees (including member, spouse or significant other) to the 85th Annual Reunion in Charleston, IL, on June 12-14, 2015, will be dining free**

(compliments of the PSE Alumni Assn.). Also, for the first time, there will be an organized Women’s program, and all the costs associated with that will be picked up by the PSE Alumni Assn. More information on that as you read on”.

At the March 21st PSE Board meeting, most of the remaining details of the Reunion weekend were discussed and set in place. The details, especially for all the Saturday activities, were finalized and the information is provided in the following information layouts for both Friday and Saturday. Since much of this information from the earlier hard-copy Newsletter is still correct, I am not going to re-invent the wheel, so to speak. I will pretty much use the same text that was in that Newsletter and interject new information that you need to be aware of within that text. For those of you still in possession of your Newsletter or reading the Newsletter online, it will look familiar. As Yogi Berra used to say, “It’s like déjà vu, all over again”.

Friday evening - June 12th

Our weekend of fun begins with a Friday evening gathering of reminiscing at Roc’s Bar (or Roc’s Blackfront, as our older Brothers may know it). We have secured for our group only, the upstairs portion of Roc’s (called Top of the Roc) from 6 PM until the last person leaves, or 1 AM, whichever comes first. You probably remember walking up those stairs to “wet your whistle” or watch any of a number of bands that played up there, especially at 4 PM on Friday afternoons, affectionately dubbed Four O’Clock Club. Well, there is still no elevator accessing Top of the Roc. However, the journey upstairs will just wet your appetite for the revelry that will ensue, upon stepping back in time. We will have our own bar and bartender, but there will be no appetizers or food available upstairs to go with the adult beverages. You can, however, partake of the restaurant in downstairs Roc’s anytime

that it is open or any of the local food patrons before, during or after our Phi Sig gathering (Pagliai’s Pizza comes to mind). You will not be allowed to bring outside purchased food into the premises (sorry, but even McDonald’s doesn’t allow that). But, you can bring all your memories with you, along with oft-told stories, pictures from our days in school and the House(s) and any memorabilia that you would like to share and/or show off from our Phi Sig days. The PSE Alumni Assn. will also have a hospitality suite available to us at the U-Hotel (as we have had in the past) and we will set up some memorabilia within to bring back the memories. That suite will be open Friday, before the evening activities begin and most of the day on Saturday, whilst those involved in golf, the women’s program or other local activities, are away.

Saturday morning - June 13th

Once we get past the Friday night soiree at Roc’s, the multitude of Saturday activities will engulf everybody with choices to be made. As previously noted, there will be a traditional Phi Sig Golf outing associated with this PSE Reunion. **This year’s Reunion golf outing will take the place of the yearly Phi Sig golf outing that has traditionally been held in the late May-early June time period and hosted by Tom Swanson and Gene Everett in past years. The PSE Golf outing will resume again next year, date and location to be determined later.** The Reunion Golf outing will take place at the Meadowview Golf Course, just west of the Coles County Airport and south of Mattoon. At 9 AM, there will be a “Modified Shotgun” start for the anticipated 40+ Brothers participating, if past numbers are any indication. At the end of this article, there is

a printable form that you can download and mail off to Charlie Henry, our resident golf pro, who is in charge of all the golf activities for this Reunion. As you can discern from the form, **the cost of playing 18 holes, with ½ cart, is \$35 per player**, and there is a lot more information on the form you need to read, to insure a great time together with the Brothers of yesteryear. With the receipt of this online Newsletter and the attendant entry form, it is now your time to make your golf arrangements with Charlie for Reunion weekend. Since the initial hard-copy PSE Newsletter came out in late January, he has fielded many questions (dare I say bombarded) about the golf outing, so we anticipate a good response.

As stated in the recent PSE Newsletter, we have also put together a first-ever Women's program (maybe event or outing is a better description). It will also take place on Saturday morning/early afternoon, while the guys are out golfing. Dave Carrell has graciously stepped up to the plate and taken on the organization of the Women's program. From an email sent by Dave to the PSE Board, I will let his details highlight the program experience, slightly paraphrased on my part for clarification: "We are pleased to announce a Reunion activity specifically designed for spouses and significant-others of PSE Alumni. On Saturday, June 13th, a Brunch will be provided at 10:30 AM for all interested ladies participating in the Women's program. The Brunch will consist of a Chicken Salad Croissant sandwich (with lettuce & tomato), fresh fruit, homemade potato chips and iced tea, coffee or water. This will take place in the Brickhouse Bar seating area or the adjacent outside patio seating area. At 11 AM, a luxury party-style bus will arrive and transport the group of ladies to the Cameo Winery in Greenup, IL, about 18 miles south of Charleston. Soon after their arrival, Cameo will conduct a tour of their Winery, including a wine tasting. Each lady will receive a souvenir wine glass. Following the wine tour, time permitting, the bus will stop in downtown Greenup, which is known for its second-story porches. The downtown has a number of interesting shops, including antiques and collectibles, a Victorian store and several historical information buildings, highlighting a rich, past history. The bus will arrive back at the U-

Hotel at 3 PM.

The Reunion Committee has agreed to pick up the cost for this entire excursion. That includes the Brunch, luxury bus transportation, the wine tour and tasting, and all gratuities. We have reserved a luxury bus that will accommodate up to 26 riders. As of this writing we have commitments from 17 ladies to participate in this excursion. We are extending the reservation pool until May 8th for you to decide on attending. If we exceed the above-noted bus rider total, we may have the option of reserving a larger luxury bus. PSE ladies, please RSVP to Dave Carrell at: davewcarrell@gmail.com on or before May 8th if you would like to be part of this Women's program. For more information about the Cameo Winery, please go to their website at: cameo@cameowine.com. Any additional wine tastings you would like to experience beyond the Winery Set-up are on your own dime.

For those ladies not participating in the Wine excursion, there are no planned activities. During the past Reunions though, different groups of ladies went shopping at the Tanger Outlet Mall complex (about 25 miles north of Charleston, in Tuscola, IL), took a self-guided tour of the EIU campus or Union Bookstore (get your EIU clothing/memorabilia there) or just hung out at the hotel or it's pool, with or without their PSE hubby.

Message from PSE Board President Jim Luthe

I encourage you to come to the 85th Reunion of PSE Delta Chapter, courtesy of the Alumni Assn. A good time of brotherhood and memories is guaranteed or your money back.

But - come prepared to add some new blood to the organization, or at least to the Board of Directors.

Also - come prepared to form a reunion planning committee if you want another one.

Saturday evening - June 13th

With all the morning/afternoon activities completed, Saturday evening beckons all of our attendees to the culmination of the day. And what could be more inviting than a cash bar before the evening meal. The recent PSE Newsletter (hard-copy) stated that there would be a one-hour cash bar, from 5:30-6:30 PM. That was an error on my part-Sorry! In checking back on previous Reunions, we found that we had only allowed a half-hour for the cash bar before the start of the dinner and other evening activities. The cash bar will be open from 5:30-6 PM, at which time the dinner activities will ensue. The bar will remain open during the dinner though, so you can still partake of it's refreshments with dinner, if you so choose. This should give us a chance to mellow out from

the day's activities, whatever they were. Since all of our tables will be already set up, there will probably be normal groupings and visiting going on at the selected tables. Of course, there will be groups of Brothers who will try to figure out the seating arrangements that will be most advantageous to hitting the buffet lines first. As stated before, it hardly ever works, but it sure is fun to watch.

With the half-hour cash bar over at 6 PM, it is time to begin the next part of the evening. As in the past, we will have the set-up for a very nice buffet-style dinner. At the 3/21/15 PSE Board

meeting, the quality selections were all chosen from the extensive dinner buffet packages available. Although we are not listing the selections in this Newsletter, they are, suffice to say, better than the bologna sandwich fare and soda/beer that got many of us through school. And, as mentioned earlier in this Newsletter, the PSE Alumni Assn. has decided to give back something to all those Brothers from over the years who have given much to the fraternity, each in their own way. **What we have chosen to do is provide a FREE evening Banquet meal to all Brothers and spouses/significant others who are in attendance, whether for the whole weekend of activities or the Banquet meal only. You will have to be registered ahead of time, so that we can properly account for the number of meals we are charged for. The registration can be done from the printable form within this Spring online Newsletter or from the form in the earlier hard-copy Newsletter.** Obviously, you won't have to worry about sending any meal money in ahead of time, and unless you are participating in the golf outing, the weekend won't cost you anymore than your personal entertainment and hotel rooms. And don't forget, if you are staying at the U-Hotel, you qualify for the daily hot breakfast, consisting of your choices of ham/scrambled eggs, biscuits/gravy, DIY waffles, English muffins, homemade cinnamon rolls, oatmeal packets, fruit, yogurt, coffee, tea & juices.

Following the meal, the PSE Alumni Assn. has put together an evening program, that we think will elicit from you, many memories of your days at EIU, and more specifically, your days as a Phi Sig at EIU. The first part of the program will feature a speaker from each decade of our existence on campus, with a short synopsis of what was happening within PSE and/or EIU then. Since I don't think we will have anybody from the 1930's or 1940's at the Reunion, we'll do a little historical perspective

Twenty-Fifth Annual Student Awards

As you may well know by now, the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. has embarked on an annual Student Awards program to financially assist identified children of former Phi Sigs (P.S.E., that is), Delta Chapter at Eastern Illinois University. The PSE Alumni Assn. has been able to award grants totaling over \$51,000 during the past 24 years. We have reached a milestone this year, it being our 25th year for the continuing implementation of this financial endeavor. From the larger recipient classes early on in the Student Awards program, we have frittered down to an average of one to two students over the past few years. Still, we would like to maintain the program, even if it is only one student. The first PSE Student Awards class consisted of eight students and at one time, we were as high as

for that time period. The second part of the program will be a follow-up on the hugely successful photo collage that we had at the PSE Reunion in Charleston, IL in 2010. New technology within the U-Hotel will allow us to project an assemblage of old pictures gathered by Jeff "Friskie" Estes from a continuous loop feed projector into a new 70-inch HDTV mounted on the wall in-between the first and second banquet rooms. It was great fun five years ago, to see everyone sitting around, looking to recognize themselves, a friend or a situation from some 30-50 years ago. The laughter was almost contagious, whenever a particularly funny picture would pop up, detailing an image that many of us had as a memory from all those years ago. Jeff has agreed to help us out with this year's compilation of pictures too, but he needs to get some from you guys out there. His contact information is:

Jeff Estes

1120 McKenzie Road

Lake Helen, FL 32744

(386) 561-920

Email - JeffEstes@SimplyHomeProducts.com

With the conclusion of the planned Reunion activities, the onset of the informal hotel room/hospitality room get-togethers will probably be the order of the evening. If the weather is cooperating, there will probably be many small groups standing around and living in their own past. The PSE Hospitality suite will be open for all to enjoy. The Fall 2015 PSE Newsletter will highlight, in pictures and words, all the fun that was had at the 2015 Phi Sig Reunion weekend in Charleston, IL.

ten students. With the completion of the 25th anniversary year of this program this summer, there will be an expanded article in the Fall 2015 PSE Newsletter detailing the 25-year history of the Student Awards. Because of the Student Awards program, it follows that this is also the 25th anniversary of the introduction and continuation of the Phi Sigma Epsilon Delta Alumni Association Newsletter. (See the picture of the front page of the first Newsletter within this article.) It is necessary to maintain the periodic integrity of this twice-a-year PSE Newsletter, so that we can reach out to the Phi Sig Dads of these children we assist, as well as the entire PSE Alumni database. Without that, the Student Awards program implodes and the Newsletter is reduced to becoming a sparsely written and mailed highlight

compendium. To be sure, there were Newsletters written and mailed before 1991, but they were irregular and highlighted an event, such as Homecoming or Greek Week. We hope that the current format can continue on for many more years.

With the online receipt of this Newsletter, eligibility is open to you to submit to the PSE Alumni Assn., the names of children who will be attending EIU in Fall 2015 or those already in school as full-time undergraduates.

The cutoff date for submission of the Student Award Information questionnaire form in this Newsletter is July 15, 2015. Upon receipt and verification of children attending or about to attend EIU, notification will be forwarded to you regarding the Student Award. These awards will be presented on Sunday, August 23, 2015, in Charleston. Only one monetary award will be granted per family per year. This monetary grant is free of all payback and has no provisions as to how it must be used. Additionally, it is restricted by age to those 25 or younger and the PSE Board also reserves the right to make discretionary exceptions to the above-noted guidelines on a case-by-case basis.

Further inquiry may be addressed to the attention of the PSE Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Charleston, IL 61920, or you may email me at the email address noted on the front of the Newsletter, between the crests.



Brothers Eternal

The Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association is once again saddened to report to you the death of a number of Brothers of the Heart from over the years. Let us however, take solace in the fact that we are better for having known them.

Gregg A. Breningmeyer
Gary J. Wintjen
William H. Reineke

E. Gayden Brandt
Bill D. Snedeker
Hershel L. Wagner

Registration for PSE Reunion Banquet

I/we will attend the PSE reunion Banquet on June 13, 2015 at the U-Hotel in Charleston, IL.

Name: _____ PSE- Year(s): _____

Spouse/Signif. Other: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail or email this information to:

PSE Alumni Assn.

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85th ANNIVERSARY GOLF SCRAMBLE

Delta Chapter---Phi Sigma Epsilon

WHEN: SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2015.....9:00 "Modified Shotgun" Start

WHERE: MEADOWVIEW GOLF COURSE ... just west of Coles County Airport. Maps at hotel and at Friday's party and at the website:
<http://www.meadowviewgolf.com/index.htm>
6489 Meadowview Lane / Mattoon, IL 61938
217-258-7888

FORMAT: 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE—Enter a pledge class team foursome, enter with another Phi Sig buddy, or enter as a single.

COST: \$35/ Player.....Includes Golf, ½ Cart, Door Prizes, On-Course Prizes & Team Prizes—INCLUDING BEST PLEDGE CLASS FINISH.

Scoreboard posting and "cheap talk" will be done back at the Hotel in the hospitality suite—with beverages. Prizes will be awarded at the banquet.

Entry Deadline: Monday June 1st. Earlier registrations preferred.

Send Entry Checks (Payable to Charlie Henry) & Registration Form to:

Charlie Henry / 6599 Sylvia Beach Rd. / Caseville, MI 48725.

85th Anniversary PSE Golf Outing

Phi Sig No. 1 : _____ Pledge Class (Year & Quarter) : _____
Current Hometown: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Phi Sig No. 2 : _____ Pledge Class (Year & Quarter) : _____
Current Hometown: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Phi Sig No. 3 : _____ Pledge Class (Year & Quarter) : _____
Current Hometown: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Phi Sig No. 4 : _____ Pledge Class (Year & Quarter) : _____
Current Hometown: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Yes, I will bring along a _____ as a door prize.

STUDENT AWARDS INFORMATION

Alumnus Name _____

Info.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ Email _____

EIU Graduation _____ Years Attended EIU – 19__ to 19__

Pledge Class Year _____ Active Member – 19__ to 19__

Student Name _____

Info.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ EIU I.D. Number _____

Projected EIU Start Date (Semester) _____

Projected EIU Graduation _____