

UPCOMING EVENTS

Penn Alumni Weekend
May 16, 2014

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Your Centennial Capital Campaign support will allow us to:

- Upgrade electrical and safety systems
- Renovate upstairs bedrooms
- Redo "beach" roof and gutters to prevent future leaks
- Restore front door and entrance
- Replace basement flooring
- Repair house manager closet
- Repair brick retention wall and re-point bricks as needed
- Repair radiator covers (wood + grill), and purchase new dining room tables, benches and curtains for dining room
- Restore all composite photos and frames
- Renovate all bathrooms
- Replace mattresses and worn down furniture
- Improve laundry room and increase laundry capacity
- Replace carpet on stairs, and in hallways and coat room
- Purchase new pool table and bar furniture
- Make repairs to the bar

IN MEMORY

Phi Phi Club mourns the passing of the following brothers:

- *Bob Derby '38
- *Hank Inman '54 (11/20/12)
- *Bill Crosson

*Find obituaries at
www.phiphiclub.com.



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CAMPAIGN REPORT

Giving It Our All

Calling on Alumni Brothers to Join Together and Raise \$500,000 to Preserve the Phi Phi House for the Next Century

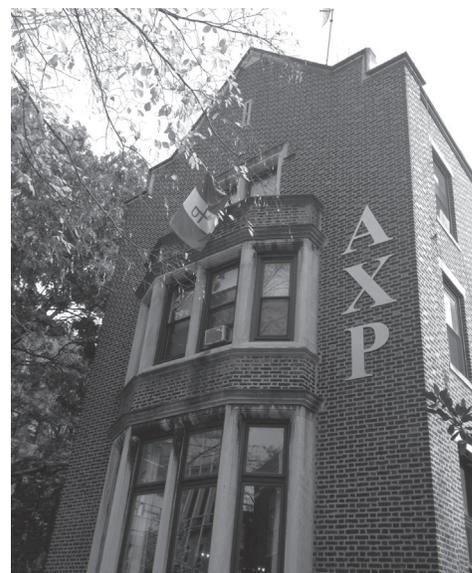
In 2017, our Chapter House will turn 100 years old. This century-old facility has served as the cornerstone for the AXP traditions we've all shared, and for the unique experiences we've all enjoyed.

The house gave us all so much during our undergraduate days, and continues to do so in our alumni years. It is a place where friendships were forged and where lifelong memories were made. It is where we developed valuable life skills as we grew into men. It is our forever home at Penn.

Longtime loyal donor **Peter Sigmund '51** recently said, "We were fortunate to share brotherhood in the Phi Phi house and we continue this lifetime commitment by restoring this structure to the excellence befitting AXP's landmarks and ideals. Honoring the house by contributing to the Centennial Capital Campaign honors the intrinsic worth of what we have all experienced there—all the neat things the House and its brothers gave us."

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- Peter Sigmund '51**

You should have recently received a request in the mail outlining our need for support through our Centennial Capital Campaign efforts. (If you did not, download a copy at www.phiphiclub.com). As an alumnus, you hold the key to preserving our house for our centennial and for its next 100 years. You are being called upon to help us raise the \$500,000 needed to fund an extensive set of projects, partially described to the left. A modern renovation will complement our prime campus location and improve our recruitment efforts.



The Phi Phi house is counting on us to help it continue to stand at Penn for the next 100 years.

Additionally, and more critically, major infrastructure improvements will protect the health and safety of our undergraduate brothers and their guests, ensuring that the facility will withstand well into the future.

"We get out of it what we put into it," brothers used to say. Don't we owe it to the house – and to our chapter – to give it our all?

"This is an opportunity of putting more in than we did as undergraduates," Pete said. "Not many of us had much dough back then, and our commitment, in word and deed, should be greater now than when we were starting out."

It is up to us to ensure AXP continues to thrive at Penn in our next 100 years. This is your opportunity to make a direct impact on our future. Do your part as we commit to giving this our all. Please make a pledge or contribution to our Centennial Capital Campaign. Learn more at www.phiphiclub.com.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

A Breakdown of Our Fundraising Drives

Alumni Giving is Critical to a Modernized, Competitive House, a Thriving Alumni Relations Program and a Scholastically Strong Active Chapter

In addition to the Centennial Capital Campaign, which is a one-time fundraising effort to renovate, modernize and preserve our chapter house as outlined on page 1, there are several other opportunities to give back to Phi Phi on a yearly basis:

Annual Fund Allows for a Robust Alumni Experience

The annual fund, which runs from September 1 through August 31 each year, is what

enables us to operate Phi Phi Club on a yearly basis. It funds the paper, printing and postage necessary to distribute the *Phi Phi Review* and other publications, maintenance of our alumni web site, and hosting of alumni events, like Homecoming weekend. Additionally, the annual fund in part allows us to keep up with the normal wear-and-tear of the house, greatly extending the time between necessary major fundraising efforts for larger renovation projects like the current Centennial Capital Campaign.

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Last year, our annual fund saw an 18% increase over 2011-12. Every gift makes a big difference, and we rely on participation from a large percentage of our alumni to continue our alumni program year after year.

Find a full list of annual fund donors, and make your contribution, at www.phiphiclub.com.

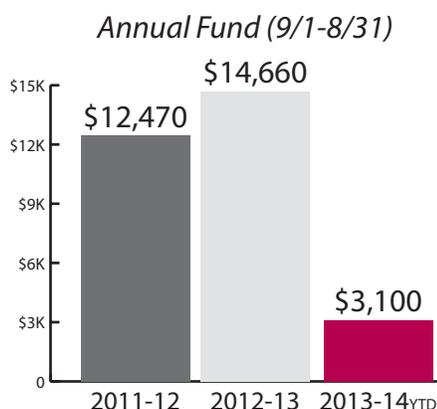
Rappaport Scholarship Supports Actives' Commitment to Academics and Service to the Chapter

The Rappaport Scholarship is awarded annually and is primarily funded by a generous endowment from a Phi Phi alumnus, **Jim Rappaport '77**, as well as very important supplemental alumni donations. The scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate brother in good standing who shows a commitment to academics, service to the chapter, and demonstrated financial need.

Contributions to the scholarship are routed through and managed by the Alpha Chi Rho Education Foundation and are tax deductible.

To donate to the Phi Phi Fund for the Rappaport Scholarship:

1. Go to www.alphachirho.org.
2. Click on Give Back at the top of the page
3. Scroll to find “AXPEF - Phi Phi Fund” and click “Donate Online”
4. Follow the prompts to make your gift.



ALUMNI Q&A

Easing the Financial Strains of Being an Undergraduate

Will Doyle '12 Shares How He Twice Benefitted from His Receipt of the Rappaport Scholarship

Will Doyle '12 is a lucky Phi Phi brother who benefitted from the Rappaport Scholarship not once but twice! He was awarded the scholarship as a junior in the fall of 2010, then again as a senior the following year. The scholarship afforded him some financial stability as he pursued his studies in Finance, Operations and Information Management, and Healthcare Management and Policy. We thank Will for sharing with us how the scholarship further impacted his college experience.

In what ways has the AXP experience shaped you into the man you are today?

While I was privileged enough to be trusted to lead the undergraduate chapter as its president, there were so many brothers who were able to also lead me and teach me valuable life lessons throughout my time at Penn.

How does it make you feel to be awarded a scholarship from within your own fraternity chapter?

It makes me feel proud and supported. It's great to have the alumni involvement not only in helping out the undergraduate chapter as a whole, but on an individual level as well.

Why would you encourage alumni to support Phi Phi's fundraising efforts, specifically to ensure that this scholarship continues to be awarded to worthy brothers?

I would encourage it because all other scholarships have the chance of being awarded to students outside of our chapter. This isn't to say that brothers from other chapters are not deserving, but the Rappaport Scholarship is strictly for Phi Phi brothers. I know plenty of Phi Phi undergraduates who have struggled financially and the scholarship is very helpful

to ease financial concerns, and to award hard work in the areas mentioned above.

In what ways have you remained involved with AXP since you graduated?

While I sadly could not make it to Homecoming this year, I was in attendance last year and I remain committed to giving my ideas and thoughts to the Graduate Executive board when my feedback is solicited. In addition, I am now a member of the scholarship committee, which is in charge of determining the recipient(s) of the award annually. I meet up regularly with AXP alumni in the NYC area. I also have made a five-year pledge to the Phi Phi Centennial campaign and encourage every brother reading this to do the same!

Reconnect with Will at wdoyle@alumni.upenn.edu.

CHAPTER REPORT

Phi Phi Boasts Highest GPA among AXP Chapters

Brothers Participate in Bi-Weekly Study Hours and Host Blood Drive

We are proud to report that Phi Phi has earned the highest GPA among all active AXP chapters nationwide this year. Collectively, our chapter earned a 3.292 average. This honor is thanks, in part, to bi-weekly study hours we conduct during the Postulant process to ensure our new members have an appropriate amount of time to get their work done and receive mentorship from the older brothers.

Philanthropically, Chaplain Emanuel Hermosillo led Phi Phi Chapter to conduct a blood drive through the American Red Cross on October 7. More than 20 brothers, including alumnus Stephon Martin,

participated either by volunteering or donating blood. Despite inclement weather, we were able to procure 14 pints of blood, exceeding our goal. This is the second blood drive that Phi Phi has hosted, and we hope it will be an annual event.

In early November, Phi Phi conducted a ritual workshop to acquaint younger brothers with the ritual process to help them develop a deeper understanding and respect for it. We also recently had a visit from our National Consultant Ryan Thomas. He came to check up on the status of our chapter and spent some time hanging out with brothers. It was

an honor to show him around Phi Phi!



A blood drive was held on the first floor of the chapter hall in October.

AT THE HOUSE

Celebrating a Century of Memories

As we prepare for the 100th birthday of our Chapter House in 2017, we thought that it would be fun to collect and feature the best stories and memories that occurred within those walls over the last century. Thank you to **Vincent Palusci MD '80** (vpalusci@gmail.com) for sharing this story and photo.

"In the spring of 1979 (over 34 years ago), the brothers decided to have a water fight on the roof. Hoses and buckets. Nothing dangerous, but it was a lot of fun to break the tension from midterms. Numerous engineers, Whartonites

*and Bandedes participated. The picture shows me on the roof (with access from the second floor bathroom), taken by **Jamie Dinan '81** and seen by many of the 1970-1980 Phi Phi Class. My wife has fond memories of the house, and my son stayed there although sadly never joined. Go Crows!"*

Share your best stories and pictures from your days at the house to add to our centennial collection! You can do so at www.phiphiclub.com.



AXP EVENTS

Donuts, Bloodys, Cigars, Memories and Traditions Mark 2013 Homecoming Celebration

By Wayne Levy '99

Alumni brothers who visited AXP along with their guests this Homecoming saw that the undergrads did an admirable job of cleaning the house, and that the Phi Phi Club still knows how to party. This year's Homecoming included a new breakfast treat, Federal Donuts, conveniently located on the ground floor right next to the award winning Bloody Mary bar. Everyone who wanted to see Penn take on Princeton picked up an official AXP bag of toast and headed to the game where we sat together, sang the old songs, and unfortunately watched as Penn failed to hold the Tigers off in the 4th quarter.

Our post game reception included more

favorites like the chicken parm, short ribs, and that spicy mac and cheese. With bellies full some sat on the couches under the moose and reminisced, others were reminded how to play beer games in the basement, and a few found the cigars on the back porch the perfect way to catch up. Just like old times, the stereo was on, the bar was open and everyone could wander the house to see the old composites, check out the rooms, and, of course, experience those one-of-a-kind AXP aromas. The crowd included recent grads talking about making the transition from work to school, old friends comparing pictures of their kids in Halloween costumes, and grads going back 50+ years

who still help keep our traditions alive.



Gil Beverly, Mike Alfano '93, Kofi McCleary '92, Bill Loller '93 and Brad Murray '92 at Homecoming 2013. Find more pictures at www.phiphiclub.com.

ALUMNI UPDATES

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(3012 Meredith Ln., Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462-7124; mmenglish@verizon.net) My wife Mary and I recently returned from Paris after attending the Festival Lumiere in Lyon with **Bob White '66** and his friend Zlata from Croatia. Bob had just returned from a trip to Jordan where he was able to utilize his years of experience with UNHCR and ACT (Action by Churches Together) to address the crisis of refugees pouring into Jordan from Syria.

Suresh Swaminathan '04

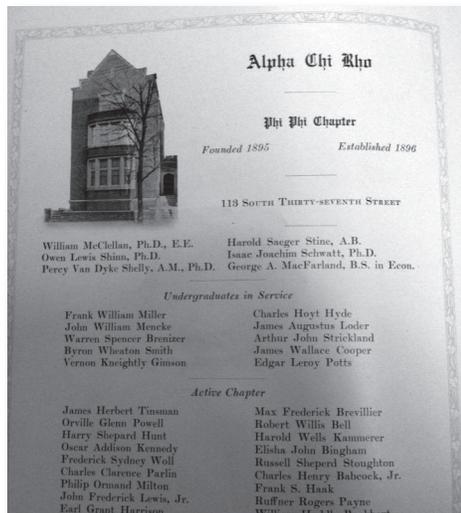
(541 S. 12th St., Apt. A, Philadelphia, PA 19147; sswaminathan@alumni.upenn.edu) I'd like to share the story of AXP invading Vancouver for the wedding of **Jay Shek '04** and Andrea Jang on August 17, 2013. The class of 2004 also headed to Puerto Rico in April for the wedding of **Benji Power** and his wife Lucia. Congratulations!



Phi Phi brothers invade Vancouver for the wedding of Jay Shek '04 and his wife Andrea.

JUST FOR FUN

A Mystery from Nearly a Century Ago



A piece of memorabilia found by **Andrew Karter '10** at the Penn Club of NY is creating quite a stir on Facebook. The item, a page from the 1918 Record yearbook, shows a picture of the current Phi Phi house but lists the address as 118 South 25th Street. This has sparked quite a discussion on Facebook as to why the address would be listed differently than what we know it to be: 219 South 36th Street.

Some of the conspiracy theories include:

Eduardo Briceno '98: Maybe the location was top secret and they used a stealth address, or maybe at some point they had some pledges carry the house from one place to another.

John Varholy '86: I for one blame the Philly Postal Service for the Ersatz street address. More particularly, the campaign of its 1918 postmaster, Clifford C. Clavin Sr., to clamp down on Brother Hubert G. Regshunn IV's fraudulent subscriptions to Country Gentlemen, Overland Monthly, Scribner's and the fabled Delineator magazines.

Tod Ginnis '86: I think it's pretty obvious how the house moved: friggin' Phi Kaps.

Read more theories and join the discussion at www.facebook.com/groups/PhiPhiClub.

Thank you to all brothers who came back to Phi Phi for donuts, bloody marys, cigars and memories this Homecoming. Read more on page 3!



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