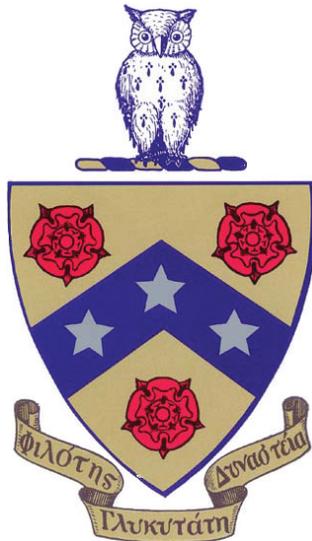


FRATERNITY OF  
PHI GAMMA DELTA  
*Upsilon Alpha Chapter*  
AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA



The 10<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual Hall of Fame  
& Pig Dinner

Friday, November 9, 2012  
The Chapter House



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# Welcome.....

## TO THE 10<sup>th</sup> BI-ANNUAL HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

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The tenth Bi-Annual Fiji Hall of Fame Awards program is presented by the Upsilon Alpha Chapter of the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta on Friday, November 9, 2012.

Conceived as a way of honoring Upsilon Alpha and Phi Gamma Delta graduates for outstanding achievements, this award has become an integral part of our tradition here at Upsilon Alpha.

Upsilon Alpha is a chapter with great pride and a tradition of excellence, and our many distinguished graduates have served to enhance these attributes throughout the years. Since its beginning, the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta has seen many brothers rise to positions of great prominence.

Inductees are among a select group of graduates. Recognition comes to those who have excelled in their career, service to their community, and to the Fraternity.

Each inductee will have his name placed on the **Harper Plaque** which is perpetually displayed in the Chapter House. They will also receive a personal plaque to take home. Congratulations to all who have earned this honor!

*This year's Hall of Fame Inductees are:*

**Richard F. "Dick" Nixon '59**

**Billy Cannon '64**

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# PROGRAM

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## Master of Ceremonies

Jeff Clark Patch '77

## Welcoming Remarks

Austin Thomas Lahr '14

## Moment of Silence for Ad Astra

George Hawke '41

Roy Albertson '52

Robert Nabours '57

Harvard Hill '58

Robert Coil '64

Lee Hanley '64

## President's Message

Mark Christopher Garvin '13

## Pig Dinner Ceremonies

*History of the Pig Dinner*

Austin Thomas Lahr '14

*Exiles Toast*

William J. Polson '59

## Introductions of Hall of Fame Inductees

Richard E. "Dick" Nixon '59

Billy Cannon '64

## Presentation of Gold Owl Awards

Vinson Joseph San Angelo '62

## Unveiling of Memorial

Brent Foote Moody '61

## Closing Remarks

Jeffrey Clark Patch '77

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## Richard “Dick” Nixon ’59

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Brother Nixon was born in Norwalk and raised in Stamford, Connecticut by wonderful parents (Bertha Avery Nixon and Bill Nixon). At an early age he got interested in Sports, encouraged by his father but mainly supported and mentored by his loving older brother, Art was an outstanding athlete who lettered in Football, Basketball and Baseball and in his Senior year was voted Stamford High School’s Outstanding Athlete. Dick remembers him fondly as a wonderful mentor and brother as well as an outstanding athlete. On December 3, 2012 Brother Nixon is receiving the State of Connecticut Outstanding Athletic Citizen award and is being inducted into the City of Stamford Athletic Hall of Fame.

Following high school graduation he briefly attended Blessed Sacrament Catholic Prep School in New Rochelle, New York on scholarship. He then enlisted in the United States Navy during the Korean War, completing basic training at the Naval Training Center in Newport, Rhode Island. Dick was then assigned to Dental Technician School at the Great Lakes Training Center in Illinois. There he was able to continue his joyful Baseball, playing for the Naval Training Center Team managed by Major League Baseball Hall of Famer, Mickey Cochran Catcher of the Detroit Tigers. The Great Lake Team played the local colleges (Northwestern, Notre Dame, the University of Illinois as well as Armed Services Teams. After graduating from Dental Tech X-Ray schooling, Dick was then stationed at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, California. He was assigned to Special Services where he continued playing Baseball for the Naval Training Center Base Team, winner of the prestigious 11th Naval District Armed Services Championship. These were exciting, learning times for a young teenager, because during the Korean War the Armed Service Team rosters were dotted with many Major League Baseball players and high-abled Minor League players including luminaries such as: Hall of Fame, Ed Mathews of the Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves; New York Yankee stalwart pitcher Tom Morgan; Del Crandall, catcher for the Milwaukee Braves who was stationed at Ford Ord, California; and Earl Wilson, Detroit/Boston pitcher who was stationed at the San Diego Marine Corps. Depot Marine Base. Brother Nixon had a challenging and wonderful sports life and growing experience for a then young teenage boy playing Service Ball against the best.

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Upon discharge from the Navy, Brother Nixon received College Baseball Scholarship offers from the University of Florida, Florida Southern, and the University of Southern California. However, he excitedly made an excellent choice to play Baseball at the University of Arizona in Tucson to play for Coach Frank Sancet, who in recent years has been recognized for his outstanding college teams by being enshrined in the College Coaches Hall of Fame.

Brother Nixon's entrance into the University of Arizona followed a different path than many of his beloved Fiji Fraternity Brothers who after college served in the Armed Forces. All of this was the precursor of Dick's great lifetime joy of being a proud member of Phi Gamma Delta, Upsilon Alpha. Brother Nixon explains that he learned many lifetime skills, treasures from Phi Gamma Delta undergrads during these times. There were many career leaders, Brothers, in the fraternity at that time and these fraternity leaders spearheaded claiming the Fraternity Cheney Cup. Excellent mentoring abounded as he observed the wonderful Brotherhood leadership. The successes of Fijis, again Championship Cheney Cup Winners, coupled with Brother Nixon's participation on the outstanding University of Arizona Baseball Teams from 1956-1959 represented a glorious, highlighted college experience. In 1956, they placed 2nd in the College World Series behind the Minnesota Champions. In the 1957 Regional Competition they lost to the University of Texas; Dick got Honorable Mention All American from the Southwest Region. In 1958 the University of Arizona Baseball Team was ranked 4th Nationally and in 1959 the team came in 2nd in the College World Series behind the Oklahoma State winning team.

Dick later was able to continue his baseball interests by pitching batting practice for the San Diego Padres and assisting the coaches while holding a full-time job. He thoroughly enjoyed his travels for the three years spent with the Padres.

Most important to Brother Nixon is that he hopes that he contributed to the much appreciated leadership of Phi Gamma Delta's continual demonstrated pursuit of excellence academically, career accomplishments, family life and civic, human contribution. Dick has a long lasting admiration of his Brothers and appreciates their positive influence in his, and his family's life.

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Brother Nixon graduated with a BS in 1959 and received a Masters of Education with Honors in 1960. He went on to teach High School History, Geography, and Social Studies, while sharing his athletic knowledge by coaching varsity baseball and JV basketball.

He also spent time working sales for 3M in the Hollywood/LA area. His first sale was to Tony Curtis after failing to make a sale to Jerry Lewis Productions.

Dick was involved with local youth, as owner of “Camp Fun”, a summer youth day camp for three years, as well as Director of the Wally Moon Baseball Camp. He later set-up and managed Wally Moon’s Sporting Goods in North Hollywood.

Brother Nixon proudly states that he has spent most of his enjoyable working career providing fund raising services to schools, churches, youth organizations and civic groups. along with managing family Distributorships in the Pacific Southwest including Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Nevada, and in the country of Mexico. Currently, Dick and his wife Pat are owners of People Helping People Fund Raising Services providing profits to schools and service organizations.

Dick engaged in several civic activities including: a member of a College Fraternity Phi Gamma Delta; Toastmasters International; Kiwanis Club; University of Arizona Alumni Board, San Diego Beachcats Chapter; Queen of Angels Financial Board for building the new Catholic Church in Alpine, California. He was a Little League Baseball Coach in Brentwood, California and had the joy of coaching actor Jack Lemmon’s son, Christopher. Dick recalls that Jack was a wonderful, enjoyable parent and a true gentleman on and off the screen.

In 1977 he met his wife, Pat, who was residing in Los Angeles. In 1979 they got married and bought a home in Alpine, California. He explains “Pat is my true love, who I admire for her loving support, courage and her many abilities including being a wonderful, loving mother.” Pat graduated from Marymount College that later merged with Loyola University and is now called Loyola Marymount University. They have a lovely daughter, Cindy, who also graduated from the University of Arizona with a major in Communications and a minor in Journalism. She currently resides

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in Washington, DC and is the Public Relations/Marketing Director for Communities in Schools, a well-recognized large national non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the dropout rate of students in our nation. “We, as parents, are happy that Cindy has been able to travel and learn more about the beautiful East Coast,” states Dick.

Dick played tennis for many years and then took up recreational golf in 1993; he has yet to have a sub-par 80 game, nor have an enjoyable Hole In One like his many friends. As he states, “When you do not succeed, try, try, try again!” He and Pat also enjoy traveling.

Dick is very grateful and adores his extended family who mostly live on the East Coast and greatly appreciates his many friends in Stamford, Arizona, California and in different parts of the United States.

Brother Nixon holds this philosophy in life: “When “Good Luck” hits, enjoy; enhance the experience and run with good fortune; be grateful. When “Bad Luck” and difficulties hit, keep faith, stay focused with a consistent vision of success to improve life’s situations. “When we stop laughing, we stop living” “.

Dick extends his thanks to all for their leadership, mentoring, guidance, pursuit of excellence and most fulfilling for him the Fiji kindness and loving friendship. Brother Nixon is grateful for the Fiji Brotherhood presence in a rich and joyous life for himself and his family.

Failure to Prepare is Preparing to Fail – not the Fiji Brotherhood Way. O Guard and Save our Dear Fraternity.

Fiji Land Is the Land for Me.

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## Richard “Billy” Cannon ’64

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From my hometown of La Canada, California I, along with two great High School friends Duane Paul and Scott McCartney, arrived at the University in the Fall of 1959 to begin the college experience and go through Rush together. Little did I then realize when I accepted the opportunity to pledge Fiji that this decision would profoundly impact the rest of my life in such a meaningful way. I loved the House the moment I said yes at Pledge signing and was engulfed and welcomed into the life of Phi Gamma Delta by the Actives and my new Pledge Brothers.

In the Spring of 1963, I became pinned to a saucy California girl named Diane Seaman (another profound event of gigantic import) and in 1964, defying all odds and expectations, graduated and returned to La Canada where I began my first job as a Loan Broker. In 1965 I married Diane. The job, but thankfully not Diane, evaporated in the late 60's and in 1969 I began to search for a new one concentrating in the Newport Beach area. On one of my many trips to Newport Beach seeking interviews, I by pure happenstance ran into my Pledge Brother Lanny Landon who was then at the very beginning of what has turned out to be a fifty year acting career.

Lanny told me that my Pledge Father Doug Unruh worked for the Irvine Company, headquartered in Newport Beach. The Irvine Company was the largest Developer of Master Planned Communities in the United States. I made contact with Doug and he shepherded me through the interview process and made sure that I was offered a job. Believe me, this was ample payback for all the times he borrowed my car in college and returned it on empty come Sunday night. Does anyone think that yet another profound event occurred in my meeting with Lanny and Doug.....I sure do.

So in 1969 Diane and I moved to Newport Beach and I joined the Irvine Company and for the next fifteen years served as Vice President responsible, during various times, for all Office, Industrial and Retail development. It was a fun and challenging tenure as a lot of development occurred during those years.

In 1984, I left the Company to join Los Angeles based Watson Land Company, a large developer of primarily Industrial properties in Southern

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California, where I served as President and CEO until my retirement in 2002 after eighteen years of service to its Shareholders.

During my thirty three year career in Southern California with two large scale Development Companies, I also had the pleasure and satisfaction of serving as head of and on the Boards of various Charitable, Civic, Business and Development Organizations. Along the way, I carved out time to sail across the Atlantic in 1998 with three friends and in 2002 to ride my Bicycle solo across the Country from Newport Beach to Washington D.C.

All of this pales in comparison to the joy and pride I have for my Family. My saucy Pin Mate of 1963 has now been my wife of forty seven years and we have two wonderful Sons (both SAE's at the University - Grrrrr ), one fabulous Daughter in Law (a Delta Gamma at the University ) and five great Grandkids (future Wildcats, for sure). They all live close by and are a big and vibrant part of our lives.

This also pales in comparison to my life long love of my Pledge and Fraternity Brothers and The Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. As can be seen in the narrative, the Fiji Brotherhood has had a profound and positive impact on my life. My Pledge Brothers of 1959 have now been my lifelong friends of more than fifty years. I can truthfully assert that without the Fiji Influence and Brotherhood, my life's story could well have reflected a far different narrative.

**“Phi Gamma Delta exists to promote lifelong friendships, to reaffirm high ethical standards and values, and to foster personal development in the pursuit of excellence. Phi Gamma Delta is committed to providing opportunities to each brother to develop responsibility, leadership, scholarship, and social skills in order to become a fully contributing member of society.”**

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## How the Norris Pig Dinner Began...

In 1893, the first of the famous pig dinners, dedicated to Frank B. Norris (California '94), was celebrated at the University of California. As in the case of Charles Lamb's account of the discovery of roast pig, our most popular annual barbecue originated in incidents which at the time seemed quite accidental and trivial. Years later, when the custom was established in every chapter, innumerable conflicting legends seem to have sprung up concerning its origin. What actually happened on that memorable occasion in '93 was related in detail by a participant, Ralph L. Hathorn (California '93), at the 67th Ekklesia banquet in 1915, and his version has been faithfully adhered to in the account which follows:

At the Class Day exercises of the University of California in 1893, the dispensator, who was Ralph Hathorn, a loyal Fiji, took occasion to rap the Dekes and Betas who had monopolized the glee club for the past year. The stunt consisted in bringing on the platform a barrel labeled "U of C Glee Club," tied with a cord symbolic of the strangle-hold established by these two rival societies. Out of this barrel, to complete the figure, tumbled a squealing pig. Some say the pig escaped and was pursued at this point by underclassmen Fijis with murderous intent. At any rate, that night the pig was incarcerated in the lower regions of the Fiji stronghold on Dana Street, while Frank Norris staged an elaborate ceremony worthy of the burnt offering. The date set was May 18th at 6 p.m., at which time 20 Fiji tribesmen foregathered at the banquet board and made the Delta realm resound with "All hail the pig!" Hathorn, as master of ceremonies, then called upon every member present to renew his bond of allegiance, fidelity, and alliance, and to seal his vow on bended knee by the solemn ordeal of kissing the pig's snout. After the banquet, which was continued long into the night and was something very like the genuine Kneipe, at the break of dawn Frank Norris was inspired to propose that they perpetuate the memory of the occasion by a perennial alumni-chapter pig dinner and rally. His was the prophetic vision of feasts to come 'round Delta boards from coast to coast, when young and old brothers should gather in informal good fellowship to renew the old days.

After the untimely death of Frank Norris in 1902, it was most fitting that this annual festivity should be dedicated to him and that the custom should be known thereafter in all of Fijidom as the "Norris Pig Dinner."



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## “Doxology”

Bless our fraternity,  
Heav'n grant thy peace;  
Lead on to victory,  
Her strength increase!  
Long may our Delta reign  
In unity;  
O, guard and save our dear fraternity!

## “When College Songs”

When college songs and college lays\*  
Are faded with their maker's days;  
When Sol's swift wheels have made us old,  
And college life's a tale that's told.  
Phi Gamma Delta, still to thee  
Our hearts will turn eternally,  
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Our hearts will turn eternally.

*\*Historical reference to the word “duties.”*

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## FORMER RECIPIENTS

### 2010

Gordon T. Alley '60  
 Brent Foote Moody '61  
 Charles A. Bergstrom '63  
 Marshall Humphrey III '74

### 2008

Al Baber '58  
 Tom Swanson '61  
 Vern Ellis '62  
 Michael Johnson '83

### 2006

William Stewart Lindamood '43  
 Thomas Danial Fridena '50  
 Daniel Joseph Mariscal '60  
 Edward Carol Muns '61  
 John Vernon Bevan Olyphant '63

### 2004

John Cole Hickcox '36\*  
 Charlie Monroe Cochran '37\*  
 Robert Mansfield Vance '41\*  
 Charles (B.I.) W. Norton Jr. '43  
 Lloyd H. Wiborg '61  
 John Glenn Fouse '65  
 Robert (Bob) Lee Hansen '66\*  
 Patrick Stephen Anderson, Jr. '70

### 2003

Ronald D. Harper '59  
 Dino P. Dikeou '61  
 Vinson J. San Angelo '62  
 Larry P. Barnhill '62  
 Charles L. Townsdin '63  
 Craig A. Arbon '68  
 Terry A. DeWald '68

### 2002

Wilber (Bill) Bowers '27\*  
 Robert L. Bayless, Jr. '38  
 William H. Punttenney '41\*  
 Kenneth E. Uvodich '58\*  
 James M. Hill '61  
 John A. Renner '62

Roger W. Boll '65\*  
 Thomas M. Lyons '67  
 Jerry L. Stitt '68  
 Billy Joe Varney '75

### 2001

Prugh J. Herndon '19\*  
 Schuyler (Schuy) W. Lininger '44  
 Roman W. DeSanctis '51  
 J. Emery Barker '57  
 Cliff (Tiff) L. Hayden '61  
 John J. Marietti '61  
 Gary E. Munk '62  
 Louis (Buzz) Sands '63  
 Lee T. Hanley '64  
 Mike R. Fitz-Gerald '72  
 Tom Roy '81

### 2000

William F. Kemmeries '53\*  
 Lowell M. Berry '56  
 Benjamin F. Ward '58  
 William J. Polson '59  
 Gilbert W. Chester '64  
 David G. Areghini '65  
 James E. Pederson '65  
 Jeffrey C. Derickson '72  
 Jeffrey C. Patch '77  
 Scott D. Gibson '78

### 1999

T. Daniel Romero '22\*  
 Geroge H. Hawke '40  
 William P. Chandler '44  
 Karl Eller '52  
 James H. Stellar '54  
 Fred R. Sutter '58\*  
 Tom T. Moore '60  
 Hamilton E. McRae '60  
 James M. Sakrison '63  
 Warren S. Rustand '65  
 Kenneth Sobel '75