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## FIJIS IN THE NEWS

**Karl Eller '52** is one of Upsilon Alpha's most honored Fijis. His accomplishments are many and his dedication to Phi Gamma Delta is superb. His latest award came from the Arizona Chamber of Commerce.

In March 2016, Karl was honored by the Arizona Chamber of Commerce with the "Arizona Heritage Award". The award celebrates Karl's enterprising and philanthropy commitment that have enriched the people of Arizona.

In 2013, Karl & Stevie gave a major gift to Barrow Neurological Foundation to enhance the Goldman Auditorium with 3D technology. The Eller's have made many contributions to Barrow over the years.

Also in 2013, Karl was inducted into the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame. Karl was acknowledged for his involvement with U of A Football. In February 2012, Karl and his wife Stevie, chaired the fundraising effort for the Arizona Centennial for the entire state.

These are but a few of his recognitions. Brother Eller, we Fijis are mighty proud of you and your accomplishments.

**Andrew Braccia '98**, formerly the Chapter President of the Upsilon Alpha Chapter is now an extremely successful businessman. Here is a short summary of his career from Forbes.



*Andrew Braccia '98*

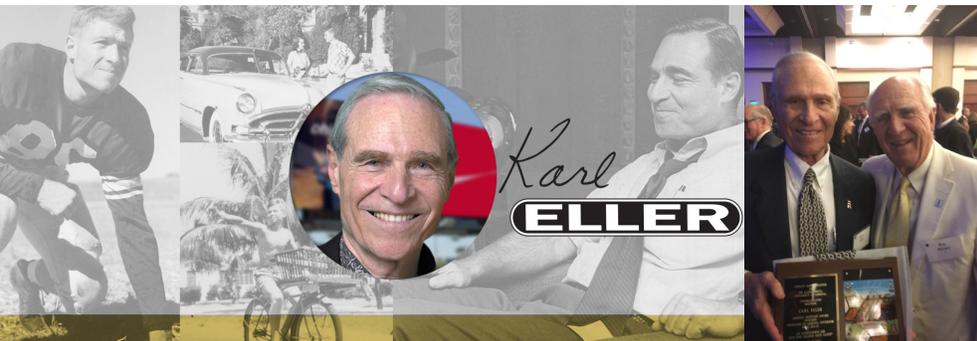
"Andrew Braccia worked at Yahoo for almost ten years and had the good fortune to get to know Stewart Butterfield when Braccia bought his company Flickr in 2005. They stayed in touch and Braccia was one of the first to invest in Butterfield's follow-up Tiny Speck, which became the white-hot collaboration service Slack, valued a year ago at \$2.5 billion. Accel is its largest outside shareholder. Braccia also sold portfolio company lynda.com to LinkedIn for \$1.6 billion last year, along with MyFitnessPal to Under Armour for \$475 million in February 2015. Braccia is also on the boards of OpenX, Vox Media (creator of The Verge, SB Nation and Polygon which raised \$200 million last year from NBCUniversal), TRUSTe, Squarespace, 99designs and Prezi. Braccia co-led Accel's investments in Braintree (acquired by eBay in September 2013) and Ozforex (IPO October 2013)

on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Braccia is on the National Board of Advisors for DonorsChoose, the business school at the University of Arizona and an avid coach of his kids's sports teams."

2016--University of Arizona alumni Andrew and Kirsten Braccia have committed a \$2.5 million leadership gift to assist with the construction of a new academic center for UA student-athletes.

Brother Braccia we Fijis are mighty proud of you and your accomplishments.



*Ron Harper '59 presenting Karl Eller '52 with a plaque from the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta.*

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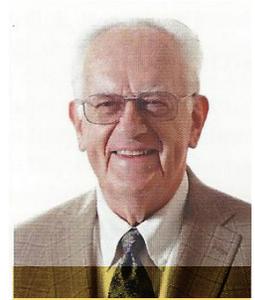

**FIJIS** IN THE NEWS

**HALL OF FAME  
NOMINATIONS**

As mentioned herein, this year we will have HOF inductions. To date we have received several HOF nominations—if you have any recommendations, please make nominations at the [www.arizonafiji.org](http://www.arizonafiji.org) website. The only restriction is that nominees must have been out of school for at least 25 years—that is, those in class year 1991 and earlier are eligible.

**Dr. George Drach, '57 is a distinguished brother of Upsilon Alpha.**

After graduating from the UofA, he received his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Valley Forge during the Vietnam War. After several intermediate stops to further his medical career, Dr. Drach joined the UofA faculty in 1970 and built the Division of Urology at the University of Arizona Department of Surgery. He became known as the “Father of American Lithotripsy” for his research on the revolutionary device used to pulverize kidney stones with sound waves, eliminating the need for surgical incisions. He then served as visiting professor of urology at several medical facilities. In 1998, he joined the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and now serves as professor emeritus of urology. Dr. Drach has written more than 140 journal articles and remains active in urologic care. Dr. Drach, we FIJI brothers are proud of you and your accomplishments.


**W. Drach, MD '57**

## Chapter Update

Time heals!! It's been about 2 years since we tragically closed Upsilon Alpha. After the initial shock of the event, we graduate brothers have kept the legacy of our chapter going. We have continued to hold our traditional Pig Dinner, we have re-invigorated our Graduate Chapter and have held several events, and we have maintained our chapter house by leasing it to the University as a co-ed dormitory. Throughout this period of time, there has been a lot of planning and discussions concerning re-opening the chapter and the house. As for the chapter house, please see the “Upsilon Alpha Building Corp (UABC) Update” herein. With regard to the chapter, here's the latest information. Several graduate brothers visited the International Headquarters (IHQ) in Lexington, KY to discuss future plans. In concert with preferences and requirements of the IHQ, we plan to begin discussions with the Dean of Student's Office in the near future to address the timing issue of obtaining recognition by the University. Based upon the outcome of those discussions, we hope to establish a definite time-line to re-open the chapter. One thing is for certain, the new members will be allowed to organize and function

as a new chapter outside of the chapter house for two semesters. This is a common practice in Phi Gamma Delta and other fraternities as well. That is—the men need to learn how to conduct operations without the burden of managing a large physical plant before they assume the task of operating a chapter house. Once they have demonstrated that they are capable of functioning as a chapter, the chapter house will be made available for occupancy. Rest assured that the myriad tasks involved in planning for the re-opening are actively being pursued. We not only want to come back to campus as soon as we can, but we want to return as a strong fraternity, one that will make you proud.


**WE SHALL RETURN!**

# UABC UPDATE

## Graduate Chapter

During this lull in chapter operations, we are involved in resurrecting our Graduate Chapter. Every chapter that wins the Cheney Cup has a strong graduate chapter that supports its undergraduate chapter. Since we have many graduate brothers living in the Tucson and Phoenix areas, we've concentrated on including both groups into our Graduate Chapter. In Tucson, Brother Deron Davenport '96 has offered to be its chairman and in Phoenix, Brother Shawn Perona '13 has likewise offered to coordinate events there. We have held events in both venues to support this effort. New activities are in the planning stages, perhaps one at the time of the Arizona/BYU football game on September 3rd at the Glendale football stadium. The Graduate Chapter is a great way to not only support the undergraduate chapter but to re-ignite friendships, network, and demonstrate your loyalty to our fraternity. Please check the website—[www.arizonafiji.org](http://www.arizonafiji.org) to see when events are scheduled. Please support this effort.

As mentioned in the Chapter Update, the leasing of the chapter house to the University has been a successful venture and a much better alternative than renting the house to another fraternity or commercially renting the rooms. That lease, however, expires on June 30, 2017. But, there is a provision within the lease for the UABC to negotiate an extension with the University. It appears that at present, we will be able to extend the lease for an additional year to the summer of 2018 to accommodate a possible re-opening of the chapter in the fall semester 2017 and allowing the men to operate outside of the house for two semesters. Of course, the driving force will be the University's decision as to when we will be recognized as a fraternity chapter at the University of Arizona and resume operations.

The UABC Board, Bill Polson '59—President, Vince San Angelo '62—Treasurer, Jeff Patch '74—Secretary, and Brent Moody '61—Director, regularly discuss and perform the corporate responsibilities and have ensured that mortgage payments, property taxes, property insurance, etc. are paid without interruption and on time. These brothers have faithfully represented all graduate brothers and deserve our appreciation. One thing we would like to do, however, is to add some additional directors to the board, particularly younger graduate brothers who will be able to continue the corporate responsibilities in the future. If any of you younger graduate brothers are interested in serving as a director on the UABC, please contact Vince San Angelo at: 520-232-1075 or [vsan@comcast.net](mailto:vsan@comcast.net). There is no doubt that besides the satisfaction of helping your fraternity, being able to cite being a corporate director on a resume would be a plus to your career.



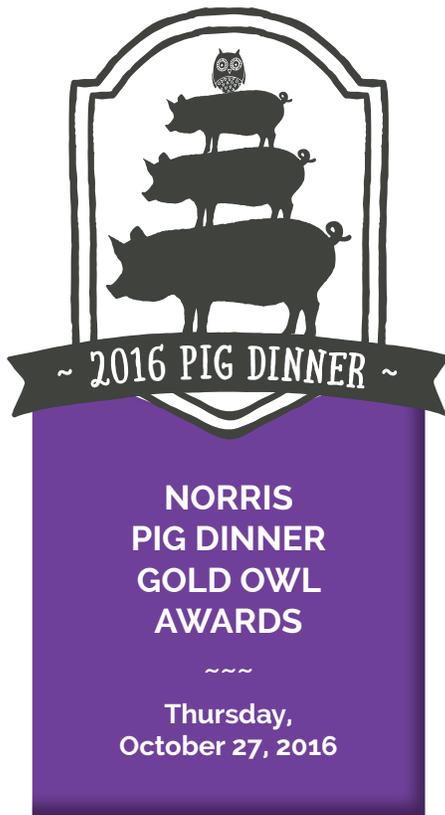
## Graduate Involvement

“Not for College Days Alone” is not just a trivial phrase, it is the lifeblood of our fraternity! Everyone realizes that we all have commitments, but if you can find some time to get involved and help out, it would be of benefit to the fraternity and yourself. Why is this mentioned? When the new chapter is formed, we will need a new Purple Legionnaire (PL) and some graduate brothers to form a Board of Chapter Advisors (BCA). Many of our graduate brothers have served as PL's at not only Upsilon Alpha, but at other chapters as well. Our latest Upsilon Alpha graduate PL is brother

Craig M. Courville '81 at the Northern Arizona University Delta Colony. The BCA is a group of graduate brothers who act as advisors to the undergraduates in functional areas such as, finance, leadership, ritual, academics, etc. Although being a BCA member will not require a great deal of time, it is an essential support mechanism and resource for the undergraduates who are in positions of leadership. As mentioned above, if you are interested in being a future BCA member, please contact Vince San Angelo.

## WEBSITE - [www.arizonafiji.org](http://www.arizonafiji.org)

The chapter website is set up to provide information on up-coming events, activities, and information, it can also be used to make updates to graduate information, Hall of Fame nominations, and there is information on how to make a donation. Personal data on this site is password protected and our policy is that any personal information can be only used for fraternity matters. No commercial use of this data is permitted.



## Pig Dinner / Hall of Fame

Planning is underway to once again hold our annual Pig Dinner on the Thursday, October 27, 2016 (Homecoming Weekend – UofA vs. Stanford) at the Sand's Club. Since this is an even-numbered year, the event will include the Hall of Fame inductions. Please make your plans to attend. We are in the process of obtaining a guest speaker and will have the usual festivities involving "the pig." In addition, members who were initiated in 1966 are planning a 50th reunion and will receive their Gold Owl awards. Likewise, members initiated in 1991 are doing the same to celebrate their 25th reunion and will receive their Silver Owl awards. Finally, we have reserved a room at the Kingfisher Restaurant for a Friday night no-host dinner (October 28th). The Kingfisher is about a block west of the Bay Horse on Grant Road should any of you want an after dinner drink? As usual, an invitation with the details will be forthcoming. Please RSVP since the Pig Dinner is a catered event and we need a good head count to order the food. Jim Hill '61 has made rate arrangements with several hotels in Tucson for the weekend. If you need info, contact him at: 520-400-9969 or jim442@gmail.com.



## FEATURED FLASHBACK

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## Annual Giving

The University takes very good care of the chapter house, it remains clean, properly used, and undamaged. The rent the UABC receives from the UofA covers the essential large expenditures such as the mortgage, property insurance, and property taxes, maintenance contracts (paid directly by the UofA to the vendors), etc. But, there is little left over to build our Maintenance Reserve and since we remain responsible as the landlord for the major mechanical systems in the house (A/C, Heating/Hot Water/Roof, etc), a breakdown of any one of these must be repaired or replaced. If and when these systems fail, the financial burden on the UABC could be enormous—hence the importance of maintaining a reserve. For instance, last year the roof leaked and we had to completely recoat it. Recently, the domestic hot water boiler failed and is in the process of being replaced at a cost of about \$13K. Luckily, we were able to absorb that cost using reserve funds, but who knows what the future holds. Keep in mind that the UABC has only 2 sources of income, rent and donations received as an Annual Giving by the graduate brothers. Last year, the Annual Giving donations received were extremely low – both in donors and contribution amounts. We desperately need more participation and more money for the Maintenance Reserve. On a positive note, we did have two graduate brothers, Brent Moody '61 and Schuyler Leninger '44 make sizeable donations that are earmarked for mortgage reductions. Brother James Grantman '48, Ad Astra, left the UABC a generous donation for mortgage reduction also. Information on making all types of donations is on the website: [www.arizonafiji.org](http://www.arizonafiji.org).



*Last year's donations at work!*

# updates

Please take a few minutes to go to the chapter website [www.arizonafiji.org](http://www.arizonafiji.org) and update your profile information. Many of the entries in our data base haven't been updated in several years. This is especially important to the younger graduate brothers who move around much more than the older ones. E-mail addresses are extremely important since that is the primary means of communication in today's environment.

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Vince is enjoying his retirement with Gloria. When not volunteering for Upsilon Alpha he's busy dominating the handball court. In August 2015 he won the World Handball Championship in doubles in his age group in Calgary, Canada. He followed that up in April 2016 winning the U.S. Handball Association National Master's Doubles Championship in his age group in Fountain Valley, California.

## Edward Wilson '63

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James received his B.S in Public Administration from the University of Arizona in 1966. Shortly after James received his Masters of Public Administration from San Diego State in 1970 and a Masters of Social Work from Arizona State University in 1974.

Also, James did phenomenal work for our country by serving in the USM-CR as a captain from 1966-1972, published a book on the Vietnam War: "Con Thien: The Hill of Angels", University of Alabama Press, 2004, and was a Commandant of the Marine Corps League Detachment in Sierra Vista from 2014-2016. He also was a historian for the local chapter of Military Order of the Purple Heart, a coordinator for Honor Flight Southern Arizona (Cochise County). After doing an outstanding job for our country, James retired in 2001 in California after a 30-year career with California Youth Authority alongside his wife Sandra, of 40 years.

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John is retired after a 40-year career in commercial real estate. He and his wife, Dana, are approaching their 47th wedding anniversary and split their time between Phoenix and Santa Barbara. They also do a fair amount of travelling. He is looking forward to his pledge classes 50th year reunion this fall. Perge!

## Kurt Johnson '73

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Kurt is a sales manager at Solomon Colors Inc. in California. He's married to his wife, Mary and has 2 children.

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# updates



Craig Courville '81 and son, Michael



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Craig is the Engineering Team Supervisor at Defense Contract Management Agency. He is married to his wife Dorothy. They have 2 children.

My son Michael had pledged as a founding father of the Northern Arizona University Delta Colony in the Spring of 2015. Up to that point he had no interest in being part of the Greek system, but was invited to a colony recruitment event and was impressed with the HQ staff and the other potential pledges. In the fall of 2015, I was asked to help with the initiation of this first class, which I was thrilled to do. After the event, they asked me to help with the Board of Chapter Advisors in the capacity of grad relations and risk management advisor. With the struggle to find graduate support, I was very honored when the Director of Chapter Development called to ask about being the Purple Legionnaire for the NAU Delta Colony. I have been greatly impressed by these gentlemen and the efforts that they have put forward in starting this chapter. Their hope and desire is to formally charter this next fall and I am very blessed to be a part of it.

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John works as a project manager for Kitchell Contractors Inc., of Arizona. He started with Kitchell Contractors Inc., of Arizona in October 2015 as a Project Manager for custom homes, residential service and small projects. Kitchell is one of those companies in the construction industry that people aspire to work for. It is a great company this is his dream job. He loves coming in to work everyday! John also has 2 children.

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