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Spring 2013 Greek Awards



"The accomplishments at the 2013 Greek Awards is extremely significant, as it shows the hard work and persistence of the brothers of the Upsilon Alpha chapter over recent years to strive for greatness and promote our founding values of knowledge, service, morality, excellence, and friendship."

- Shawn Perona '14

FIJIs from left to right: Shawn Perona (IFC Vice President), Robert Sheber (Current Chapter President), Chris Garvin (Chapter President 2012), Vinson San Angelo (Adviser), Jim Hill (Adviser), Jeff Hurley (IFC Vice President).

On April 2, 2013 the University of Arizona held its annual Greek Awards ceremony. The brothers of Upsilon Alpha are very excited to announce that the chapter walked away with 10 awards, more than any other IFC fraternity. The 2012-2013 academic year was a success for the chapter and the brothers are looking forward to continuing this success in the coming years. Here is a list of the awards earned.

Written by: Robert Sheber

Upsilon Alpha Awarded:

Most Improved IFC Fraternity of the Year

Chapter President of the Year -- Chris Garvin

Chapter Adviser of the Year -- Vinson San Angelo

Philanthropy of the Year --- The first annual FIJI Diamond Cup.

Chapter Management Award

Membership Education and Development Award

Leadership and Involvement Award

Recruitment and Outreach Award

Excellence in Wellness Award

Achievement in the Area of Academics Award

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President's Report

The brothers of Upsilon Alpha have had an exciting and productive Spring semester full of awards, philanthropies, athletics, and social events. The chapter earned an impressive ten awards at the annual Greek Awards Ceremony on April 2nd. These included Most Improved IFC Fraternity of the Year, Chapter President of the Year (Chris Garvin), Chapter Adviser of the Year (Vinson San Angelo), and Outstanding Philanthropy. The chapter was also recognized in February by representative candidate Amanda Reeve for brothers' service to her political campaign in Phoenix. Over 30 brothers went door to door in the Phoenix area to raise awareness for her campaign. Upsilon Alpha participated in several philanthropies on campus placing in the top 3 for Kappa Kappa Gamma's Hoops for Hope, Delta Gamma's Anchorsplash, Alpha Phi's Mr. Alpha Phi competition, and the Army ROTC's Golf Scramble Tournament. In addition, the chapter raised over \$1000 during Dad's Weekend where more than 120 brothers and fathers participated in the 3rd annual Wilson Forrester Cup (Golf Tournament). Athletically, Upsilon Alpha competed in the Greek intramural leagues winning the Greek Volleyball league and placing second in basketball and soccer. The chapter also teamed up with Sigma Chi for a competitive Sigma Chi/FIJI bowling league throughout the semester. Socially, Purple Garter was held in April and made for a great formal to end the semester. The brothers are looking forward to returning in the fall and building on the success Upsilon Alpha has had.

Fraternally,
Robert Sheber



Fall 2012 Phi Gamma Delta Philanthropy

On October 13th 2012, the fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta hosted The Fiji Diamond Cup. The inaugural event, led by brothers: Kyle Flynn and Shawn Perona, brought the entire FIJI chapter located at the University of Arizona together to support the Beauty Foundation for Cancer Care.

Teaming up with several sororities on campus, the FIJI Diamond Cup was attended by more than 600 students and family members, and was a huge success. The event raised more than \$27,000 for the benefit of the Beauty Foundation for Cancer Care whose mission is to support families that are fighting cancer with direct grants and services to help ease the strains they face while battling the disease.

The FIJI Diamond Cup was the brainchild of Kyle Flynn and Shawn Perona. It consisted of several events. A bachelor auction and PHI GAM competition, which was MC'd by brother's Shawn Perona and Spencer Freidenrich, who did an incredible job motivating the

crowds. Yale Jesser sold for the highest and is looking forward to his date with a lucky lady in Alpha Epsilon Phi. Jenna Brown was crowned "Fiji's Diamond of the Year". Sigma Kappa won the banner competition, while Alpha Phi took first place in apparel sales. After adding up the entire event, Alpha Phi was declared the official winner of the first ever Fiji Diamond Cup: The Fight for the Phi Gamm. The event continued the following weekend. Family members were able to join in and be a part of the Diamond Cup while enjoying time with their sons at casino night.

In addition to the direct grants that will be given to families, a donation was made to fund the Meal for Caregivers Program at the University of Arizona Medical Center, and a laptop computer was donated to the brave children who are fighting cancer. Often times, the only time a child can catch up with friends, family and school while in the hospital is via Skype or video chat. Until now, the Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Unit at the hospital did not have one.



FIJI GIVES BACK

Alpha Phi was declared the official winner of the first ever Fiji Diamond Cup: The Fight for the Phi Gamm.

Major General Renner Memorial Dedication

The dedication for the Major General John A. Renner Memorial was held on April 13 at the University of Arizona Student Union Grand Ballroom. Over one hundred persons gathered to celebrate the life and pay tribute to this Upsilon Alpha Fiji and great American, including fraternity brothers, family members, friends and Army ROTC cadre and cadets.



Portrait of Major General Renner

Following the posting of the colors by the ROTC cadets, speakers covered John's early years, U of A years, and his military career. Those on the program included Fiji brother Vern Ellis, Fiji brother as well as John's brother George Renner, and one of John's two daughters Heather Ligon. Other program speakers were Col. Stephen Yackley, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Training Center at Fort Jackson, SC and Lt. Col. Benjamin Walters, Professor of Military Science at the U of A. The bronze bust of General Renner, that was first unveiled at the Fiji Pig Dinner last November, was again presented by Fiji brothers Bevan Olyphant, George Renner and Jim Hill.

Major General Renner graduated from the U of A in 1962. He was a Wildcat four year letterman, playing tight end on the football team. He also was an academic All-American, a member of the senior honorary Bobcats, and was a Distinguished Military Graduate of the Army ROTC program.

After John was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, he went on to a very prominent military career in the U.S. Army. He earned his Parachute Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge and Ranger Tab. He served two tours in Vietnam where he was wounded twice; he was awarded Purple Hearts and Silver Stars for combat valor.

Spanning three decades, General Renner served as the Commanding General of the U. S. Army Training Center at Fort Jackson, SC, Deputy Commander of the Allied Land Forces for Southeastern Europe in Turkey, Deputy Commander of the First Infantry Division, and Deputy Commander of the of the First Infantry Division (Forward) in Germany.

John's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, two Silver Stars, a Bronze Star with V device, two Purple Hearts, the Air Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

After General Renner passed away in 2011, a group of Fijis, led by Colonel Vern Ellis (USAF Ret.) and Brent Moody '61, decided it would be most appropriate to create a memorial at the University of Arizona to honor the life and career of General Renner and leave a legacy to inspire members of Phi Gamma Delta, Army ROTC cadets, family and friends. Many other Fiji alumni supported the establishment of the Major General John A. Renner Memorial at the University of Arizona Foundation. Donations have been received from nearly one hundred individuals and organizations, including Fiji brothers, friends, family and fellow soldiers. A portion of the Fund has been used to create the bronze bust that resides in a place of honor at South Hall, the Army ROTC building on campus. The Fund has also established the Major General John A. Renner Memorial Endowment for Army



George Renner '67 (John's brother), Bevan Olyphant '63 and Jim Hill '61 unveiling the bust of General Renner

ROTC, providing scholarships for students enrolled in the Senior Army ROTC program at the University of Arizona. Contributions to the Major General John Renner Memorial may be sent to the University of Arizona Foundation.

Major General Renner Memorial Dedication



Left: George Renner speaking about his brother
Above: Fiji cabinet officers and advisor. Max Nathan, Robert Sheber, Spencer Shugrue, Jim Hill and Austin Whitefield

Thank you 2012-13 Annual Fund Donors

We would like to thank the following Graduate Brothers for their generosity in supporting the 2012-2013 Annual Fund. Your support does make a difference. If you would like to add your name to the list, contact Vince San Angelo at Vsan@comcast.net or Craig Lowden at Fraternity Management Group – craig.lowden@fmgtucson.com , 520-622-0125.

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Karl Eller



Karl Eller inducted into the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame.

Karl Eller moved to Tucson at an early age, from Chicago, and attended the University of Arizona where he played football and basketball. Over the years he has had an illustrious business career, and in 1968, he became a founding investor of the Phoenix Suns. After hiring away an assistant coach from the Chicago Bulls, he named the young man, Jerry Colangelo, as the team's first general manager. In 1971 he helped establish the Fiesta Bowl, and in 1988 helped attract the NFL's Cardinals from St. Louis to Arizona. Eller is also well-known for his wide-ranging business acumen and success within the outdoor advertising industry, for which he was inducted into the American Advertising Federations' Advertising Hall of Fame. In 1999, Arizona named its business college the Eller College of Management.

Alumni Updates

Ralph Heffelman B'56

Ralph is the founder of International Capital Management Corp.

He and Carole have two children, Scott, 48, Heidi, 46
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Dean Richter'62

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Don Kersey'62

Don is happily married to Judy and has three children
Bill, 48, Bob, 47, Kathy, 42.

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Tom Sundeen'65

Tom is happily married to Terry, they have two children
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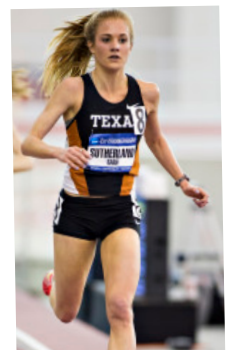
Carl is happily married to Carol and have three children
Dan, 22, Sara, 21, Lee, 17.

"My two oldest children are NCAA athletes. My oldest son attends Rhodes College in Memphis and runs short and middle distance events. He'll be graduating this May with a double major in physics and chemistry. For those that knew his old man during my time at 1801 East First Street, he's WAY smarter than I ever was. "

"My daughter is a Junior at the University of Texas and is a two time All-American, running the 5K. Note to Arizona Athletics Department: she looked at UA seriously but coaches from the track and field team expressed zero interest. Now she delights in punishing Arizona runners when she sees them on the track. It's the only time I root for Arizona to lose. She's also way smarter than her dad."

Perge!

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Alumni Updates (cont.)

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Chris Boy'90

Chris is happily married to Melissa and have one child, Emma, 1.



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Travis Ponder III'97

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Bob is happily married to Hilary

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James currently works for Intel Corp and serves as Sr. Strategic Financial Analyst.
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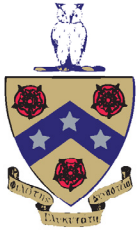
Bradley Hoge'08

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William "Ryan" Tilton'08

Ryan has recently traveled to Sir Richard Branson's private island, Necker island to begin the design of a renewable energy system incorporating solar and wind power generation. The island is located in the British Virgin Islands.
Previously, he traveled to Port au Prince, Haiti to participate in the design and installation of two donation solar projects for an orphanage and hospital.
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Purple Legionnaire Vacancy--Mike Johnson '83 who has been our Purple Legionnaire for the past 16 years recently accepted a position with the United Nations International Atomic Energy Commission in Vienna, Austria. We need a replacement!! If you would like to volunteer or know of someone who may be interested in this rewarding position, please contact Vince San Angelo at: vsan@comcast.net or call: 520-232-1075.



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