



S.A.R. ALUMNI UPDATE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

Every one of us has memorable stories about our days in Sigma Alpha Rho. Some of us traveled across the country attending conclaves and conventions and some of us stayed closer to our chapters and councils. But we all have memories that we love to share and repeat often.

It is truly an honor to serve as the president of our alumni association. I have stories, I have memories, and I have wonderful brothers and friends that are all a result of my days in SAR.

We celebrated our 100th anniversary in 2017 and now 5 years later we are working to reactivate the active fraternity. As I mentioned in my last letter, we have our first group, the Phi Chapter, in Richboro, PA. We are hopeful that this initial chapter will help us expand into additional neighborhoods, cities and states so that other young men will have the opportunity to create their own experiences, and friendships that they will be able to carry with them for a lifetime.

After extensive research, interviews and professional consultants, we have determined that Sigma Alpha Rho still has a purpose for today's youth and our alumni association is investing a lot of time and money to see Sigma Alpha Rho become active and successful.

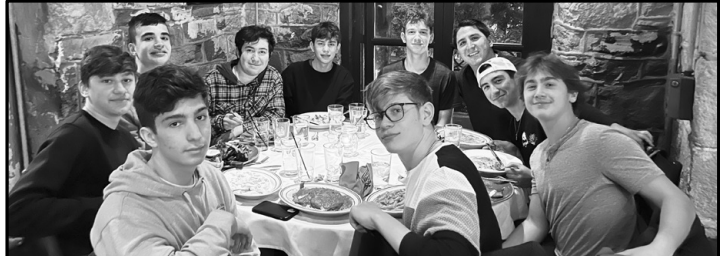
Our history is rich, our lives have been fulfilling and we owe so much to our SAR. If you do not already pay alumni dues, I am encouraging you to step up and sign up for a paid membership. Our dues structure is inexpensive and there is no reason why all 4000 brothers on our alumni list do not pay dues. **PLEASE JOIN TODAY.**

As we begin the New Year, I hope you and your family are safe and well despite the challenges of COVID-19. I look forward to better days when we can resume in person gatherings in Philadelphia Palm Beach, Houston, New Orleans, NYC, Montreal, Toronto, LA and every other city where we have a presence. Let's increase our alumni activity and support our new chapter(s).

All of my best wishes to you and your families for continued good health and happiness.

Fraternally,

Joel H. Hollander, Zeta Theta 1967, PSER
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SAR Begins Again!

We are excited to announce that Sigma Alpha Rho Fraternity has our first training group in our quest to re-activate SAR. Phi Chapter, Next Gen SAR located in Holland/Richboro, PA looks forward to their future induction.

To help facilitate the rebirth of our fraternity, we have hired Zach Pashko as the chapter advisor. We were fortunate to be able to connect with Zach. His enthusiasm, experience with other organized youth groups and his personality will help steer the Phi Chapter and future chapters to a great new beginning. Zach has developed a wonderful rapport with the chapter and everyone is excited to officially join and become brothers of SAR.

A few activities that Phi Chapter, Next GenSAR have sponsored include an ice skating event, hayride and haunted house, and a bowling party. The chapter is also planning an indoor skydiving night, basketball and tennis tournaments, and a community service event. Committees in progress include social media, events, website design, community service, fundraising and new memberships.

Phi Chapter, Next GenSAR like most other organizations has been challenged to meet in person due to COVID-19. The chapter has been flexible and moved their meetings to Zoom and added a larger focus on establishing committees and planning vs. in-person events for now. The chapter is optimistic that the improved trend in the pandemic environment will allow them to execute their plans and host a few events in the coming weeks.

The Re-activation Committee along with Phi Chapter and Zach will soon focus on starting additional chapters. Stay tuned....

Fraternally,

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▲ Phi Chapter, Next Gen SAR event on February 28, 2022 at LaStalla Restaurant in Newtown, PA.

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ALUMNI NEWS—STORIES FROM YOUR BROTHERS!

Don Benn, Omega 1967, PSER



Don Benn, Omega 1967, PSER, was elected Pennsylvania State Constable in East Norritown Township on November 2, 2021.

Fred Ginsburg, Zeta Tau, 1967

Fred Ginsburg was Professor Emeritus at California State University Northridge where he taught filmmaking. Fred has published a couple of texts, instruction manuals, and over 250 magazine articles; and has

lectured across the US and internationally. He has been married almost 37 years. Fred Ginsburg is now retired and enjoying his free time. Fred still writes for *Student Filmmakers Magazine*, and has an educational website www.FilmTVsound.com.

Barry Godofsky, Theta Theta

My wife and I reside in a wonderful 55+ community in Port St Lucie, Florida after living a little south in Boynton Beach for many years.

I was a proud alumnus of Theta Theta in New Orleans, moving on from Gamma Club, inducted in 1962 I guess it was, graduating class of 1965. I still cherish my friendships and keep in touch regularly with many chapter brothers from all over, including New Orleans, Florida, New York, Canada, and beyond. I have also formed very close bonds with several brothers from northeast chapters who now reside here in Florida. Prior to Covid we had annual luncheons and semi-regular lunch dates throughout the years in our favorite delis. We hope to resume once the virus scourge passes. Our new bonds in our later years are actually quite remarkable.

Scholarship Money Available FOR YOU, or your CHILD, or your GRANDCHILD



Yes, if you are a PAID-UP MEMBER*, in good standing, of the SAR Alumni Association you are eligible to apply for scholarship awards.

As a result of monies raised by Sponsors at our 100th Anniversary Reunion, the Alumni Association will award scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1500 this year.

Applicants may be YOU, your CHILD or your GRANDCHILD.

Children or Grandchildren applying must be by birth or legal adoption.

All must be in or entering a post-secondary program after finishing high school.

Applications are available on the Sigma Alpha Rho Alumni website, www.saralumni.com or by emailing your request to sg196@aol.com.

All applications must be returned by September 15th.

For more information or questions contact Bro. Jerry Segal at 267-250-4295.

*Dues are nominal, \$18.00 per year, \$36.00 for five years or \$150.00 for a lifetime membership. Go to: <https://www.saralumni.com/dues.html>.

eNews Alert: We do **not** plan to mail paper newsletters in the future. If you do not currently receive emails from the alumni association, please send your email address to Phil Heinz at phil@redskymarketing.net so you can stay up to date.

Rick Goldman, Beta Iota

Just retired from a 30+ year career of graphic design specializing in automotive customization in the Sarasota, FL area. Remarkably, 34 years after serving on the Supreme Board under then-SER Joel Hollander in the late 80's, I now find myself looking forward to serving under him again on the Alumni Ass'n board after his recent appointment. Proof that you're never too old to serve!"

James "Jamy" Gross, Beta Tau

I was inducted in 1977 in 9th grade, in the Cherry Hill, N.J., Beta Tau Chapter. Our chapter was crazy active and won the Abbie Award in 1978 & 1979. I attended a few events but was mostly inactive due to transferring between schools until I came back in 1980 and became Beta Tau's newsletter editor. After working at the National Archives in College Park, MD. in microfilm, I went back to school and earned a Masters of Library Science from Drexel University, with a dual concentration in Archival Science and Public librarianship. I am an avid genealogist and write a quarterly technical column for the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia newsletter, Chronicles. I have lectured on genealogy at several Jewish genealogy conferences. I am a long time Family History Center volunteer, and their resident Jewish genealogist, at the local LDS Latter Day Saints church in Cherry Hill. I am proud to be the new Alumni Board Recording Secretary. It gives me great satisfaction to know that our planning efforts culminate in priceless moments as our fellow SAR brothers re-connect at alumni events.

Alan Hess, Upsilon Kappa

just moved to a new home in Boynton Beach, FL. Semi retired after 48 years in Toy industry.

Steven Kaplan, Delta Theta, 1965

I attribute many of my leadership skills to the years as Sigma Rho of Delta Theta. After 30 years in education as a licensed educational psychologist and as a Director of Student Services in different Massachusetts Public Schools, I retired 5 years ago. In addition, I was adjunct faculty at Lesley University and Wheelock College

and served for 7 years as member of the Massachusetts Allied Mental Health Board of Registration. Two years ago my wife and I bought a townhouse in New Orleans to winter near our daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter and have adopted "The Big Easy" lifestyle!

Gary Katz, Delta Theta

Graduated from University of MD and went to work for the U.S. Government at the Dept. of Defense. In 1997 my wife passed away and in 1998 I moved from Orlando to South Florida and in 2000 I met my second wife. We are retired and living in Wellington, FL. Prior to COVID-19 we were traveling the world via Cruises or by Land.

Merrick Rosenberg, Beta Iota, 1982

SAR made such a big impact on my life, it's great to be able to give back and join the alumni association board. There is no way that I would be doing what I do today if it were not for SAR. I own a training company. My company provides leadership development, team building and personality styles training to corporate America. I am an author and a keynote speaker that travels the country and abroad to speak at conferences (during "normal" times). I specialize in working with CEOs and senior leadership teams. In the past four years, I have worked with more than 1000 CEOs at small and mid-sized companies.

Jason Saylor, Zeta Xi, 1995, PSER

was elected to the Perkiomen Valley School Board on November 2, 2021, and subsequently president of this school board.

Larry Verbit, Phi

Past EMR and Royal Order of the Gleaming Eye, Bro. Larry Verbit just receive his seventh (in a row) Southern California Super Lawyer designation. I've also received a second Daytime Emmy team member designation for "The People's Court" Best Daytime Court Show for which I serve as legal counsel. No, I don't get a personal statuette which is located in the Hollywood production where his practice is based, but he does get a framed certificate with his name over the Emmy image. It's been a busy year working on multiple specials and series, including shows for NBC, Universal, CBS, Disney Channel, VH1, Discovery+, HBOmax and other streamers. I love what I do so no retirement is in sight, not for at least another 5-8 years!

Steve Warren (a.k.a. Steve Monheimer) Zeta Xi 1958

Sorry, but the pandemic has kept me from doing anything worth reporting. Not that I've been sick, but the entertainment business has, and leisure travel has seemed unwise.

Jerry Warshaw, Alpha Sigma

I was sigma rho of Alpha Sigma chapter, NY, in 1958-1959. For most of my career I was president and chief operating officer of a Fortune 500 company (Presidential Life Insurance Company) a company with offices in all 50 states. I always thought that my experience at SAR i.e. having to think on my feet and following formal procedures



at meetings was invaluable and helped me in the professional world. In retirement, I volunteer for shareafrica.org. We go to a remote area in Kenya, find aids orphans and get them into schools, giving free education, medical care, and room and board. This picture was taken pre COVID-19 when I visited one of the schools that our kids attend. (Jerry is pictured with orphans from Mbita, Kenya)

Help maintain our Alumni Association by joining...

To join, make your check out to **Sigma Alpha Rho Alumni Association** and sending your dues to: Bro. Phil Fink, Treasurer, PO Box 373 Finksburg, MD 21048-0373 or go to <http://www.saralumni.com/dues.html> and pay online!

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