



S.A.R. ALUMNI UPDATE



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President's Message . . .

I hope that this newsletter finds all SAR Alumni, families, and friends healthy and safe!

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the $102 \frac{1}{2}$ Reunion scheduled for April 26th. At this time, we do not have an alternate date and will notify all when we re-schedule, probably in the spring of 2021.

Even though we have not had written communication with our members, a lot has been going on. We elected a new Board of Directors and presented scholarships to children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces of paid members of the Alumni Association.

The Board of Directors has also agreed to fund efforts that will test the viability of reactivating Sigma Alpha Rho. Substantial efforts have been made with some optimism that SAR will be reborn as a Jewish Fraternity that incorporates both the best of our past with the needs of today's Jewish youth. Please read the article on the reactivation and if you can help in the ways listed please reach out to PSER Larry Blumenthal.

I pledge that AK Newsletters will return in regularity and will include updates on individual alumni and what they are up to. If your name is not on the list of paid members, please pay your dues.

Fraternally,

Stuart

Brother Stuart Discount Sigma Alpha Rho Alumni Association President

Scholarship Monies Available for YOU, or your CHILD, or even your GRANDCHILD

Yes, **if you are a member 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 your SAR Alumni Association has started awarding scholarship awards ranging from \$500 up to \$2000. YOU or your CHILD or your GRANDCHILD may apply. Applicants can be an alumnus, your child or your grandchild. Children or grandchildren applying must be by birth or legal adoption. You must be a dues paying member in good standing of the Alumni Association to apply.

Scholarship applications are available by going to the Sigma Alpha Rho Alumni website, www.saralumni.com or by e-mailing your request to sg196@aol.com

Congratulations to last year's recipients:

- Hannah Bandel, Granddaughter of Alan Bandel, Sigma
- Olivia Cohen, Daughter of Scott Cohen, Epsilon
- Brett Verbit, Alumnus, Sigma Phi
- · Jillian Walters, Daughter of Nolan Walters, Omega
- Brett Ackerman, Grandson of Jay Brooks, Theta
- Tanner Joseph, Son of Yale Joseph, Xi
- Drake Levin, Son of Scott Levin, Omega and Grandson of Jerry Jaffe, Sigma
- Rachael Hyman, Granddaughter of Stanley Shoffer, Theta Epsilon

All applications must be received by September 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Bro. Jerry Segal at 267-250-4295.

SIGMA ALPHA RHO REACTIVATION UPDATE

(as of 6/1/2020)

At the 100th anniversary alumni affair we heard from so many how the fraternity has been such an important part of their lives. The excitement and love in the room was evident, as well as the wish that future generations could also benefit from our great organization.

With this in mind, the Alumni Association board created a reactivation committee to investigate the viability of restarting Sigma Alpha Rho. We can only imagine that Leon S. Rosenthal and the 11 brothers from West Philadelphia High and the tens of thousands since would be rooting for SAR once again.

Important questions needed to be resolved, such as: What are the interests of today's generation of high school boys? What is SAR's value prop vs. other youth organizations? What changes are needed to thrive? What about everyone's busy schedules? Would parents support us? To get feedback on these points, we hosted four focus groups, two in the Philadelphia. suburbs (Richboro, Holland, Yardley) and two in South Jersey (Cherry Hill, Voorhees, Marlton). We received feedback from both teenagers and parents in separate sessions, and to our delight, the response was overwhelmingly positive. We are now confident that SAR's core principles will absolutely still resonate today.

Today's young teens are very much interested in social activities (instead of mostly video games and hanging out with the same friends all the time) sports, travel, leadership, Jewish affiliation, and meeting girls. Sound familiar?

We are now developing a marketing plan, including web site design and social media platforms. We've engaged an expert from Hillel and a Chief Digital Officer alumnus to provide consultation. Once we've completed the social media platform, we will hire a few advisors to oversee recruitment and training, and then pitch the new groups.

Please contact us if you can provide any of the following:

- Do you or anyone you know work in the marketing and/or social media field?
- Are you or anyone you know a potential advisor (ages 22-30) living in the Philadelphia or South Jersey areas? We will offer compensation for this role.
- Can you provide contact names for potential brothers ages 13-15 (Does not have to be limited to Philadelphia or South Jersey)

Please send this information to the committee chairman PSER Larry Blumenthal at larryblum31@gmail.com.

SOUTH FLORIDA ALUMNI BRUNCH

The South Florida Alumni group met at the Westchester Country Club in Boynton Beach, Fl. on Sunday, March 1, 2020. Unfortunately, some of our regular attendees were not available to participate this year, however, we welcomed many first time attendees who had a wonderful time.

Three brothers traveled a distance to be a part of this great fraternal event. Brother Jerry Steiner, Epsilon, traveled from Atlantic City, NJ to attend his first South Florida alumni event. Rick Goldman, Beta lota, made his regular three hour drive from Sarasota, Fl. Rick never misses our S. Fl reunions. Mike "Urman" Dennenberg, Phi Omega, made his second appearance traveling from his home in Houston, Texas.

In addition, Lonnie Lipton Colan, daughter of Al Lipton, Of Blessed Memory, our first Alumni Association President, attended and shared her SAR experiences and told us how happy her dad would be to know that the S. FL alumni are still meeting annually.

Conversations around the room always include remembering the great times we shared as active brothers and how those memories have helped us build new friendships and bonds with our fellow alumni. A small group of S. Fl alumni have been meeting for lunch a few times during the year and now several additional brothers have indicated that they want to be contacted whenever the group gets together.

During our brunch, we discussed the Email update from PSER Larry Blumenthal on the status of the ongoing fraternity reactivation process. The brothers acknowledged that this will be challenging but offered their encouragement and support to the brothers involved in this process. Providing Jewish youth today with the experiences and opportunity for friendships that resulted from our active days should be a significant factor in pursuing an active fraternity.

Each brother in attendance was encouraged to bring one and hopefully two additional brothers to our next brunch in 2021. We also discussed our 102 1/2 Anniversary Celebration on April 26, 2020, at the Merion, in Cinaminson, NJ.

Sigma Alpha Rho has provided us with a life time of memories and wonderful experiences and attending the various alumni events is a great way to help cherish those memories and love for our great fraternity.

Fraternally,

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WHY AREN'T YOU A MEMBER OF OUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Is it because you don't want to be eligible to get scholarship awards ranging from \$500 -\$2000 for yourself or your child or even your grandchildren?

Is it because you think our dues are too expensive: \$18 for one year, \$36 for 5 years or \$150 for Lifetime Membership?

Is it because you don't want to hear news about what our brothers are doing today?

Maybe you don't want to join **because** you don't want to read our AK Newsletter.

Or is it because you don't think that networking with over 4000 brothers on our mailing list can help you?

Is it because you went to the 100th Anniversary Reunion and did not enjoy it?

WE HOPE THAT IT'S NONE OF THE ABOVE.

HELP MAINTAIN OUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BY JOINING...

Please join by making 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!

For questions or more information, please contact Bro. Stuart Discount at smd2824@aol.com or 215-518-0472.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

If your name DOES NOT appear below your dues have not been paid. The list includes those Brothers who will have their dues expire at the end of 2020 or later. If your Dues/Membership expired in 2019, your name is NOT on the list. PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES NOW!!!

Dues are nominal, \$18.00 per year, \$36.00 for five years or \$150.00 for a lifetime membership. We cannot afford to continue sending you information about our Association unless you are a member. PLEASE HELP!

PLEASE USE THE FORM ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE FOR YOUR DUES OR TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION. A RETURN ENVELOPE HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

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If your name does not appear on the preceding lists PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NOW by choosing one of the following membership options and filling in the info below:

□ \$18.00 - One Year □ \$36.00 (DOUBLE CHAI) Five Years □ \$150.00 Lifetime member Please enclose your information and dues made payable to SAR Alumni Association in the enclosed envelope and mail to:

Brother Phil Fink
PO Box 373
Finksburg MD 21048-0373

PLEASE SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

If you have already paid your dues please send us the updated information below.

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Address	Approx. Induction Year	
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Email address		
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Occupation	Company Name	
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College Attended	Graduation Year	