

Phi Delta Chi Alpha Sigma Alumni Association



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Collegiate Chapter Retreat 8-25-13

As in the past the Alumni Chapter has reserved a Shelter at Blackwell Forest Preserve. The park entrance is on Butterfield Rd. (Hwy 56), just North of I-88. (Exit I-88 at Winfield Road - North)

Copy and Paste the link below for information and maps.

http://www.dupageforest.com/Conservation/Forest_Preserves/Blackwell.aspx

When visiting the Blackwell WEB page please click on the **South MAP** link and download the detailed PDF map.

The retreat is scheduled to begin at **9:00AM** at the **WEST SHELTER**.

Refreshments for the meeting and lunch will be provided by the Alumni Chapter. Burgers, Dogs and Brats will be cooked by "Chef Ron" and "Chef Ray". There will also be and side dishes galore, water and assorted sodas. (NO Alcohol allowed in the park) Alumni are invited to participate in the Collegiate Chapter Retreat **or just attend the picnic lunch at approximately 12:00 PM with your family.**

Immediately after lunch, the Alumni Chapter will conduct a short business meeting. **Please let us know if you are planning on joining the Collegiate Chapter for lunch. All family members are invited.**

Alpha Sigma 2013 Graduates

Our new graduates should all be proud of their scholastic achievements, their leadership at the College of Pharmacy and the devotion given to our fraternity. As colleagues in the profession, we are sure that all of you will find success and fulfillment within the field of pharmacy. We know that the Alpha Sigma chapter will be well represented throughout the country. Our history is rich with many success stories and our future looks bright for many decades to come. It is our sincere hope that the all the graduates consider membership in our Alumni Association and maintain a close bond to our Collegiate Chapter. The Alumni Chapter can serve as a bridge between scholastic and professional challenges. Congratulations to Brothers:

Felicia Bartilotta, Alex Chew, Alexa Crossman, Beth Daily, Caitlin Davies, Kirk DeBuck, Colleen Dietz, Caroline Frackowiak, Rhynn Freeman, Lance Hosey, Natalia Jasiak, Shadi Kashani, Mike Kenes, Krystyna Khopta, Dorothy Kus, Kirsten Maloney, Melissa McInnis, Raj Mishra, Brian Monzon, Andrea O'Dell, Brianne Parra, Kruti Patel, Blake Potts, Ryan Sangalli, Neil Schultz, Bhanupriya Sirandas, Ella Starzycka, Elizabeth Sullivan, Silvena Tzonev, Brian Warren, Christy Yessin and Chris Ziganto

Fall Events Schedule

TIKI TIKI PARTY 9-06-13 7:00 PM (Nick's Beer Garden in Wicker Park)

This annual event is open to the entire student body at College of Pharmacy, faculty, alumni and guests. A great way to kick off the new collegiate year and welcome the new P1 class of 2017.

"SMOKER" 9-20-13 7:00 PM (Parthenon Restaurant in Greek Town)

We hope that many of our PDC alumni can attend this year's Smoker at the Parthenon Restaurant, 314 South Halsted St, Chicago. The approximate price will be \$25 per person. For details contact Karie Velloso via email at :

Karievellos@gmail.com

(13545 Circle Drive, Orland Park, IL 60462)

www.TheParthenon.com



HAUNTED HAYRIDE 10-11-13 (Forest View Farms in Tinley Park & Time TBA)

This is always a fun pledge event. Our alumni chapter will provide brats and hotdogs for the campfire the evening of the event. **Alumni invited !!!!**

More information will be provided in the next "post-Script" edition



Founder's Day event tentatively for Nov 1, 2013 (MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON)



Brotherhood Night 11-8-13 at the College of Pharmacy & Initiation 11-15-13 at the College of Pharmacy

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The Compounding Corner

Is it ethical or fraud?

A commercial formulation is now available in some states that contain capsaicin, lidocaine, menthol, and methyl salicylate for topical use in treating neurologic pain. This same formulation can be compounded by a pharmacist and, with existing price formulations used by most insurers, cost the patient or insurer about \$125 per 4 ounce bottle. The commercial formulation has an Average Wholesale Price (AWP) of ~\$350 to \$400 for 4 ounces. However, if purchased in quantity, a case of 50 bottles runs only \$60 a bottle [\$3,000/case]. Should one pass on the savings to the patient and his/her insurer when buying in quantity and price the prescription at \$125 or use the AWP and charge \$350?

I would suggest that if one receives a lot of prescriptions for this product to buy in bulk and pass on the cost savings to the patient and/or the insurer by charging \$125/4 ounces. However, if one does not receive enough prescriptions to use the bulk provided quantity, then buy the single item and price the prescription using the AWP. It is probably not fraudulent to buy the item by the case and charge the AWP but it would seem unethical not to pass on the price savings. After all, our profession prides itself in finding ways to cut health costs and provide the professional with a living wage.

Have questions about compounding? Feel free to call Brother Ron Koch [708-710-7916].

For those wishing to donate to the Phi Delta Chi Memorial Scholarship Fund at the University of Illinois, please click on the link below. Then in the box indicated as “other” type in Phi Delta Chi Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship award is presented to a P3 student entering their last year at the College of Pharmacy.

All donations are tax deductible if the link below is used !

Thank You.....the PDC Alumni Association!

http://www.uic.edu/pharmacy/alumni/site_redirects/donate_online.php

(NOTE: The first presentation of the Phi Delta Chi Memorial Scholarship took place at the College of Pharmacy, March - 2004)

Your dues and donations help us to continue funding the PDC Memorial Scholarship Fund, and most of all, help the Collegiate Chapter with travel expenses to National PDC and Professional Meetings.

If you know of any fellow Brothers who are not getting this newsletter, please feel free to pass this newsletter along so we can continue to grow and continue to be the leading Alumni Chapter of Phi Delta Chi!

To all the Brothers that have already joined our alumni chapter, we thank you!!!

Alpha Sigma Alumni Association Membership Form 2013-2014

Name of Alum: _____

Chapter: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Area of Pharmacy Practice: _____

Voluntary Donation to the PDC Alumni Association - Alpha Sigma Chapter (enter amount): \$ _____
Yearly dues (June 1st to May 31st) are \$20 per alum.

Dues can be paid by check, money order, and now online at: **Sorry, our WEB page is under repair**

Please make all payments out to: **Phi Delta Chi Alumni Association**
 Mail payments to: **Walter Staron - 10620 Grandview Drive - Palos Park, IL. 60464**
Alumni Brothers from all chapters are welcome to join our Alumni Association!