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MISSION & VISION

Mission of Chi Phi

To build better men through lifelong friendships, leadership opportunities, and character development.

Vision of Chi Phi

To grow the organization through a complete dedication to developing the full potential of all our members and building a strong, vibrant alumni network.

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ALPHA-ALPHA REVIEW

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PHILANTHROPY UPDATE

Chi Phi Looks Ahead to Helping Out Again in 2018

Low Country Boil: In honor of the James Alexander Memorial Foundation

This Fall, in light of the unfortunate tropical storms, the funds raised from this event went to “Love City Strong” benefitting Hurricane Irma Relief in the Caribbean. We chose to donate to “Love City Strong” because **James Alexander**, a Chi Phi alum who recently passed, enjoyed vacationing with his family in the Virgin Islands and so in his name, we donated all of the funds to help the island chain recover from the devastating disaster. Our chapter teamed up with the sisters of Chi Omega to plan the boil. We were in charge of getting the word out on campus and to the Greek community as well as selling tickets. The event was held at Chi Phi and a local band, Shakedown Street, played. The brothers set up the event as well as helped in the kitchen to prepare the food while the girls of Chi Omega served food and collected tickets. The Chi Phi chapter raised \$2,000 from their own ticket sales and contributed in the event’s total fundraising of \$5,500. This fundraising event continues to remain the main event in the fall.



Bands for Hands Benefit Concert

The other two events from the Fall semester included our help with the *Bands for Hands* benefit concert. The event raises money for *The Helping Hand Project*, an organization started by a Chi Phi alumni that builds affordable prosthetic hands for children using 3D printing technology. This event is an annual tradition for the brothers of Chi Phi.

Operation Smile

Additionally, the Chapter’s continued its involvement with Operation Smile, a charity focused on cleft palate surgery for children. We hosted their Fall event at our house. Ryan Cody, the founder of Operation Smile at UNC had this to say about Chi Phi’s involvement with the organization:

“Chi Phi has shown consistent dedication to the cause by inspiring students, spreading awareness, and raising money. For the last two years, Chi Phi has hosted Operation Smile’s largest fundraiser at UNC, Songs for Smiles. This event features a lineup of local bands and is open to the community. Both years have been a success, raising enough money for 15 surgeries. Without this fundraising, 15 children would be walking around somewhere in the world with an inability to eat, attend school, or receive a kiss from a loved one. However, Operation Smile and Chi Phi partnered together to give these 15 children a bright life.”

We will be partnering again with Operation Smile this month to host the 10th annual Cleft Palate Gallop, a 5k raising money for the organization. We will be sure to include more information on that as details become available.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Jimmy Garrell '58 is Still a People Person



Jimmy Garrell '58 remembers one of the main reasons he joined Chi Phi over other fraternities was the diverse social setting. During his time there, he served social chair of the fraternity. As he considers himself a people person, filling the position was a perfect fit for him.

After graduation, Garrell was a small-town produce broker, fruit and vegetable operator and a convenience store operator. His biggest accomplishment is being the owner of Jimmy G's convenience store, where he trademarked the slogan, "Give a smile away every day."

In addition to creating his own slogan, Garrell has worked on

commercials with other stores and 94.9FM and yourbeachmusic.com. He is currently a member of the Rams Club and a Deacon at Tabor City Baptist Church. He also has an award named after him at the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Still a sports fan, Garrell does his best to go back to campus for football weekends and basketball games. A few years ago, ESPN featured a video of him dancing at the Final Four in Arizona just before the Heels won the 2017 National Championship. You can find the video at <http://www.espn.com/video/clip?id=19055354>.

Garrell's advice to current undergraduates is to study more and take advantage of educational opportunities. He believes that he could have done more during his time at UNC, and he advises that students strive to excel in their studies. He also asks his fellow alum to pray for his good health. He is seen as something of a living legend as he has reached the 60th anniversary of his graduation from UNC and is the proud age of 82.

Even though he is less active in the fraternity now than he used to be, Garrell still encourages everyone to make donations if they can. He also tries to stay in touch with fellow alumni as much as possible by attending meetings, making phone calls and staying up to date on everyone's achievements.

2018 ANNUAL GIVING YEAR

The Power of 3

So far, in the 2018 giving year, we have received three gifts to the annual fund. Rather than see this as a shortcoming or something to lament, we need to look at it as a powerful example of what we are capable of when we stick together. We have 1,262 active members in our database. The average of the 3 gifts we received was \$200. Now imagine that 100 of the brothers from our list, less than 10%, gave \$200. Imagine if half of the list gave just \$50.

It is up to us, the alumni, brothers for life, to keep the lamps trimmed and burning. Many alumni organizations have flourished and found their groove and so can we if we are willing to remember what Chi Phi did for us. Are your experiences and the friends you made along the way worth making a small gift if it means, at the very least, you will be doing your part to keep our brotherhood alive? Together we can do anything but we need your help.



The annual fund runs from January 1 through December 31 each year, and supports alumni communications and chapter resources on a yearly basis. There is still plenty of time to make your gift and help Chi Phi continue its journey into the future. Can we count on you?

Make Your Gift

1. Log on to www.chiphiunc.org and click on **Donate** in the upper right-hand corner
2. Call 800-975-6699
3. Mail a check payable to "Chi Phi – University of North Carolina" to:

Alumni Relations Processing Center
P.O. Box 7007 Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

Thanks to those who made their gift early in 2018:

Scarlet Club (\$250 - \$499.99)

Charles Bryan 1982 Matthew Hunsucker 2000

Blue Club (\$100 - \$249.99)

Gregory Chrisafis 1967

NATIONWIDE CHANGES

NIC Bolsters Health and Safety Standards Nationwide

Despite no-hazing policies and other rules and regulations in place, no campus is safe from the fraternity-related injuries, deaths, and other tragedies that have dominated the headlines in recent years. In response, the North-American Interfraternity Council made some major announcements in 2017 regarding the need for improved safety and health measures for fraternities nationwide and their plan to address said needs.

- **A medical Good Samaritan Policy** to encourage fraternity members to contact 911 in any medical emergency situations.
- **Baseline health and safety programming** to ensure all NIC member fraternities are providing required health and safety education to all chapters.
- **The Social Safe pilot program** that empowers the NIC to work with campuses to remove dangerous hard alcohol from the fraternity experience, provide a more balanced, academic-centered fraternity experience, and foster safer social events for members and guests.

HELP THE TRUE MEANING OF FRATERNITY LIVE ON

The Future of Greek Like Depends on Your Support and Encouragement

As we near the end of the Spring semester and get ready for Summer, we need to keep in mind that our current undergraduate brothers are counting on all of you to help them make the most of their time with Chi Phi.

When you support Chi Phi you're not just supporting your fraternity. You're making a critical investment in the values of brotherhood, honor, tradition and goodwill, as well as the lives of young men who need your support now more than ever.

You've seen the news lately. Greek life is in a state of flux, and it is up to us to determine its fate. Will you join us in leading Chi Phi into the next 100 years as the exemplary fraternity of the future?



Like you, 90% of alumni rank their fraternity as one of their most impactful college experiences.

Is it because...?

- You learned responsibility and how to lead others through the self-governed residential experience.
- Your Greek life experience was the #1 out-of-the-classroom learning opportunity

you could've ever had.

- You learned the importance of giving back and helping others through volunteerism and fundraising.
- Your fellow alums remain your very best friends to this day.

It's no surprise to you that the Greek system donates 10 million service hours every year, 85% of student leaders are in a fraternity or sorority and Greek life raises millions of dollars annually for charity.

Your continual support ensures Chi Phi provides the same valuable fraternity experience you enjoyed, to the current undergraduates, while ensuring that no matter what, our alumni and bond of 1,262 members stays strong.

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

We know you have stories to tell so what are you waiting for?

We often ask our members to share their stories and memories about their days with Chi Phi but with so MANY things to reminisce about, it is hard to decide what to share. That's why we have come up with a short set of questions in this article, meant to help us remember some of our best stories and some of the things we learned and took away from our experience with Chi Phi.

- What is your favorite memory from the Chapter?
- What was your favorite Chapter event during the Spring semester?
- Do you still keep in touch with any brothers? Who?
- Tell us about your career.
- What have you been up to since graduation (family, hobbies, etc)?

These days, thanks to our great alumni website we can go online and visit our brothers (Alumni Updates) any time we feel like it and let



them know what is going on in our lives. When you post your stories and updates to our alumni website, you may find yourself re-connecting with old friends you haven't spoken with in years if they see your submission. That's

what this whole alumni program is about; engagement and connection with our oldest and dearest friends from some of the best times of our lives.

Please take some time with these questions and email your answers and memories to our managing editor at seth@affinityconnection.com.

MEN'S HEALTH

Why Strong Graduate Connections Are Good for Your Health

Work and family take precedence as we age, and maintaining friendships becomes more of an option than a necessity. The weekend trips, grabbing a beer after work, and football tailgates fade away just gradually enough that we don't realize it. Without strong friendships, men's health suffers. According to the article, loneliness has been linked to an increased risk of cardiovascular disease and stroke and the progression of Alzheimer's. One study found that it can be as much of a long-term risk factor as smoking.

It's not too late to turn it around... we're here for each other.

Thanks to Alpha-Alpha Chapter, you have many friends—brothers, in fact—with whom you already share common bonds. Being a member of Chi Phi is a lifelong privilege, so take advantage of your membership. Reconnect with brothers, revitalize your friendships. Come to an event, check out headquarters events in your area, or use our online directory to look up that brother you haven't talked to in years. Get. In. Touch. Don't wait. Do it now. Thanks to the generosity of our graduate network, the tools you need are all right here.



FLASHBACK PHOTOS NEEDED

Your Chi Phi Brothers Want to See Your Old Pictures

There is a reason you have kept that shoe box full of old pictures from your fraternity days under the bed all these years. Now is the time to pull that dusty old treasure chest out, fire up your scanner and let all of your brothers see and enjoy your personal archives. Going through old pictures is a great way to remember people and places you may have forgotten about and get back in touch with those whom you may want to reconnect.

Fortunately for all of you, Alpha-Alpha has a great alumni website where you can submit your stories and pictures immediately for everyone to see. It has been awhile since any of you have gone on and given us an update and we would like to see that change. One of the main things that helps alumni programs like this to flourish and grow is the



involvement and contributions of its members. Not just monetarily, but also with memories and artifacts that help to tell the history of our lives and our time at UNC with our brothers.

It's OK if you have spent a few years or even a few decades without reaching out to

Chi Phi. We have always been here and always will be so drop us a line at www.chiphiunc.org, tell us a story and help the history of our brotherhood live on for many years to come!

6 GREAT REASONS TO RENEW WITH CHI PHI

Uphold Your Connections and Enhance Your Chi Phi Experience

In case you weren't aware, we have an enhanced alumni program, driven by frequent publication of eLetters and print newsletters and our online community, www.chiphiunc.org. We are counting on you to make our program a continued success.

There are plenty of reasons to maintain your connections with Alpha-Alpha Chapter after graduation, and we thank the brothers who have remained active in their alumni years. For those of you who may have fallen away from the fraternity, we've compiled 6 great reasons to make this the year you renew your commitment to Chi Phi.

- 1. We are the backbone for our future active chapter.** It is critical that our alumni bond together to form a unified, solid base for Chi Phi. The newest members of our fraternity will look to us to set an example of what it means to be a True Gentleman.
- 2. The Chi Phi experience doesn't end with graduation.** Membership in Chi Phi is for life, and there are plenty of ways to stay involved: through alumni events, by serving as a volunteer, by actively participating in our alumni program, and, most importantly, by providing financial support to the annual fund.



- 3. We have a unique legacy to maintain.** We are fortunate to have a rich history and special traditions that span across two organizations. If you were a member of Chi Phi during your college years, you are part of a single brotherhood that is bonded together by a core set of values and principles.
- 4. We developed a way for you to connect throughout the year.** Check out our alumni web site, www.chiphiunc.org, where you can read the latest chapter news, find event details, and reconnect with old friends. Be sure to sign up for our monthly eLetter!
- 5. You have a lifelong network of brothers.**

Find contact information for your fellow Alpha-Alpha brothers at www.chiphiunc.org, and connect with them for job networking opportunities, to renew old friendships, to find brothers in your area, and more.

- 6. You're the key to our past and the link to our future.** As a thriving alumni association, we boast generations of brothers that have contributed to our rich history. We have collectively preserved traditions, enriched lives of young men, and kept a thriving organization going strong at UNC for many years. You have a unique place in that history, and are asked to maintain your connections to pay it forward for future generations.

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