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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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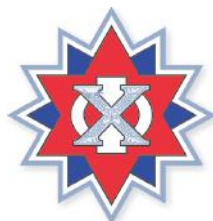
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# ALPHA-ALPHA REVIEW

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## UPCOMING EVENT

### You're Invited: Spring Alumni & Parent Party

*Register Today*

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 25! We will be hosting our annual spring party for alumni brothers, actives, and families to celebrate our longstanding brotherhood. The event is open to all alumni, their spouses/significant others, actives, their parents, and their dates.



### Details

**Location:** Alumni Hall at the Carolina Club (UNC's George Watts Hill Alumni Center)

**Time:** 8 p.m. to midnight

**Features:** Gourmet Dinner, Open Bar, JAVA Band

**Ticket Price:** \$85 per person

*Cocktail attire is recommended.*

**Please note:** Tickets are required in order to attend.

You can purchase single or couples' tickets at [www.chiPhiunc.org](http://www.chiPhiunc.org).



### Where to Stay

We have a block of rooms at Aloft Chapel Hill Hotel (1001 South Hamilton Road) for March 24 – 25. To book your room, visit [www.tinyurl.com/AloftAlpha-Alpha](http://www.tinyurl.com/AloftAlpha-Alpha) or call (919) 932-7772 and let them know you're with SOME. We also have a block of rooms at

the Sheraton Chapel Hill. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/SheratonAlpha-Alpha](http://www.tinyurl.com/SheratonAlpha-Alpha).

Please plan to join us for this fun weekend with your brothers in Chapel Hill. This is also a great opportunity to meet alumni from different eras and the active chapter members.

We hope to see you there!

## How The Sullivans' Legacy Enriches their Fraternity Experience

You'd be hard pressed to find Chi Phi brothers who have a closer bond, despite their age difference, than **Taylor Sullivan '13** and **Bryan Sullivan '86**. But that comes with the territory when brothers are also father and son.

"A lot of my dad's closest friends were from Chi Phi and I met a ton of them growing up," Taylor recalls. "We took a yearly football trip to a Carolina game and tailgated at the house, so I got to know a lot of them."

"I had a level of expectation that he might join Chi Phi, but I told him to look at all the fraternities at Chapel Hill," Bryan says. "Each one has good and bad, but he just had to find the right fit. During the rush process, he met the members and felt comfortable there."

"It was really special to walk in the house and see my dad there," Taylor says. "I just really liked all of the guys that I met there, and the house is in such a beautiful location."

Having his son join Chi Phi gave Bryan an opportunity to get more involved with the chapter.

"It was a definite benefit," Bryan says. "Being around the house and being comfortable with his brothers allowed me to get to know them better. Our whole family was able to bond with them and see them progress through college and their careers. It's been a lot of fun."

Taylor agrees, saying that his father was able to lend advice to the chapter and create relationships with his brothers that would have been missed if it wasn't for their family bond. "My dad had a vested interest in the house and saw the challenges we faced."

Although Bryan—who is a golf pro and had a career path to follow in the industry—didn't rely on the professional connections that come with being a Chi Phi, Taylor benefited from the networking opportunities.

After graduating from UNC with an exercise and sport science degree, Taylor was able to call upon brother **Ted Kirk '10** when he was interviewing for his

current position as territory sales manager for Service Trade. Kirk gave Taylor a recommendation with a former co-worker and provided him with valuable advice about the work environment.

"I didn't realize early on in the pledge process how valuable these connections would be," Taylor admits.

He now hosts a yearly golf tournament with his father's help at Kilmarlic Golf Club in Powells Point, NC, where Bryan is the director of golf. Alumni from Taylor's era come from New York, California, and Denver to network and catch up.

"Without his help and blessing, we could never do anything like that," Taylor says.

Bryan also sees his Chi Phi brothers annually around the golf course, although they gather for a less formal weekend event. Whether at golf outings, around the house, or at football tailgates, both father and son enjoy the relationship with each other, and their brothers, that their legacy has enabled.

## GET CONNECTED

### New Online Home for Alpha-Alpha Alumni Now Live!

#### Start Connecting Today

As you may know, we are working to revitalize the alumni communications program for Alpha-Alpha Chapter of Chi Phi. As part of that process, we have expanded our communications by adding a new website ([www.chiPhiunc.org](http://www.chiPhiunc.org)) and monthly email-newsletter to keep you informed of news about the active chapter and your fellow alumni.

If we have your email address, you should have already received login information. If you didn't, send your name, grad year, and contact information to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com), and we'll send you login credentials.

Once you've logged in, hover over the "Connect" tab and select "Profile." There, you can edit your profile, add a profile photo, post photos, and start finding friends today. It's that simple!

#### How You Can Connect with Brothers

The website presents news and feature articles about our alumni, updates on the undergraduate chapter, and celebrates the rich history of our chapter. By logging into the site, you are granted full access to all of the content on the site, including photo albums and alumni updates.

As an alumnus, you can log in and make your contribution to the website by:

- Sharing memorable stories about your brothers and your Chi Phi experience (click "Submit an Update" under the "Alumni Updates" tab)



- Uploading your own collection of Chi Phi photos from your collegiate days. Your brothers will love seeing them! (Click "Photo Albums," then "Create a Photo Album")
- Making a donation to support our undergrad chapter and alumni events (Click the Donate button in the top right-hand corner)

This website is a place just for Alpha-Alpha alumni to reconnect, find lost brothers, post photos, create groups, and much more!

The key to our success is the participation of all of our alumni in staying in touch, keeping us up to date with your lives, and sharing priceless memories.

Wherever our lives may take us—across the country or around the world—think of this new site as your Alpha-Alpha online home. Reach out, reconnect, and network with your brothers through the online community, which can be accessed by logging into the site and clicking "Connect."

Visit our "How To" section or email us at [websupport@affinityconnection.com](mailto:websupport@affinityconnection.com) for assistance in navigating the site.

Please visit the site frequently and make use of this incredible opportunity to get involved and reconnected. Look for our monthly email-newsletters to stay in the loop. Chi Phi is counting on you to be a part of our future, not just our past. Visit [www.chiPhiunc.org](http://www.chiPhiunc.org) today.



## Brothers Spanning the Decades Share Memories & Reunion Photos

**Ben Newlin '64** (267 The Glens Blvd., Banner Elk, NC 28604-8777; [bnewlin@skybest.com](mailto:bnewlin@skybest.com))



Ben Newlin

After finishing my BA from UNC, I received my MPA from George Washington University and graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College and Industrial College of the Armed Forces. I

spent 30 years in the US Coast Guard. During my years of service, I commanded four major cutters. I retired as Chief of Staff for Gulf Coast States and Gulf of Mexico, in the rank of Captain. In my career, I served as the Deputy Assistant Director and Senior Policy Analyst in the George H. W. Bush White House. I was also the Director of Quality Assurance and a founder of Disney Cruise Line and retired after 11 years.

I'm married with three grown kids and seven grandkids (one a UNC grad).

On graduation, George Dauphinais, the father of a fraternity brother, helped me get my first job (General Motors Overseas Operations in NYC). I'm happy to have recently established contact with my two Chi Phi roommates, **Bob Moore** and **Manning Huske**.

**J. R. Brown '61** (16 Saint Croix Pl. Apt J, Greensboro NC 27410-5095; [jrb1376@gmail.com](mailto:jrb1376@gmail.com))

I am a retired teacher and am now selling electronics at Walmart Straight Talk program. My daughter works for Charlotte Symphony, and my son works for Davant interior design in Banner Elk. My best memories are playing basketball with the Brothers in the fraternity league.

**David Howell '67** (110 Corbett Ave., San Francisco, CA 94114-1815; [howdsf@gmail.com](mailto:howdsf@gmail.com))

The Class of '67 has been moved to the outer limits of the stairs, or had been the last time I was in the House. Still, out of sight does not equal out of mind. Thanks to my brothers

during that time for their friendship and fellowship. Fifty years later, I'm happily retired from a rewarding career as a medical writer, so no more manuscripts awaiting me every morning. Instead, I spend my mornings with the New York Times. Life is good.

I live in San Francisco half of the year and Chapel Hill the other half. I enjoy the diversity of San Francisco and the energy of Chapel Hill—a fine combination. I would enjoy hearing from brothers during the late '60s.

**David Nance '69** (129 Snead Rd., Fort Mill, SC 29715-6541; [dknance@comporium.net](mailto:dknance@comporium.net))



Steve and Nancy Fuller from Salisbury, also among David's close group

I'm still hanging with my Chi Phi brothers after 48 years. Our group has maintained a social and business relationship since graduation in 1969 and 1970. We have gatherings at the beach

or the mountains nearly every year, along with the occasional bowl game or basketball tournament. We all appreciate the brotherhood of Chi Phi and enjoy the lifelong friendships gifted to us.

The members of our close group that are not shown include **John Morris '69**, **Ron Johnson '70**, **Ben Booker '69**, **Dave Bennet '66**, **Bill Means '69**, **John Roberts '69**, **Don Davidson '69**, **Fred Vanwagen '68**, and **Joe Earnhardt '69**.

**Sid Lord '86** (3 S Burberry Park Circle, Spring, Texas 77382-3529; [jsldlord@gmail.com](mailto:jsldlord@gmail.com))

I'm living in Houston Texas and am a captain for United Airlines. I flew for the US Navy for nine years and have been with United for 22 years. I've flown all over the world and continue to work mostly international flights. Mostly, I play tennis, bicycle, and swim.

**Rob Roney '87** (404 S 14th St., Moorehead City, NC 28557-4126; [jrroney@gmail.com](mailto:jrroney@gmail.com))

I have two sons: John Robert Roney, IV (age 7) and Christian Peele Roney (age 4). I am an old Dad. I intend to take my sons to ballgames and by the House.



Left to right: Ben Dellinger, David Nance, Jim Huntley, Mike Shell, Vick McCoy, and Bill Smith

**Kevin Chandler '07** (300 W Hargett St. Apt 403, Washington, NC 27601-3016; [k.r.chandler@gmail.com](mailto:k.r.chandler@gmail.com))

I'm currently the Senior Manager of Public Affairs at Apex Clean Energy. I remember my Chi Phi days fondly, especially football Saturdays. Few things in this world feel better than waking up on game day with the smell of barbecue cooking outside and seeing the house's front yard already halfway full with alumni in from out of town. I graduated ten years ago and still speak to our fraternity brothers daily. We've celebrated good times and leaned on each other in bad, and I'm damn proud of this group of friends. I still enjoy coming back to the house for football games and alumni events and seeing the progress we've made. Both SOMF and the actives have worked hard to grow and thrive in some very challenging times. The house looks ten times better today than it did in my



The guys with their wives: Babi Nance, Teri Huntley, Mercedes Smith, Caroline Dellinger, Treva McCoy, and Roxanne Shell

time, and the brotherhood appears just as strong.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Can You Caption This Photo?



We recently found this priceless photo in the 1965 edition of the *Yackety Yack*. Are you in this photo? Do you recognize anyone? We're looking for the story behind it. If you're able, caption this photo for us by emailing us at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

While you're at it, be sure to share your own photos! With today's technology—scanners, digital phones, and social media—more than ever before, we have the ability to easily preserve some of the best pictures from throughout Alpha-Alpha Chapter's history.

Do you have old photos from your Chi Phi days tucked away in your drawer, packed away in your attic, or in a frame on your desk? Send them (with captions) to us at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) or submit an update at [www.chiphiunc.org](http://www.chiphiunc.org)!

## CHAPTER UPDATE

### Bouncing Back After Past Mistakes

#### *Undergrads Stepping Up, Re-Inventing Chi Phi*

The last few years brought some unique challenges to our chapter, but we are happy to share that the undergrad chapter has made significant strides to overcome them.

Now, after a one-year probation in 2014 and implementing a live-in advisor to provide structure and guidance, the chapter is taking their commitment to each other as brothers—and their responsibility as UNC students—seriously.

“Our chapter has had to deal with more adversity than most on campus as well as across the nation,” says Lane Jones. “Dealing with strict sanctions from the school following previous mistakes coupled with David Shannon’s passing has taught the chapter what it truly means to come together as a brotherhood. This past year and a half, we have done well to project an image of ourselves across campus that is representative of our values. Learning from our past hardships has been more beneficial than anyone could have foreseen.”

Thanks in part to these tough lessons, the chapter is thriving today. Here are just a few statistics to prove it:



*Brothers shingling the roof of a house for Habitat for Humanity*

- This fall, 24 upstanding young men joined Chi Phi and more than 100 men showed interest in the chapter.
- The undergrads raised \$6,000

at the Chi Phi & Chi Omega Low Country Boil (funds will support North Carolina Coastal Conservation).

- The group received a cumulative 3.316 GPA, which tops the All Greek GPA (3.294), the All Fraternity GPA (3.228), and the All Men GPA (3.182).

“Holding brothers to their word is very important to our organization,” say Jones. “Creating initiatives surrounding scholarly performance is a great motivator.”

That’s why poor academic performance now results in chores, like dishes and general house cleaning, and party restriction.

Looking ahead, the group aims to double their pledge class numbers and recruit the best and brightest. Best of all, they’re eager to get alumni more involved.

“There is so much to be learned from even just a single alum returning,” Jones says. “We want to continue to become a better chapter each year, and we believe the wisdom of alumni is a necessity in order to do this.”