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Our European Chapters Initiated Five New Members

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Olivier Custers

HOLLAND CHAPTER
Robert J J van Es

LONDON CHAPTER
Rakesh Saksena
Gavin J Seal

PARIS CHAPTER
Jerome Brussiau

Our Australasian Chapters Initiated Three New Members

VICTORIAN CHAPTER
Michael Morgan
Anthony Robertson
Anne Stewart

Our United States Chapters Initiated Two New Members

New York
David A Zadik

Rho
Martin J Rogers

Congratulations and welcome to each of these deserving individuals and to these chapters for a job well done.

Our Undergraduate Chapters reported 569 new initiates during the academic year 2008-2009.

DEPUTIES: The January 20th deadline has past for the submission of your chapter’s report and payment of Life Membership. If your chapter still needs to comply, please do so ASAP. You also need to submit a Form 30 for each of your graduating seniors so that their Life Membership Certificates can be prepared and sent to you before graduation. Please submit them as a group and not individually.

Also due for the first time this year is the Annual Report of the Deputy (Form 60). A new award has been established for Community Service by the chapters. Please provide a detailed explanation of your chapter’s activity in community service so that the Supreme Council can select a winner.

You can find these forms and others on our WEB site www.deltsig.com or by contacting Central Office.

The next deadline is June 1, 2010 for the submission of:

1. Annual report of the Chapter Scribe (Form 70)
2. Junior Academic Award (Form 10)

REPRESENTATIVES: Your chapter reporting date of February 15, 2010 has also past. Please file your chapter’s Annual Report and payment as soon as possible. The Per Capita Fee for your members of record for 2009 is $30 each and the Chapter Fee is $50.

THE AD-INTERIM MEETING OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

This year the Supreme Council held its Ad-Interim Meeting in New York, NY on Saturday March 27, 2010. The minutes of the meeting will be distributed soon thereafter.

126th ANNUAL MEETING

126th Annual Meeting will be held in Orlando, FL on October 8 – 11, 2010. This is a Friday through Monday schedule and is in conjunction with the ADA Meeting. I will be in touch with all Official Attendees soon.

THE EUROPEAN CONTINENTAL CHAPTER MEETING

The next meeting of the ECC is scheduled for Friday, June 25, 2010 in Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy.
ATTENTION!
CHANGE IN DESMOS CIRCULATION!

There are currently around 30,000 members of Delta Sigma Delta. Of these, 3,000 are “active”, paying annual dues and attending graduate chapter meetings. There are a further 27,000 who pay no dues, do not attend meetings and therefore may be considered “non-active”, even though they are all still mailed every edition of DESMOS. The Supreme Council has been looking at ways to use the Fraternity funds in a more efficient way and also to attempt to reintroduce some of the “non-active” members back into Fraternal life. The first step towards this dual aim can be achieved via the distribution of DESMOS.

It is now no longer practical or economical to distribute DESMOS in the same way as previously. The current method of mailing has been helpful for the Supreme Scribe to ascertain correct addresses – if DESMOS is returned he knows the member has moved on. However, the 27,000 “non-active” members who continue to receive DESMOS are causing an unsustainable drain on the funds of the Fraternity. It would be poor business practice for the Supreme Council to allow this drain to continue.

In addition, in the modern age it is far more economical and convenient to distribute publications such as DESMOS electronically (soft copy) and the Supreme Council is working toward this goal.

If you are one of the 27,000 “non-active” members who does not pay dues through a Graduate Chapter or the Graduate Chapter-At-Large, the Supreme Council would like to try to rekindle your interest in the Fraternity. If you are one of these “non-active” members and would like to continue to receive DESMOS and/or be interested in hearing about other activities of the Fraternity, would you please answer the following questions preferably by e-mail to: supremescribe@deltsig.com or by regular mail to the Supreme Scribe -

Dr John H. Prey, 296 15th Avenue, Nekoosa, WI 54457, USA:

1. Are you still interested in receiving DESMOS?
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3. Will you agree to pick up DESMOS from the Fraternity website?

To continue to receive printed DESMOS, you must join an established graduate chapter or the Graduate Chapter-At Large by paying the annual per capita fee of $45 in the November Loyalty Fund letter, which you receive by regular postal mail.

If you are one of the 3,000 “active” members who pays annual dues, you need do nothing as DESMOS shall still be sent to you.

For the next two years, the June quarterly issue of DESMOS shall be mailed to all members, and the three other quarterly issues shall be mailed to members who have paid per capita annual dues for the year.

Digital copies shall continue to be available to all members at www.deltsig.com the Fraternity website. To “Log In”, use your last name as “User Name” and then your five digit zip-code as “Password”, i.e. the zip-code where you receive the printed DESMOS. Once logged in to our website, under “Member Tools: My Account” you may edit your password and your membership information. In the left directory column, click on “Desmos” to read our magazine.
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from balmy city of Seattle, Washington! Unlike other parts of the country, we were very fortunate to have only our expected rain and happily no snow or ice. I sincerely hope that everyone residing in the Midwest and Eastern parts of the country has been able to dig out and recover from the incredible snow storms that have taken place these past months and are now enjoying the beauty that comes from spring.

In my goal constantly to improve our fraternity, I have been busy planning and attending as many ARM’s as possible. I have a feeling this year is going to go by very quickly! The Western Region was held at A.T. Still University in Phoenix, which was the first time an ARM was held at this location, and we were very pleased with its great success. The Alpha Nu Chapter is growing nicely, with thanks and appreciation to John Biddulph PSGM and Dr. L. James Bell, chapter deputy and Vice-Dean at the college. Thank you both for your outstanding efforts and accomplishments! The program at this university is unique and the students are very excited about their future in the field of dentistry. I had the pleasure of participating in numerous wonderful conversations during the weekend about our profession, which made me think of what each of us could be doing to help these young men and women. The answer: MENTORING. In my travels for Delts and other professional groups, I have consistently found myself discussing the dental field with the younger dentists, just as I did twenty-five years ago with my mentors, who I’m proud to say have all been Delts. These discussions led me to join study clubs and continue educating myself. I am still learning and hope to never quit!

In our profession you simply are not able to do it by yourself. Years ago, this fact was stressed to me by one of my mentors over and over again when he said, “The more help you ask for and receive, the better dentist you will become.” Going to my mentors with any problems and getting “experienced” solutions saved me from making many mistakes. This is invaluable in these times. We are, after all, in the practice of dentistry and as you know, practice makes perfect! What I have noticed in these young professionals is their constant thirst for knowledge and not just knowledge from CE courses, but information and guidance from experienced and practicing dentists. If each one of us searched out a young Delt in our area and offered our experience to them, the rewards would be endless for both parties. It does not require a lot of time and you might be pleasantly surprised at what they might teach you in return.

Along other lines, we are progressing nicely with the “Delta Sigma Delta Facebook Chapter.” I have received an incredible amount of great ideas from students and am encouraged that by incorporating the current technology and trends, our fraternity will benefit and grow exceptionally in the future. I hope your deputies passed along my Delt Exit Questionnaire to all seniors to fill out before graduating. Please fill it out and send it to me: ganzkowdds@comcast.net. Your responses will help us improve our fraternity. Please continue sending me your thoughts and ideas. Communication is the key!

From my home to yours, we wish everyone happiness and continued success.

Supreme Grand Master

GREGORY G. GANZKOW

ULO Rep. Karen Ganzkow held a Lunch-n-Learn about the Ultralight Optics Featherlight System with LSU students in New Orleans L-R Justin Stanford, Ryan Coulon, Philip McCann, Christianna Moore, Karen Ganzkow, Erica Hender, Anil Gupta, Jimmy Nelson, Michael Adragna, Kevin McPherson (with two unidentified gentlemen)
Last April 2009, the Paris Chapter held its 80th Anniversary Meeting under the remarkable conduct of our Grand Master Laurent Covo. This important event was organized in Deauville, one of Normandy’s famous locations on the northwest coast of France facing Great Britain Island from where the American and allied armies crossed the channel and liberated the France in June 1944 by landing in Normandy.

The Meeting took place in this town of world-wide reputation where aristocratic personalities, artists, impressionist painters, elegant writers and neo-modern musicians lived during last century, such as Boudin, Van Dongen, Domergue, Lartigues, Proust, Eric Satie and many others. Today Deauville is more known for its golf courses, its beaches, its luxurious hotels and palaces. The important Festival of American Movies is held here every year.

As usual, Paris brothers and their wives were visited by a number of foreign brothers and ladies coming from the different European chapters. We were also honored by the outstanding attendance of Lou Farrugia, IPSGM of the Supreme Chapter and his charming wife Ruth.

GM ECC JP Kermanac’h and his officers of the ECC: Peter Blenkinsopp, Rob Slootweg and Ole-Jacob Vikse, then the GMs of graduate chapters: Laurent Covo (Paris), Michael Dill (New York), Patrick Bogaerts (Belgium), Ian Wilson (London), Hans Meiiling (Holland) and Leif Åge Solhaug (Scandinavian) were accompanied by 52 brothers and 47 ladies of their respective chapters.

Paris GM Laurent Covo opened the Meeting and thanked with warm words the especially great number of visitors. He was followed by GM of ECC Jean-Pierre Kermanac’h and IPSGM Lou Farrugia, who informed us of the excellent health of the Fraternity at large.

One French neophyte, Jerome Brussiau was initiated. Congratulations Brother Brussiau!

During the meeting our wives visited Deauville under the guidance of our charming Grand Master’s wife Cathy. A small white train conducted them for a fascinating tour of the historical Villa Strassburger, where our Meeting was held. The wives joined us in this exquisite place for the Banquet.

Toasts to the GM were presented by PGM ECC Peter Pré, by Scribe Eric Leclerc to the Visitors and by PGM Vinh N’Guen to the Ladies. After an outstanding dinner, a DJ took the floor and all the brothers and wives danced till the early morning.

Villa Strassburger in Deauville, France

GM Laurent Covo and Michelle Kermanac’h
Recognize this high school senior? He's a little bit older now but still in great shape. Here's a hint. This Milwaukee area general dentist was recently elected to the Washington High School Sports Hall of Fame. But that Washington High School is not located in Wisconsin. E-mail your answer to npeterson2@wi.rr.com. First correct answer wins “Pizza and a Movie for Two”.

The following day coaches conducted us all to Honfleur, a typical and marvellous harbour. We visited the Boudin museum, Eric Satie’s House and we walked around this small town. After an excellent lunch, a boat took us for a sea ride all along the beautiful coast which allowed us to admire the monumental 1 km long bridge “Pont de Normandie” that crosses the very large estuary of River Seine joining Le Havre, the first commercial and industrial harbour of France. Returning to the hotel, we took a short rest and met again in the restaurant of the “Casino de Deauville” for dinner, which was followed by a “night of perdition” on the crap tables of the Casino.
co-ordinator. A welcome to Marquette dinner was held at the Five O’Clock Club, and Badger Chapter provided morning coffee and doughnuts for the Saturday Seminar. We are pleased that you enjoyed the ARM, come back again soon.

Hope to see many of you sisters and brothers at the Jewel of the Great Lakes WDA convention this year. Go Marquette!

BELGIAN CHAPTER

Xavier Lhussier, Historian

An exceptional Anniversary Meeting!

A tough job awaited our new Grand Master Patrick Bogaerts, who has taken over the gavel from Brother Paul Bonte last spring.

Indeed, the wonderful 2008 AM weekend in Ypres, where the Delts paid tribute to the hundred thousands of young soldiers who gave their lives for our countries will long remain a milestone in the annals of the Belgian Chapter.

Our GM Bogaerts lives and works in Ixelles, which is one of the nicest boroughs that make up the city of Brussels. It is a kaleidoscope of various early 20th Century architectural Art Nouveau and Art Deco jewels, harbouring mostly families, small businesses, legal and medical offices, and lots of cozy and trendy restaurants and cafes. Patrick Bogaerts had been nurturing the idea of organizing the celebration of our 34th Anniversary Meeting exclusively in “his” Ixelles.

On September 11th our 2009 AM started off for the Ladies with a guided tour of a selection of small trendy shops in the close vicinity of our HQ, Chatelain Hotel. The Brothers themselves, on the other hand, were treated to a surprise. The Meeting had been meticulously planned in an exceptional venue: the private vintage car collection of the D’Ieteren family, very rarely accessible to the public. It consists of a huge collection of cars of different makes that the D’Ieteren family has imported and displayed for almost a century. The unexpected and unusual charm of the place worked wonders, and it most certainly impressed our Neophyte, Olivier Custers, as much as it did the assembled brotherhood. The Ladies joined us there after the Meeting, and nostalgia set in amongst the Studebakers, Lincolns, Porsches, with the help of excellent champagne, chosen as always with extreme discretion by our Chamberlain Henri.

The Belgian Chapter was very happy to be host to many Visitors, amongst whom some illustrious regulars: Br Lou Farrugia, IPSGM, Br Ole-Jacob Vikse, GM ECC, Br Bob Karsten, PGM NY Ch., Br Laurent PGM ECC Farid Cacheco and IPSGM Louis Farrugia enjoy antique autos

Auto-Union 30’s racer

PGM Aimee Larraga and Deputy Barry Baumann organized the Central ARM

Maxillofacial Surgeon Joseph A. Best
The first Saturday in December always brings the highpoint of the Cleveland Graduate Chapter’s year: our annual Christmas Party. This year we gathered at the historic Canterbury Golf Club. We were delighted to have Supreme Grand Master and Mrs Greg Ganzkow make the cross country trek to celebrate the holidays with about fifty members and their guests. Also joining us this year was Past Supreme Grand Master Chuck Moyer, who made the voyage back to Cleveland from his new home in Buffalo, NY. It was really great to see Chuck and Sara. A special note of thanks goes out to Grand Master Lisa Browning for arranging a wonderful event.

A late start for the Saturday morning programme was scheduled. It had undoubtedly catalysed the excellent brotherly after-dinner ambiance that prevailed until the wee small hours of the morning.

The Saturday visit of the Flagey Building, an Art Deco landmark, brought many of us back to their teen years, when it was the home of the National Belgian Broadcasting Corporation. The building has been fully restored to its former glory just a year ago and is now host to many cultural and musical events. A light lunch was served while the Brothers and Ladies were entertained by a smooth jazz combo.

A very successful AM, dear GM Patrick, which many of us have extended into a perfect Saturday evening roundoff in one of Ixelles’ best and cosiest restaurants, “Le Fils de Jules”.

We all wish you a very successful Office!
As the 2010 Winter Olympics were in full swing in Vancouver, Canada, there were a few exciting ‘Olympic moments’ happening outside the Motor City. Detroit and the State of Michigan are typically known as one of the meccas for hockey, figure skating and swimming, especially when it comes to representation of athletes in the Olympics Games. I was able to have my brush with the Olympic spirit during February, National Children’s Dental Health Month—Detroit style! Peter Vanderkaay, Olympic Gold Medalist in swimming, and I presented a ‘Go for Your Gold Medal Smile’ at my son’s elementary school. One of the ad campaigns of the Michigan Dental Association featured one of Michigan’s very own Olympic standouts – Peter, with support from his dad who is a dentist in Michigan. Peter and I discussed eating healthy snacks, brushing and flossing daily, drinking lots of water, exercising, and seeing a dentist regularly. The kindergarteners were very enthusiastic when Peter showed up, and the teachers, principal and I were even more excited when Peter brought and passed around his three medals—a gold and a bronze from Beijing 2008 and a gold from Athens 2004. The very successful and fun presentation ended with ‘Go for Your Gold
Greetings to all. Winter in New York provided us with a good helping of snow this year. Manhattan is especially beautiful blanketed in white. Our chapter is doing well and my report starts with news of our 103rd Anniversary Meeting.

On November 20, 2009, the New York Chapter held its 103rd anniversary meeting at the Women’s Republican Club in Manhattan. The meeting began with a wonderful cocktail reception for the assembled Delts, where we were able to reconnect with our brothers from around the world. This was followed by the ritual meeting at which GM Hauser eloquently greeted each visitor. GM Hauser had the privilege of inducting our newest brother Scott Kenyon. Brother Scott is a life member, who was an integral part of the resurrection of the Epsilon Undergraduate Chapter in Philadelphia. SGM Greg Ganzkow presented a citation to our own Br Gardner Wade for his efforts in organizing and leading the
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newly-formed Baton Rouge Graduate Chapter. What has become a truly meaningful gathering of Delts in NYC did not disappoint this year. The New York Chapter was fortunate to be joined by SGM Greg Ganzkow, PSGM Bruce Scranton, and GM ECC and PGM Scandinavia Ole-Jacob Vikse, GM London Chapter James Durie, GM Hans Meijling of Holland Chapter, along with a good number of our brothers from the Holland, Scandinavian, Paris and Belgian Chapters.

Later we were joined by the spouses and significant others for a lovely banquet. The sumptuous meal was followed by our Loving Cup Ceremony. Everyone in the New York Chapter appreciates all of the effort made by all of our brothers in making this anniversary meeting so special.

On the following day, a number of Delts and guests met at The New York Public Library for an interesting tour of this esteemed cultural institution. Afterwards, a significant gathering of members and their guests went to the historic 21 Club for a superb dinner. The 21 Club was best known as a prohibition-era speakeasy with a hidden wine cellar. Today, it is one of New York City’s finest restaurants. The anniversary weekend was a triumphant success.

In February, GM Hauser welcomed brothers to our first meeting of the decade. GM Andrew reflected on the highlights of our anniversary weekend and said how much he personally enjoyed it. Our guests for the February meeting included Dr Vincent Romano, who will be inducted to the Chapter at our April meeting. Br Zadik reported on another successful ski trip to the Deer Valley Resort in Utah. Br Bill Webber announced that the London Chapter will have a golf weekend on July 16th and 17th, 2010. The Chapter was treated to another special dinner at The Women’s Republican Club. We then heard from WM Barabas’ guest and our speaker, John Capodici and his assistant Emily Janney. Mr Capodici presented a thorough overview of America’s current capital markets situation and he gave a clear and concise explanation of the reasons for our current “great recession” and what we may come to expect in the near term. He also offered some investment strategies for the coming months. It was a great talk, which interested all of our members. I hope this letter finds all Delts well.

PSGM George W. Sferra Jr

QUEENSLAND CHAPTER

L. Peter Ryan, Historian

There are times when even the most dexterous of jugglers could handle more balls in the air if only he had an extra hand. Failing this, he must perforce limit the number of balls lest they fall in a heap on the floor and bounce in all directions. Our most accomplished juggler, a veritable Pooh Bah in the profession, Brother Professor Ian Meyers, having been saddled with the extra ball of President of the Queensland Branch of the Australian Dental Association, had, perforce, to sacrifice one other of his prestigious appointments and it was his tenure as Chief Dental Officer within the Queensland Government Department of Health that was the reluctantly chosen target. Doors, as we all know, shut and open in succession and there on the other side of the newly opened door stood PGM Rhys Thomas, already in a senior position within the Department and ready to step into Brother Ian’s shoes fortunately of similar size to his own. A crisis was averted as Delts came to the rescue. We are replete with exceptional talents within our ranks.

The February meeting came at the end of a very welcome period of sustained rainfall transforming the recently drought-stricken State into a veritable lush garden of agricultural bounty of elephant’s-eye level corn and lawn grass of such proliferation that motor mower merchants could cease being polite to their bank managers. On the night of the meeting the rain was bucketing down to the extent that PGM Jim Croker decided that in lieu of going on to the football post meeting it would be a deal more comfortable to remain at the club in company more convivial than that of Jupiter Pluvius at the football field.

One of our most revered members, PGM and Past Treasurer John Muller whose advancing years serve only to sharpen his mental acclivity has written two books to enliven his retirement. To entertain the meeting he quoted an excerpt from an irreverent article about our Prime Minister Kevin Rudd written a la 23rd Psalm:

“My expenses runneth over.
Surely poverty and hard living will follow me
All the days of my life
And I will live in a mortgaged house for ever.”

It says something of our democracy that it is possible to poke lighthearted fun at the prime politician by using a distorted version of a sacred text which actions, in some other cultures, would put one in danger of imprisonment or death.
The 44th Anniversary Meeting of the Scandinavian Chapter took place in Stockholm, Sweden the 5th of February 2010. Since the global warming was obstructed in Copenhagen, the Scandinavian brothers could welcome their visiting guests in a city dressed in arctic apparel.

The meeting was held at “Sällskapet.” The Society, founded in 1800, is one of the oldest and most distinguished clubs in Stockholm were HMS Karl XVI Gustaf is a member. Several brothers and the GMs of all the European fraternal chapters visited. Even US was represented.

A new GM was elected, Mats Winderud, who succeeded Leif-Åge Solhaug. Curt Halvarsson PGM received the Meritorious Award he was given at the Supreme Chapter Meeting in Honolulu 2009. One Neophyte, Mats Burendahl, was initiated.

After the meeting the ladies joined for dinner. The menu was composed from Scandinavian specialities. On Saturday the 6th a social event was offered: The Royal Academy of Fine Arts was exclusively opened to us. We were guided through the meeting rooms, galleries and the library, where we could view books from the 16th Century. Especially the anatomy books were given great interest. Before dinner a young double-quartet choir entertained us from the stairs in the Nike Hall. Traditional “smörgåsbord” was served in the arcades of the academy.
The St Louis Chapter has enjoyed several events since our last Desmos submission, beginning with our holiday party at the Flamingo Bowl in downtown St Louis. Graduates (recent and not-so-recent) and students bowled and shared each other’s company and experiences.

Initiation ceremony for Alpha Kappa continues to grow as a draw for the St Louis graduate members. This year, for the first time, graduates out-numbered the students! This event was held at our favorite venue, Limestone’s in Maryland Heights, where they give us the run of the whole golf clubhouse for the night. The ceremony also included the Loving Cup toast and a presentation delivered by Psi Chapter graduate Dr Alan Chen. This is the first time for new Delts to see what our fraternity is all about, and a reminder for the graduates of what it is that sets us apart from all the other dental societies to which we belong.

Our most recent gathering was for the annual winter dinner and seminar that was held this year at Sunset 44 in Kirkwood, MO. The theme was “Recession-Proof Your Practice.” The lecture was delivered by Dynarex representative and motivational speaker, Gary Johnson. We hosted five undergraduates and one AGD resident from Southern Illinois. Students and grads alike swapped patient stories and thoughts about the future of dentistry.

If you are a St Louis or metro east Delt and you have lost touch with the local chapter, please contact me, Jane Otto at drjaotto@yahoo.com and I will add you to my contacts for first notice of our upcoming events. This summer we are planning another night at the Cardinals baseball field. We welcome our long-lost brothers and sisters!
Samuel Johnson once said “When two Englishmen meet, the first talk is of the weather.” This has always surprised Australians, who believed that England had no weather to speak of. Now, of course, the weather has become far more than a polite opening to conversation. Throughout this Victorian summer, we have been bracing ourselves for the extreme heat and gale force winds that drove the catastrophic bushfires of last summer. Instead, we had a relatively normal season, while our neighbours in the northern States endured severe storms and widespread flooding.

As a matter of dental interest, the Coronial Inquiry into the bushfires has revealed that, of the 173 persons who died, over 60% were either positively identified by dental methods or had strong dental input into the establishment of identification. The Victorian Graduate Chapter of DSD is justly proud of its members who assisted in this difficult and demanding exercise.

As mentioned in our last epistle, the annual Christmas dinner had been organized by GM Geoff Pullen and was to be held on 4th December at Cumin Thai restaurant in Kooyong. Melbourne has an extraordinary number and variety of restaurants – it would be difficult to name a country whose cuisine is not represented. The evening at Cumin Thai began with pre-dinner drinks in the courtyard, followed by dinner in the restaurant with endless varieties of the finest Thai cuisine. Those who found things a little too spicy were able to lower the intra oral temperature with a selection of excellent wines. It was a most convivial and relaxing evening.

Our first meeting of the new decade (although some pedantic brethren may contend that the new decade begins next year) was held as usual in the dungeon of the Victoria Hotel, under the benevolent control of GM Geoff. The usual cast of characters was enlivened by the presence of Bro. Herb Hammer, a stalwart of the profession in Tasmania. GM Geoff reminded us that PGM Jamie Robertson was about to travel again to Vietnam with his dental team and that the team included seven other members of the Victorian Chapter, viz. PGMs Rowan Story and Jeremy Graham and Bros. Martin Tyas, John Boucher, Jamie Lucas, Gordon Burt and Michael McCullough.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Richard Guy OAM. Richard is the Chair of Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project, a State Government project geared towards best available methods for achieving water conservation. Due to the prolonged drought (or long term climate change), Victoria is experiencing a severe shortage of water. The Government has rejected the politically challenging project of recycling water for Melbourne in favour of a desalination plant. In addition, it has undertaken to modernise Victoria’s northern irrigation system, with the aim of saving 425 gigalitres of water and pumping this water to Melbourne. Richard outlined the methods used to modernise the irrigation channels and rationalize the distribution of water. The whole project is costed at two billion dollars and certain aspects have attracted some controversy. A lively discussion ensued at question time, indicating the widespread interest in this matter. Those of us who are now better informed will follow its progress even more closely.

The Western Australian Graduate Chapter was recently saddened by the death of Brother John Launden Prichard (AM). Brother John passed away after a fall and a brief illness just seven months short of his 90th birthday. Brother John was a past Grand Master and an outstanding contributor to the Western Australian Chapter.

This very short letter is to allow space for a detailed account of the outstanding life and career of Brother John in a ‘Brothers Beyond’ piece elsewhere in this issue.

Congratulations to Brother Mike Razza. The highly successful 7th International Orthodontic Congress with World Federation of Orthodontists Meeting was held in Sydney in February. Brother Mike was elected National (Australian) President of the Australian Society of Orthodontists. Brother Mike is the 4th member of the Western Australian Graduate Chapter to achieve this honour, following Brother Lloyd Trotter (1978-1980), Brother Dick Cook (1989-1991) and Brother John Owen (2000-2002).
While most dental students are driven into hibernation when winter sets in over the lake, the Lambda Chapter is finding ways to carve entertainment and distractions into the ice. If this were not the case, then this chapter would be failing the movement of our fraternal community to enhance the four-year experience.

As the freshman are beginning to recognize the hallways, the sophomores are coming up for air after boards, and the seniors are setting sail, there is one equal anticipation to be had... the “Delt Ski Trip 2010” in Holiday Valley, NY. The fraternity has made a priority of ensuring that all of its members are given opportunity to retreat to the Stone Mountain Lodge for a weekend of slope-carving and jacuzzi-soaking. If there is a hand torch in sight, it may only be used for the art of marshmallow roasting. The sights to be seen were: the delta sigma dames snow-tubing fearlessly in tandem, the member who had chosen the picturesque lodge to peruse his dental decks, and the young lad ailing his dislocated shoulder awaiting the next adventure to be had. When the gauntlet of dental school begins to consume one’s thoughts and time, this getaway has always proven to be a breath of fresh air for our members and for some even a second wind to the remaining semester.

Following a memorable weekend beyond the classrooms and clinics, the Lambda Chapter continues to push an agenda of networking and involvement within the dental community. Mentor groups have been established to facilitate a vertical highway of knowledge between DSD graduates in the local community and members of all dental classes. Dental school can often lead to tunnel vision syndrome with all the policies and requirements and so these opportunities to touch base with the reality of dentistry have proven to be an encouraging experience.

And it is not merely hearsay when seniors may become acquainted with their future associates through activities such as these!

The Mid-eastern ARM will serve “to reach beyond” the Cleveland community and is always an anticipated opportunity to become acquainted and involved with the greater fraternal cohort. Being held in Michigan this year, many of the Lambda members are looking to make a presence this year. With a formidable freshman class year, Dr Mario Pavicic, our Chapter Deputy, expects a rather large turnout this year.

With spring looming, the fraternity looks ahead to uphold the traditions that keep the heads high amongst its members. And as the senior officers pass on the torch of the fraternal flame, it will soon be the responsibility of the freshman in their flint-colored scrubs to spark new ideas in the evolution of this stalwart chapter.
Greetings from wild and wonderful West Virginia! It has been an unusually snowy winter here in Morgantown and it is hard to believe that March is already here. We ended last semester with the induction of several new members into Delta Sigma Delta and we began this semester with grand plans including t-shirt fundraisers, ski-trips, and a drive by the American Red Cross to help find possible bone marrow donors.

With the snow all around us, it was easy to daydream of winter activities like skiing, sledding and snow tubing. Lucky for us Dr Lora Graves and Dr Bryan Dye were able to make some of those dreams a reality by inviting the Delts to Snowshoe for a weekend getaway in the mountains. Several Delts took advantage of this opportunity to play in the snow while being guests of our very generous advisors. While some may be anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring, there are certainly those of us who could deal with a few more weekend excursions to the slopes!

Another exciting opportunity for Delt members this semester is our Annual Regional Meeting, which will be held this year at the University of Michigan. The ARM always provides great networking opportunities and allows attendees to really get in touch with other Delta Sigma Delta members from the seven other schools in our region. This year we are excited to be able to send eight of our chapter members to the meeting for the weekend. Since there was such a high turnout of members that wished to attend this year’s event our chapter decided to raise some money to offset the cost of their trip by having a bake sale. I am happy to report that the bake sale was a success and that proceeds will go towards gas and hotel accommodations. Have fun in Michigan!

The Delts also decided to sell t-shirts this semester as a general Chi Chi Chapter fundraiser. While the t-shirts will have the Delta Sigma Delta crest proudly displayed on the front of the shirt the back will sport a more playful theme: “Drillin’ and Fillin’ since 1882”.

As the semester continues, we will all be busy studying, seeing patients in clinic, and volunteering our time at the Ronald McDonald House and elsewhere. This year we will work with the American Red Cross in their efforts to find new volunteers for their bone marrow registry. This drive will involve a minimally invasive cheek swab that allows the ARC to match potential donors to potential recipients. We look forward to this collaboration and can only hope that we may help those in and beyond our community. As always Let’s Go Mountaineers!!!
Second semester has only just begun, and it has been a busy one for the Xi Chapter at Indiana University. We ended 2009 with a Christmas-themed party at La Jolla. Christmas attire was a must, and our Grand Master Bob Love even dressed up as Santa and provided some Christmas cheer for the evening. We had a great turn out, and it was the perfect way to wind down the year and let loose with a little holiday fun.

New Year brought new projects, and Xi raised money for earthquake victims in Haiti. At our TGIF in January, $115 was raised and donated to the Red Cross. A special thanks to Mike Talbott for heading up that effort. Most recently, the Xi Chapter would like to welcome the newest members who were initiated on January 19th: Alyssa Balsbaugh, Carolyn Dundon, Kevin Ludwig, Adam Nowak, Matt Pierce, and Jada Roberts. Congratulations to our new brothers and sisters!

The fun isn’t over for the IU Delts and the year end looks to be just as eventful as it began. Coming up we have our annual Delta Sigma Delta Blood Drive, more TGIFs, and The Prophy Cup golf outing planned. Xi Chapter looks forward to the remainder of the semester!
Happy New Year! Even though the end of the semester is incredibly busy for all dental students, the Rho Delts found some time to celebrate the holidays. Faculty Brother Larry Salzmann once again was kind enough to host the chapter at his beautiful Gold Coast apartment for his annual holiday party, complete with cocktails and appetizers. Once we get into the clinic and get put on rotation, seeing classmates at school becomes increasingly difficult, so it’s always nice to have the chance to socialize together outside of the confines of the College of Dentistry. Everyone enjoyed dressing up and forgetting about molar endo for a while. Thanks Dr Salzmann!

After returning from winter break, Rho Delts had a very eventful start to the new semester. Almost as soon as we arrived, we needed to begin finalizing details for initiation. For the past couple years, the Rho Chapter has hosted initiation at Lalo’s, a nice Mexican restaurant in the Lincoln Park neighborhood. They always do an excellent job of accommodating our event. On January 22nd, the stage was set to initiate thirty-one new pledges. Luckily, the ceremony was executed without merely a hiccup. Current members were thrilled to pin the new initiates and everyone had an excellent dinner followed by plenty of dancing. It’s safe to say that tremendous enjoyment was had by all. We were fortunate enough to have twelve Delta Sig alumni present at initiation. Rho is making a serious effort to reconnect with alumni, and this proved to be a great start. Meeting the alumni was an excellent opportunity to hear stories about the good old days and get advice. Perhaps the greatest moment of the evening was honoring Faculty Brother Lakars, the editor of Desmos and Past Supreme Grand Master, for giving over thirty years of service to the Rho Chapter. Much of our success over the past three decades can be attributed to his leadership and dedication to the core principles of the fraternity. Thank you very much Dr Lakars. We look forward to sharing many more years with your support and devotion.

Just one week later, seventeen Rho members traveled to Milwaukee, WI for the Annual Regional Meeting at the Marquette School of Dentistry. It’s a great privilege to travel to other schools, meet other brothers, and extend our network. All representatives reported a successful retreat. Brother Grand Master Mike Munaretto and Brother Recruitment Chair Kaitrin Baloue presented some of the research they’ve participated in while at the UIC College of Dentistry, which was an awesome chance to show other brothers that dental school isn’t necessarily entirely about completing clinic requirements. Katrin Baloue was fortunate enough to win first prize for her presentation. Congratulations Kaitrin! Rho Chapter is very proud of you!

With such a busy January, the rest of the semester should prove a bit quieter for the Rho Delts. Seniors are going to be taking boards, clinics will be closed for the Chicago Dental Society’s Midwinter Meeting, and spring break is just around the corner. In the meantime, we would like to wish everyone a pleasant and productive second semester!
**ETA ETA CHAPTER**

*Marquette University*

**Alison Seidl, Grand Master**

Eta Eta has been busy this spring semester. We were proud to host the Central Region ARM at Marquette Dental School. Delegates from Illinois, Indiana, and as far as Kentucky ventured to Milwaukee for a chilly weekend in January. Gentle snow fell to welcome our guests to a breakfast of the best donuts ever! We joined together for a morning of making friends and sharing—ideas, events, research. Our Desmos speaker, a Marquette professor and local Oral Surgeon, Dr Joseph Best, presented an interesting lecture on craniofacial trauma. The message for the day? Your mother was right: “Don’t run with forks.” The session closed with the Loving Cup Luncheon and our guests ventured out for brewery tours, museum visits, and rest time before the evening pub crawl began.

Just to keep us active, we held a walking taco lunch the next week and had a great turn out of faculty, students, and even a few patients hungry for a good meal. Taco meat warmed in a crock-pot and all the fixings over a bag of Fritos…yum! We sold out halfway through the lunch hour and will certainly be holding a fundraiser like this again.

**ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER**

*Southern Illinois University*

**Irbad Chowdhury, Historian**

Greetings from the Alpha Kappa! We finally initiated our new members at Limestones restaurant, which evening was a great turnout. This year, with the help of Dr Alan Chen, we meshed traditions with his Psi Chapter for a unique and creative ceremony.

In February, a few of us traveled to Milwaukee for the Annual Regional Meeting. Although the weather was cold, we all
had a great time enjoying the town and reuniting with old members and meeting new ones. The meeting itself was well informative and interactive. I would like to thank the Eta Eta Chapter for putting together a great weekend and meeting.

Upcoming events include the Delt Flippy Cup and elections! Wish everyone the best of luck this semester!

Greetings from Theta Chapter. It seems like winter is finally loosening its stranglehold on us, and everyone is awaiting the arrival of spring.

Last semester, one of our members, Peder Arneson, a senior and past grand master of our chapter, had a unique opportunity to study abroad in Arhus, Denmark, through the University of Minnesota’s exchange program. This article will focus on that experience.

Every semester the dental school hosts approximately five international students mainly from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Germany. Schools from those countries have agreements with us to send students here, and we are able to do likewise. “I looked at it as a once in a lifetime
opportunity,” states Arneson. “It is not very often that you can practice dentistry and learn dentistry somewhere else, and this was a chance for me to do so.” On top of that, Arhus has the best clinical experiences of any of the schools in the exchange program.

Arhus is Denmark’s second largest city and has great atmosphere. It has been dubbed the “Canon of Danish Art & Culture”, and is at the forefront of defining Danish art and culture. Arhus is also internationally known as a city of living music. Some of the biggest names on the Danish music scene started there. Sounds like a great place to spend a semester!

Dentistry in Denmark is very similar to that in the US, according to Peder. “The biggest difference that was noticeable was the lack of amalgam because it is illegal.” Patient interactions were also fairly straightforward. There were no major cultural differences, and “all my patients spoke English and they were very good at it. Any difficulties in language were not problems because I had many people around to translate.”

Peder lived with twelve other international students in a large house in the city. His roommates were all international students from several different countries. On top of that, everybody was studying different things, so it was a very diverse group of people.

Arneson had the opportunity to do a lot of traveling throughout Denmark. One place that really sticks out in his mind is the Borreby Castle, which is one of the oldest Renaissance-era castles still standing in Denmark. Another great city that Peder visited was Ribe, the oldest town in Denmark. This town is right on the Wadden Sea in southwest Denmark, and has a lot of Viking heritage. Aside from traveling throughout Denmark, Peder also traveled to Scotland, Holland, and Switzerland.

One of his housemates from Delta Sig visited Amsterdam over the Thanksgiving break. “I went to Amsterdam to visit him and other classmates,” Arneson states. “For the most part we enjoyed seeing the city and had some good food.”

This was a life-changing experience for Peder. He really enjoyed just being there and meeting so many amazing people. When asked about plans after dental school, he said, “I would also like to see if there are any international opportunities for dentistry.” I’m sure his experiences in Arhus greatly influenced that decision.
The 2009-2010 school year is turning out to be both exciting and educational for Delta Sigma Delta at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine. From ski trips to financial advice for new graduates, Alpha Delta has been keeping its members busy.

To start with, over twenty new members were welcomed into the ranks of Alpha Delta Chapter back in September. For those not familiar with the class sizes at Colorado, that comes out to nearly half of the freshman class! These new Delta Sigs bring with them a variety of talents and experiences and have already proven to be an active and involved part of the fraternity.

While the Halloween party was fun and the various happy hour get-togethers were exciting, nothing could beat Delta Sigs coming together to enjoy doing what so many people come to the state of Colorado for: skiing! Alpha Chapter’s annual ski trip was held in a beautiful mountain house near the town of Breckenridge and was attended by nearly forty Delta Sigs.

Of course, dental school is not all fun and games, and on top of a very busy schedule Alpha Chapter has been presenting a series of lunch-and-learns aimed at educating and preparing members for trials and tribulations that come after graduation. The educational and activities chairs have done an excellent job bringing in speakers to fill in some of the gaps left out of a traditional dental school curriculum. These lunch and dinner meetings have helped to educate Delta Sigs on topics ranging from job opportunities to financing a start-from-scratch practice. These educational activities are very popular.

With graduation around the corner for the seniors and NBDE Part I coming up in July for the freshmen, the busy schedule of school and fun continues. In order to help keep things straight for members, Alpha Chapter has started a Facebook page devoted to keeping students up on the numerous Delta Sigma Delta activities. Now that a majority of the students are using Facebook, Alpha Chapter has implemented this invaluable tool in combination with traditional email in order to increase event attendance and awareness. Find the Colorado Chapter simply by searching “Delta Sigma Delta: Alpha Chapter” while signed into a Facebook account.

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Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health
Kyla Hollen, Historian

The Alpha Nu Chapter had a busy winter season planning the Annual Regional Meeting as well as a major fundraising event, the Crest Whitestrips and Toothbrush Fundraiser, was a success on campus and will help to fund community outreach projects as well as fraternity events. This annual fundraiser is second largest only to the DSD barbeques held on campus bi-annually.

Also Alpha Nu attended the annual FBR Open golf tournament in Scottsdale, Arizona (Friedman Billings Ramsey Open). This sporting event is popular in the region as well as with the students for the opportunity to see live professional golf. “The FBR is always a great event and you can meet many celebrities who come to watch the event,” reports PGM Pouria Owtd.
As this year comes to a close, second-year students look forward to receiving their clinic manual as organized by the upper classmen on campus. The second-year students transition to the clinic as the third-year students transition to their rotations at community health clinics nationwide. As the fourth-year students anticipate graduation, I encourage my classmates to reflect on their experiences and enjoy the months ahead.

It’s a great time to live in the City of New Orleans. The Saints have won their first Super Bowl, and the people of the “Who Dat Nation” have unified in ways that are unprecedented. The dental school has not missed out on the celebration, having numerous Black and Gold Days throughout the season. The party that started on Super Bowl Sunday will continue throughout the year. WHO DAT!?!!?!!

In the midst of the Super Bowl madness, New Orleans celebrated carnival like no other place can. Mardi Gras is our biggest event of the year. This Zeta Zeta’s Annual Mardi Gras Party on Bourbon Street was one for the ages. PSGM Tony Celino and his wife Marci were very kind to open their Bourbon Street condo to scores of students and guests. Beads and balcony and fellows are a good combination for
We kicked off winter quarter with our annual ski trip to Lake Tahoe on the first weekend back to school! For most of us this was our first time visiting Lake Tahoe, and for some it was their very first time snowboarding or skiing. After arriving we piled most everyone into cars and set off for the ski lifts, and after a day of intense workouts, we returned to feast on tri-tip, mashed potatoes and salad. And, to a fun night, and that is exactly what everyone had.

In January, GM Jared Harris, WM Sean Owens, Scribe/Treasurer Lauri Breaud, Historian Erin Walker, Josh Parker, and Erin Maturin journeyed to Dallas for the Southern Annual Regional Meeting. It was the first meeting that LSU has participated in since the Katrina hurricane disaster. We were able to meet Delta Sig brothers and sisters from Baylor, Houston, and Oklahoma. We brought back many good ideas and new friendships. It was a great opportunity to discuss chapter successes and challenges. We would like to thank our hosts at the Baylor College of Dentistry and applaud you for planning a great weekend. We all truly had a fantastic time.

The end of the school year will bring about a few more events for Zeta Zeta. We look forward to the close of another year and another step closer to graduation. Congrats to all Senior brothers and sisters out there, and good luck in this great profession!
What a busy term for the OHSU Delts! We started the term with our annual chili dinner on the Friday night of OHSU’s annual Sunriver trip. It was a great way to kick off a fun weekend at the resort. On February 4th, a bunch of our members were able to enjoy a night at the Rose Garden watching the Blazers play the Spurs. The Blazers won 96-93! Another of our great annual events was our O’Brien Dental Lab visit on Saturday February 13th. We spent the day touring the facility and talking to the staff. We were able to see the new technology and machines used to produce the crowns that we get back from the lab. Some of us took part in waxing exercises, watched the pros in action, and spoke to the managers about what they like to see and hear from us as students when we send cases into O’Brien. After taking part in these various activities, we all enjoyed an awesome steak dinner! The O’Brien Dental Lab is great to the Delts—as usual! The upperclassmen hosted Help-A-Delt on February 17th and were able to buddy up with lowerclassmen to help them with their lab work. On February 20th, Delts took part in the Children’s Health Fair at Lynchview Elementary School. It was a great opportunity to educate children and parents on good oral hygiene and healthy snacking. The Graduate Chapter Paragon Sweetheart Ball was also this term and was a great way to meet practicing Delts! Coming up over Spring Break, we have a very exciting week in the Philippines. Six Delts will be accompanying an OHSU staff member to Manilla and the island of Iloilo to provide three full days of free dental work for residents of the island. Thanks so much to all whose donations are making this trip possible!
Brothers Beyond

JOHN LAUNDEN PRICHARD AM
30 August 1920 – 1 February 2010

Brother John Prichard was the eldest of six children. He was born in the south west town of Bunbury in Western Australia. He was the son of a dentist, John Lewis Prichard. Brother John excelled in his studies at Bunbury High School and was the school high jump champion. He was also junior golf champion of the south west region. Upon leaving school he completed the then Dental Diploma course - Dip.D.S.

Brother John joined the Royal Australian Airforce Dental Service during World War II and worked in dental posts in Western Australia until discharge. Following discharge Brother John had the opportunity to further his dental studies at the University of Western Australia in the newly developed upgraded degree course - B.D.Sc.(WA). Of the thirty dentists who had the Dip.D.S and who attempted this new course at that time, Brother John was one of only two who completed the course. Brother John married Olive in 1944 and they produced three daughters.

Brother John graduated with B.D.Sc.(WA) in 1953 and became a part time lecturer at Perth Dental Hospital. Here he developed a very strong interest in preventive dentistry, particularly in children. Subsequently he established a private dental practice in suburban Perth.

Brother John was a member of the Dental Study Group of Western Australia, which was formed in the early 1950s. One of the first subjects investigated was the value of fluoridation of public water supplies in the prevention of dental caries. In 1956 Brother John had an article published in ‘The West Australian’ newspaper outlining evidence supporting the fluoridation of public water supplies as a dental caries preventive measure. A local survey carried out by Brother John and others recorded the incidence of caries in children in that location in 1961. The findings were presented at the Australian Dental Congress held in 1964.

In 1966 Brother John was a key member of a team appointed by the Australian Dental Association, WA Branch, (ADAWA) that formulated an 8 Point Plan to reorganise the administration and provision of dental care in Western Australia. The Plan was approved by the Minister for Health, and for the first time dentistry was recognised as an autonomous entity in its own right within the Health Department. This has had a profound effect on the development of dental services in Western Australia.

In 1967-68 Brother John was elected President of ADAWA, and in 1969 he was appointed by the State Government as the inaugural state wide Director of Dental Services. He was charged with the responsibility of implementing the 8 Point Plan referred to above.

Following the 1961 survey, Brother John’s priority was the establishment of a
training school for dental therapists to provide preventive and minor treatment to school children.

In 1974 the Australian Government provided massive capital funding for the establishment of Dental Therapy Centres to be built in metropolitan and country schools.

Western Australia had the right man in the right place at the right time in Brother John. He embarked on a massive building program. He was aware that the funds would dry up sooner rather than later, and he was right.

In rapid succession Brother John had established two additional Dental Therapy Training Schools and 150 Dental Therapy Centres spread through metropolitan Perth and country areas from Wyndham in the north to Esperance in the south, together with Mobile Caravan Centres that visited less populous areas.

In 1982 Brother John received a Meritorious Award from ADAWA. In 1984 he retired as Director of Dental Services. In 1987 he was appointed President of the Dental Board of Western Australia (which administers the Dental Act) and served on the Board for many years. In 1988 Brother John was honoured by the Australian Government and was awarded Membership of the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) which was presented to him by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the 2nd. In 1989 he was appointed Chairman of a Taskforce to determine Dental Manpower Requirements and to review the Dental Services Functions of the Health Department.

Brother John personally participated in Flying Dental Service taking dental treatment to remote areas of the State and was instrumental administratively in expanding dental visits to remote locations.

Brother John was a Fellow of the International College of Dentists. He was awarded Life Membership of the Dental Study Group of Western Australia in 1977. He was a past Grand Master of the Western Australian Graduate Chapter. Brother John was awarded the Delta Sigma Delta Distinguished Service Decree at the International Meeting in San Francisco in October 2003.

In his eulogy Emeritus Professor Ross Taylor described Brother John as the one person who made the greatest contribution to good dental health in Western Australia.

In retirement Brother John continued to travel across Australia and to New

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**WILLIAM P. GALVIN 1924 – 2009**

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Upon graduation in 1953 he returned to his native New York City. In 1967 he was invited to become a member of the New York Graduate Chapter. He served as Grand Master of the New York Chapter from 1989 to 1991 and remained an active member even after his retirement from practice in 1997.

Following retirement Bill concentrated on his golf game and became such a proficient player that he was nicknamed “The Galvinator” by the regular attendees of the annual New York Chapter Golf Outing.

When asked to consider serving as Grand Master of our chapter, he expressed concern that he might not be considered worthy by the membership. Naturally modest and self-deprecating by nature, his consternation continued until the very day of the meeting, but when his name was presented by the Nominating Committee, the assembled Brothers simply rose in unison and gave him a standing ovation. Overwhelmed with emotion, he momentarily turned away from the group, then faced the room with his characteristic beaming smile and was declared Grand Master by acclamation.

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Marjorie B. Irish at dedication of Irish Conference Room
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A “Super Bowl” Mardi Gras for LSU Delts hosted by PSGM Tony Celino
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