

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Homecoming**  
**October 13**  
vs. Wisconsin

## 2012 BOILERMAKER FOOTBALL

**Sept. 1:** Eastern Kentucky  
Sept. 8: at Notre Dame  
**Sept. 15:** Eastern Michigan  
**Sept. 29:** Marshall  
**Oct. 6:** Michigan  
**Oct. 13:** Wisconsin  
Oct. 20: at Ohio State  
Oct. 27: at Minnesota  
**Nov. 3:** Penn State  
Nov. 10: at Iowa  
Nov. 17: at Illinois  
**Nov. 24:** Indiana

Home Games in **bold**.

## IN YOUR WORDS

### *Did you meet your spouse thanks to Fiji?*

#### **John Schommer '86**

"I did. When we were seniors we were burned out of the typical TGIF dinners with Alpha Chis. We had a group of six guys and six girls head to Indianapolis and stay at Jim Neff's parents' home while they were away in Florida. Pontoon ride as the sun set, hot tub, tunes on the Bang Olufsen... Neffer it's all because of you."

**Read other brothers' love stories and share your own at [www.purduefiji.org](http://www.purduefiji.org).**

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# THE BOILERMAKER FIJI

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## PIG DINNER 2012

### Kiss the Pig

#### *Fijis Come Together to Celebrate Brother Brian Lamb's 50 Years of Membership at Annual Norris Pig Dinner*

On behalf of the Lambda Iota Chapter, we would like to extend our gratitude to Brother **Brian Lamb '63**, who once again extended his wisdom and insight upon us at the annual Norris Pig Dinner.



**Rafal Sroka, Norris Pig Dinner Chairman, right, presented Brian P. Lamb a Gold Owl Certificate signifying 50 years as a member of Phi Gamma Delta.**

Acknowledged by Purdue University with the dedication of the Brian Lamb School of Communication, our brother and founder of C-SPAN took the floor in the pavilion of Rose Ade Stadium to tell stories, which were "not for college days alone" as his humility and personality shined through.

During the event, a Golden Owl Award was presented to brothers **George Sweet '64** and Brian Lamb celebrating over 50 years of dedication to Phi Gamma Delta.

Brother **Joe Rudolph '78** remained steadfast in his Fiji spirit. As the oldest graduate brother in attendance, Joe had the honor of kissing the north end of the pig and the youngest undergraduate brother, **Grant Eibling**, had the honor of kissing the south end of the Pig.

## GRADUATE REPORT

### Every Year ... We Need You!

*By Carl Horner '78, President Lambda Iota Housing Corporation  
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Another spring is here, meaning it is time once again for *The Boilermaker Fiji* to hit mailboxes. As a new season begins, I am reminded of the continued legacy that Lambda Iota carries forth every year. In order to ensure our continued success for generations to come, we need your participation every year too.

Our Fiji experience was not just for the four years we spent at Purdue, but rather a lifelong experience, which continues to grow in our postgraduate years. Every year, we fulfill our mission to keep you connected with Lambda Iota through our newsletter, our website and our monthly eLetters. Every year, we are counting on you to remain an active participant in our graduate relations program.

#### *Here is how you can get involved:*

- Become a registered, active user at [www.purduefiji.org](http://www.purduefiji.org).
- Submit a story, memory, update or photo to share in an upcoming publication.
- Ensure we have your email address on file to communicate more frequently and cost-effectively. Send your email address to [feedback@affinityconnection.com](mailto:feedback@affinityconnection.com).
- Call an old Fiji friend to reminisce and share old stories.

I look forward to reconnecting with you this year ... and every year.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### Every Year...Your Annual Fund Support Matters

For generations, brothers like you have provided the financial backbone necessary to support the future of our organization. Please do your part to keep it going strong for generations to come.

*If you have not yet made your 2011-12 annual fund gift, please do so today. There are three ways to contribute:*

- Return the form that came with the midyear annual fund appeal you recently received in the mail.
- Donate online at [www.purduefiji.org](http://www.purduefiji.org).
- Call 800-975-6699.

Thank you to the brothers listed on our Honor Roll below who have already stepped up with their leadership and generosity this year.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

We need your help to build up our online photo archives. If you have great pictures from your time at Purdue as a Fiji, please submit them to us for possible publication in an upcoming newsletter or eLetter. You can make your submissions online at [www.purduefiji.org](http://www.purduefiji.org), by emailing [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com), mention Fiji Purdue, or by mailing them to the return address on this newsletter.



***In this photo: The Purdue Iron Key class of 1959 included five Lambda Iota brothers. Three of these brothers, Jack O. Coffin '59, rear left; Henry Wayland Jr. '59, second row, third from left; and Jerry Weisenauer '59, front row center; are shown with their dates from the 1959 spring social retreat. The other two people in the photo are Bill Davis '59 and Jerry Kimball '59. Thanks to Brother Henry Wayland Jr. for submitting the photo.***

## 2011-12 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank you to the following graduate brothers who have contributed to the annual fund so far this year ...

Henry Loewy	1934	Douglas Stuart	1955	Frederick Schramm	1964	Robert Johnson	1979
Richard Potter	1940	Richard Talbot	1955	Robert Swinehart	1965	Craig McCarthy	1980
James Loughery	1947	Fred Beckman	1956	Randall Minniear	1966	Kenneth Hedlund	1981
John Dittrich	1948	Eugene Cernan	1956	Jeffery Covert	1967	Keith Johnson	1981
William Heath	1948	John Jamison	1956	James Ryerson	1967	Jeffrey Davis	1982
Lewis Hollmeyer	1948	Victor Peck	1956	Jay Votaw	1968	Jim Neff	1986
R. Rudolph	1948	Roger Jurgovan	1957	Tim Foley	1970	Curt Ward	1988
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Herman Brown	1949	Herbert Wilken	1958	John Miller	1970	John Noel	1989
Dwane Mikelson	1949	Robert Worley	1958	Peter Thiele	1970	Carlton Mitchell	1991
John Smith	1949	John Coffin	1959	Bruce Olson	1971	Matthew Garrett	1995
Jack Chappell	1950	J Marshall	1959	Paul Parish	1971	Nick Borden	2001
Philip Puterbaugh	1950	James Redinger	1959	Bruce Pitman	1971	Carl Margraf	2001
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Charles Horner	1951	Jerry Weisenauer	1959	Gary Richert	1974	Thomas Grotts	2004
James McCaffery	1951	William Hanley	1960	Martin Pickett	1975	Jonathan Varner	2004
Mitchell Vogel	1951	Jack Lucas	1960	Warren Scheidt	1975	Grant Fischer	2005
Richard Williams	1951	Thomas Gotschall	1961	Christopher Burke	1977	Brent Hammond	2005
Wallace Dillingham	1952	Byron Gough	1961	Robert Dietrick	1977	Ryan Heater	2006
C. Ross Jennings	1952	Merlin Miller	1961	Peter Feeney	1977	Bradley Simmons	2006
Edwin Ogden	1952	George Timmons	1961	Steven Hochgesang	1977	John Evans	2008
Robert Schmidt	1952	David Alexander	1962	William Winters	1977	Joshua Libs	2008
John Schwentker	1952	G. Samuel Bangs	1962	John Callahan	1978	Patrick Spencer	2008
Harry Ballard	1953	Gerald Bay	1962	William Gettings	1978		
Frederick "Phil" Salzman	1953	Thomas Gould	1962	Michael Sadler	1978		
Douglass Shortridge	1953	John McGinley	1962	Kent Upton	1978		
James Blue Hankins	1954	William Brock	1963	Michael Dilts	1979		
Donald Koehlinger	1954	John Lillich	1963	Patrick Early	1979		
Roger Gay	1955	Jerome Bean	1964	John Hopkins	1979		

*Reflects gifts received as of March 22, 2012.*

### **C. Ross Jennings '52**

(P.O. Box 5923, Ketchum, ID 83340-5923; rossmarjen5@cox.net) Almost 63 years ago, I was anointed the privilege as the youngest member of the pledge class to kiss the you-know-what of the beloved pig at Pig Dinner in 1949. The occasion and memory has kept me young ever since. Of course, my many pledge brothers are now grumpy, opinionated, couch potatoes who do not even live in Idaho.

### **James A. Blue Hankins '54**

(2308 Briarcliff Commons N.E., Atlanta, GA 30345-2173; hankinsj@bellsouth.net) In my senior year, I was drafted into the U.S. Army. I served two years from 1954-56, my grade on discharge was E-5 sergeant. I came back to Purdue and graduated in 1957. My first job was with the Quaker Oats Company in their grain department in Chicago.

### **Parker Wayland '59**

(2310 Darby Court, Bel Air, MD; waylandp@comcast.net) I joined Fiji over other fraternities because Fiji had the most impressive leaders. I was in Navy ROTC and both the battalion commanding officer, **Joe Showalter '56**, and executive officer, **Gene Cernan '56**, were Fijis. Several guys in my ROTC class were also Fijis.

After several hints that I would like a rush invitation went over their heads, I finally just told a guy, "I would like a rush invitation to your house." He did invite me over, and the rest is history. The Fiji class of '59 turned out to be a great class in its own right with great fellowship and many campus leaders, including four Iron Keys.

Last year was a busy year. In my retirement, the Lord has been using me on foreign mission trips and I love it. In February, our team helped plant ten new churches in Ghana and ten in Nigeria, West Africa. In July, another team taught a school for Christian leaders in Tver, Russia, and in October I led a team to central India. In August, we had a family reunion in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and Christmas at our Knoxville, Tenn. home capped a wonderful year. Perge!

### **Paul Gerni '71**

(7150 Lackman Rd, Apt. 808, Shawnee, KS 66217-8308; paulgerni@sbcglobal.net) I am planning to leave again for the World Legends of Trick Shots event which is held annually in Kiev, Ukraine. This tournament

event features only the top seven trick shot artists in the world, including champions from the United States, Italy, Poland, Argentina, Japan, Canada, Greece, etc., and is televised on Russian National Television. My current DVD "**Fun & Easy Trick Shots**" has been released and is doing very well. It features simple, easy-to-learn trick shots for pool beginners or advanced players, and shows you how to make the shots in five minutes and share them with friends. The added use of overhead views, graphics, diagrams, and slow-motion make this a very effective learning video. If a fraternity brother could name it, it might have been called "21 ways to win a beer!" and would probably sell twice as well too. My office is busy taking calls for my personal appearances for corporate events, trade shows, and private parties, as well as college shows. (Purdue has shown interest in having me come there to perform in February.) We are currently working on international appearances for Hong Kong, China, India, and Poland, plus a pre-Olympic event for August. Wishing all the best for Lambda Iota.

### **Bill Carson '60**

(1025 Orchard Road, Spruce Pine NC 28777-5701; carsonw@bellsouth.net) We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this year. I met Judy, a KKG, at a meal at the Fiji House when the Kappa kitchen was under reconstruction.

### **Bill Getzelmann '63**

(4 Foxridge Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514; theelsfan@aol.com) It is with a sad heart when I write that we lost our only son Stephen, 43, after a courage fight with Strep-A on December 5, 2011. He leaves his wife Beth and son Tyler, 6. Diana, my wife, and I have come to belief God had a plan for Stephen, which was not our plan. If you haven't hugged your children today no matter how old, do so as one never knows.

### **David Crabb '74**

(1100 W. Michigan, Indianapolis, IN 46223-0001; dcrabb@iupui.edu) I live in Indianapolis with my wife Ellen, daughter Lillian, and dog Ivy. I am chairman of the Department of Medicine at the Indianapolis University School of Medicine, which entails administration, patient care, teaching and research into causes and effects of alcoholism. Ellen is on the board of directors of JBS

United, a global animal nutrition company based in Sheridan. She is also a serious portrait artist. Lillian is a high school senior. Ivy is a black lab/Australian shepherd mix. We have enjoyed our nearly annual trip to see pledge brothers around the homecoming weekend.

### **Michael Favo '84**

(13787 Shady Woods St. N., Jacksonville, FL 32224; crofn18@aol.com) Renee and I had the pleasure of getting to greet the New Year by having dinner with Jed and Erin Young. I had not seen Jed in person in 24 years, but got to enjoy his company and his sense of humor as if a day had not passed since graduation ... not for college days alone.

### **Scott Sanders '89**

(3721 Rome Drive, Lafayette, IN neuroop@mac.com) I opened a second office in Indianapolis. BalanceMD, www.BalanceMD.net, is a medical clinic specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of those suffering from dizziness and vertigo. My first office is a Neuro-ophthalmology & Center for Balance www.INOCB.com, in Lafayette, Ind.

### **Matthew Miller '03**

(13500 Meadow Lane, Plainfield, IL; mcm0702@aol.com) I am happily married to a '03 Purdue Pi Phi with two boys and a baby girl.

### **Billy Keller '04**

(2001 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94118; billy.keller00@yahoo.com) I'm living in San Francisco, Calif. and have been working for Charles Pankow Builders, Ltd, www.pankow.com, for over seven years.

### **Kyle McLeod '07**

(15614 Ballantyne Country Club Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277-1406; boilerkleod@gmail.com) I am living in St. Louis and getting married in May 2012. I always try to get back to campus every year for a tailgate and that keeps me young. I am pursuing my MBA this fall and will be working full time. So let's just say my social life will not be very exciting for the next two years. I hope all is well with the new members and they are enjoying their time in the house. They are some of the best memories in your lifetime. Perge!

## GRADUATE Q&A

### Curt Ward Looks Back on His Fiji Years

*Thank you to Curt Ward '88 for participating in this Q&A*

**Why did you join Fiji as an undergraduate?** My two older brothers were Fijis and I had grown up seeing the fun and great friends they made.

**What is the funniest memory from your Fiji days?** My mind is a catalog of funny memories. There are too many to choose from, but one that sticks out is the time we hosted a mock wedding for a party our senior year.

**What is the single fondest memory you have shared or will share with your children and grandchildren?** The memory I will share with them is the acceptance that the Purdue Fijis gave me when I transferred from DePauw Fiji house my junior year. I was invited into the chapter and accepted into my pledge class, even though I pledged at DePauw.

**How do you stay connected with your brothers as a graduate?** Every year we have a pledge class reunion during the first weekend in March and we get together for football game tailgates and keep in contact via email and phone.

**Have you visited Purdue since graduation?** I visit at least once a year. It is great to go to a football and basketball game and stop by the house as well as checking in at Pig Dinner.

**What makes you the most proud about being a Fiji?** Not for college days alone. Fijis are a group of men that live the phrase out in their lives.

**How would your life be different today if you had never joined Fiji?** Wow... I would not venture a guess. My life is what it is and it is richer because I joined Fiji.

**Where has life taken you since graduation?** My life has been quite a journey since graduation. I am very blessed. Right now, I am the program director for the St. Vincent Family Medicine Residency in Indianapolis, Ind. Who'da thunk it.

**Whom do you stay connected with in your graduate years? Are there any brothers you have lost touch with whom you would like to reconnect?** There are some that I stay in contact with more than others. Ultimately, I wish I would connect better with all of them.

**What is the best thing about your graduate experience?** Being encouraged by the good work the fraternity is doing in supporting and developing the new young brothers. Connecting with other alumni to relive old memories and make new ones.

*Rafal Sroka, Norris Pig Dinner Chairman, right, presented Brian P. Lamb a Gold Owl Certificate signifying 50 years as a member of Phi Gamma Delta. Read the full Pig Dinner recap on page 1.*



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