

## FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - January 2021

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### Join the Old Guard of Delta Lambda!

The Old Guard is Delta Lambda's alumni annual fund. Your contributions help the Chapter maintain its competitive standing at the top of Florida State's fraternity system. We're very grateful to the Brothers who joined or renewed their Old Guard commitments since our last Newsletter was published in December. They include **Trent Mallory '81, Jerry Sexton '74**, and an especially generous gift from **Jack McMullen '64**.

Joining the Old Guard is easy. Contribution is only \$100 per year. Your gift goes toward strengthening the Bonds among alumni, and enriching both the alumni and undergraduate Delta Lambda experience. Some alumni have even chosen to give as much as \$1,000. A current list of the **Old Guard Members** appears at the end of this newsletter.

### Click here to join the Old Guard now!







Our next **Alumni Advisors/Undergraduate Leadership Luncheon** is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **February 3rd at the University Center Club**. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and hear about Delta Lambda's latest goals and achievements. Our Chapter is fortunate to benefit from the attentions of strong undergraduate leaders and many caring alumni.

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## Reminder - Missed an Issue?

Every page and every issue of Pikeboy and Pikes Illustrated are now available, free, for your entertainment and nostalgia. This is the photographic record of America's greatest college fraternity chapter! Thank you, David Rancourt!

https://deltalambdapikes.com/publication/pikeboy/ https://deltalambdapikes.com/publication/pikes-illustrated/



Brandon Edmonston '20, IVP Max Roix '18, XVP Kyle McLaren '18, SMC Luke Vari '18, Jack Williams '18

# **Chapter Returns to its Fire Truck Roots for Philanthropy**

(From SMC Luke Vari '18)

"Brothers, I just wanted to share a quick update and a few pictures with you.

"Our new Executive Board started thinking of ways to continue supporting the community and giving back. We decided to go back to our roots, and reach out to local fire stations. External Vice President **Kyle Mclaren '18** and I had a meeting at local Tallahassee Fire Station #1 where we discussed ways to become more involved with the First Responders and their local charity organizations.

"Since the annual Dance Marathon is not really practical under the current circumstances, we have decided that one of our main philanthropies throughout this 2021 year will be The Children's Burn Camp of North Florida, "Camp Amigo". Camp Amigo is essentially a summer camp for children, ages 6 to 18, who are burn survivors. The camp features fire safety and fun, but predominantly focuses on providing these children with a support network to help with physical and emotional scars from their past experience.

"Last night, a few of us visited local #1 Station and provided their entire team with dinners from Mission Barbecue. We ended up staying for over two hours, talking with them and getting a tour of the station. We discussed bringing back the Pike Fireman's BBQ this spring, and every single person in the station's face lit up. With everything going on it was nice to have a sense of normalcy back.

After showing them our own Pike fire truck, I think their truck operator is excited to possibly take it for a spin around Heritage Grove!

"I'm looking forward to being able to send you all more updates like this one." Phi Phi,

Luke B. Vari '18 2021 SMC

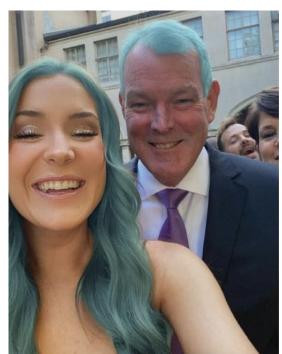
After Luke's message was sent to the Advisory Board, alumni were immediately responsive.

- Scottie Howell '06: "Really outstanding work, guys. Proud of you".
- Joe Feheley '81: "That is so frigging awesome Luke. As always you guys make me proud. A relationship with the Fire Department is an awesome idea and very Pikelike. Let us alumni Bros know how we can help."
- Brent Sembler '78: "I could not be prouder ♡"
- Andy Miller '70: "Great leadership!"



Chapter officers with local Tallahassee Fire Fighters

## NEWS FROM THE HINTERLAND





[Left] **Kyle Eberlin '83**. Kyle's daughter Collier Eberlin, on the occasion of the matching hair color says, "He's like, the best dad ever!"

[Right] Larry Dunagan '68 is Past President, and current Board member of the Dade County Farm Bureau. Scion of a 4th generation Homestead farming family, Larry is owner of Dunagan Family Farms, Inc. and Dunagan & Son Farms, Inc. in Goulds. "Ours is one of the last farms to still grow true pole-beans." Dunagan Family Farms on Facebook



Christmas, 2020 Zoom Call with 1960s Alumni.

From top left: Caroline and **Bob Tunkel** '66, Linda and **Ed Garrison** '65, Carolyn and **Larry Barber** '64, Carol and **Charlie Park** '61, Roz and Jim Cobb '63, Mike **Ripingill** '65, Carolyn and **Jack McMullen** '64, **Bob Reeve** '66, Li and **Jim Poe** '66, Gail and Fred Ingley '62.





The Trickett brothers, Chance and Clint, are enjoying flourishing careers in athletics. **Chance Trickett '08** (left) is a Scout for the Los Angeles Rams. **Clint Trickett '10** is Offensive Co-Ordinator and Quarterback Coach at Florida Atlantic University.



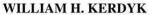


[Left] Former Florida Governor, now United States Congressman **Charlie Crist '77** won re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives in Florida's 13th Congressional District (St Pete, Largo, Clearwater) this November.

[Right] The October 29th, 1977 Homecoming ceremony was a tough pill to swallow for all the other fraternities. Starting Seminole fullback, President of Pi Kappa Alpha, and 1976 Homecoming Chief **Fred Miller '73** is pictured here handing the 1977 Homecoming Chief trophy to Pi Kappa Alpha Vice President and Vice President of the FSU Student Body **Charlie Crist '76**. In addition, that night Tri-Delt and Pike Little Sister Ginger White was announced as Homecoming Queen.

## NAMED INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS LEADER FOR THREE STRAIGHT YEARS







[Left] Wikipedia identifies American entrepreneur, politician and international golf tournament organizer William H. 'Bill' Kerdyk '80 as President and CEO of Kerdyk Real Estate in Coral Gables. He founded the Toyota Junior World Cup with Japanese business partners in 1992 to allow the finest junior golfers in the world the opportunity to compete in an international team event. More than 70 countries participate in qualifying tournaments throughout the year in North and South America, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Africa. The winners and second-place finishers in the qualifying tournaments are invited to participate in the finals held in Japan. Toyota and Japan Airlines are the major sponsors of the tournament.

[Right] **Brett Kublin '80** shows off his new grandson December 13. "Today, Cooper was given his Hebrew name Lior, meaning "My Light". He truly is a very bright light to

me. He's named after Cindy's grandpa Louis."



### **Jerry Sexton '74**

"Here we are in Colorado recovering from another snow storm. And we are pretty much in Covid lockdown here: restaurants closed, bars closed and they pretty much tell you to stay home. Hopefully when I get out – we'll be heading back down to FL. **Mike Alley '74** says he will keep a bar stool warm for me.

"Pre-COVID, our club bartender was a PIKE from Virginia Tech and he says the reputation of PIKES at FSU is – 'Pike leads the way'.

They are in awe of the FSU Pikes. I think he was amazed I'm an FSU Pike. Had to show him my class ring with PiKA on it. LOL.

"Moving all over the world for 20 years in the Air Force and being deployed in many other areas I lost touch with many folks. Once ran into **Tom Young '76** (son **Chris Merganthaler '13**) in Athens, Greece when he was going over in the late 70s to move his Dad out of Iran prior to the fall of the Shah.

"I was in Tally at a ball game a couple of years ago and it was good seeing folks – Jim Brock '76 (son Tyson '06), Danny Hendrix '75 (son John '05), Jimmy Crook '74, etc.

"Still think one day I will move back to FL but just bought a house last year here so we may be here for a few years. We are southeast of Denver near Parker, CO."

{Pictured} Russell Sexton '77

"Russell is in The Villages along with my other brother and sister. He is back dating his high school girlfriend – a UF majorette. She is a



great lady and good friends with **Wayne '72** and Kathy Johnson (son **Matt '03**)

"There are few things in life that has had such an impact on me as being a Pike at Florida State. I feel that I can see old friends decades later and it is like going back in time. **Mike Tebo '76** was driving through Denver; he called and I quit work to go spend the day with him.

"The traditions we had did a lot to make you grow up. A simple thing like wearing a coat and tie once a week for dinner – makes you comfortable when you go out in the real world to work. Although I really liked fatigues and flight suits much better. Just don't think I fit into

either any more.

"I think every Pike from FSU is proud to be a Delta Lambda, and what we stood for. My son graduated from Colorado State and was going to run him back for a football game this year and show him the Pike house – but COVID stopped that idea.

"I also think we have to give a lot to thanks to **Brent Sembler** '78 (son **Logan** '09), **Andy Miller** '70 (son **Matt** '09), **Jimmy Keen** '73 (son **Michael** '14) and others who are active alumni in the area and did a lot to keep the house going.

"You folks put your own reputations on the line and stood up to the administration for the house. THANK YOU! I'll buy the next round when I see you.

"By the way – did you know that when you learn the Greek alphabet as a pledge – you can read the street signs in Greece and actually get around. When I lived there for the year, I could read menus and all the other signage. I was even a tour guide for Mom Howard (Pi Phi House Mom – **John Howard's '72** Mom) and her niece when they came over when I lived there."



## WHY ARE YOU CONSIDERING A WILL GIFT TO THE LEGENDS OF DELTA LAMBDA?

"The question should be, why would I **NOT** leave an estate gift to my Delta Lambda! Pi Kappa Alpha has been such an integral part of my life. I was a Charter Member in 1949. A chance meeting with an alum at a Pike rush party in Jacksonville led to my 35-year career with AT&T. When I was transferred to Nashville, I was invited to take meals with the Pikes at Vanderbilt, and the blind date they matched me with for the PiKA dance turned into the love of my life, Jean, my wife of more than 50 years. I was fortunate to be present at my grandson's initiation into the Pike chapter at Auburn, and I was honored to serve Delta Lambda as Chapter Advisor. I have been a Brother

for 72 years and I could never put a price on the precious friendships and treasured life experiences that have come to me through Pi Kappa Alpha."

- Bob Hall '49

Your estate gift to Delta Lambda will help ensure that our magnificent chapter house remains in Delta Lambda's hands. Brent Wolfe Sembler '78 is Chairman of The Legends of Delta Lambda, owner of the fraternity house. When you update your will, this simple wording will be effective: "I wish to give \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ to The Legends of Delta Lambda, Inc., or its successor organization, a corporation located in St Petersburg, Florida. Tax I.D. number: 22-3857797."

If you'd like to further discuss the options of making a will gift to Delta Lambda, either Brent, Andy and/or Joel will welcome your call.

**Brent Sembler '78**, Chairman, Legends of Delta Lambda, Inc. [father of **Logan Sembler '09**]

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Joel Padgett '71, former Senior Vice President and Director of Gift Planning, Seminole Boosters, Inc. Cell 850-545-7019](Joel Padgett '71, former Senior Vice President and Director of Gift Planning, Seminole Boosters, Inc. Cell 850-545-7019] (Joel Padgett '71, former Senior Vice President and Director of Gift Planning, Seminole Boosters, Inc. Cell 850-545-7019 joelnole28@gmail.com.

**Andy Miller '70**, former President and CEO of Seminole Boosters, Inc. [father of **Matt Miller '09**; brother of **Bill Miller '74**] cell 850-545-4914 Ramsr2713@gmail.com

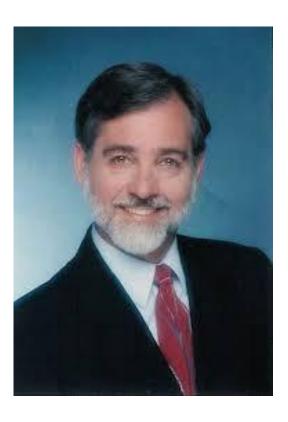
**Ad Astra** 



On December 26, **Lee Anderson '83** wrote, "Brothers, it is with a heavy heart that I let you all know Shannon Wyatt passed away Friday night. His daughter called me this morning. Shannon had just spent Christmas with his children, then passed away that evening. I do not have any other details as of yet. Keeping his family in our Delta Lambda thoughts."

**Joe Liguori** '81 followed with another note: "Heartbreaking. Have not seen Shannon in years, but so many fond memories. 2021 - let's make this the year that we take opportunities to catch up. Business travel has given me the opportunity through the years to visit with brothers, but I have not taken full advantage, and I will change that in 2021.

Prayers for Shannon, his family, and our large Delta Lambda family."



"Robert Hill Fulford, Jr. passed away peacefully on December 23, 2020 at the age of 70 in Tallahassee, Florida. Bob was a beloved husband, son, brother, cousin and friend to all those who met him.... Every summer was an adventure, though his favorite place was sitting the dock of their Aucilla River house or sailing in the Gulf of Mexico. If you had a chance to sit and talk to Bob, he would spin you a tale, give you friendly advice or lend a helping hand. He was always willing to share his knowledge of what he had learned about travel or real estate to those who were interested. He will be missed by many friends and loved ones. Bob was a success through his hard work and perseverance. He lived a wonderful life."

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## Join the Old Guard of Delta Lambda!



The annual contribution to be a member of the Old Guard is only \$100. Funds are allocated at the direction of a Board chaired by Jack McMullen '64 and Doug Russell '79. The Old Guard account is located at BB&T in Tallahassee.

Please use this link to contribute:

Click here to join the Old Guard now!

Or, if you feel more comfortable sending a check, please make it to The Old Guard of Delta Lambda, and send to Charlie Barnes / 1490 Saint Charles Place / Tallahassee, FL 32308

Old Guard of Delta Lambda (updated January 2021)

The Annual Giving Outreach of Delta Lambda Alumni

THE OLD GUARD
Brothers making Annual Gifts of \$100 or more

Dan Akre '83 2016, 2017

Charlie Barnes '65 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Ed Barnes '71 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Joe Beasley'83 2018, 2019

Robert "Bobby" Bowden '49 [Alpha Pi, Samford University] (son Jeff Bowden '80;

grandson Michael Madden '14) 2016, 2017, 2018

Gabriel Brady '58 2020

Pete Burnett '68 2020

Eric Carr '01 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Jay Campbell '87 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Bill Cheek '61 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Jim Cobb '63 (son Kevin Cobb '06) 2018, 2019

Chuck Cottrell '80 2019

Dustin Daniels '10 2016

Phil Doumar '09 2017

Jeff Epley '96 (lota Gamma, Nebraska-Kearney) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Miguel Fernandez '77 (son Michael '10) 2017 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Jim Finch '81 2017, 2020

Jim Floyd '76 2018, 2019, 2020

Dave Frew '67 2020

Lewis Fusco '05 2020

Paul Gerding '65 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Dave Giordano '65 2020

Glenn Grant '82 2017

Connor Gray '11 2018

Bill Gregory '77 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Mike Halfacre '85 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020

Bob Hall '49 (grandson Andrew Hall '15 initiated at Auburn) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Lawrence 'Chip' Hartung '81 2017, 2019

Scotty Howell '06 (brother Seth Howell '84) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Rob Hicks '83 2020

Bruce Johnson '81 2017

Jay Johnson '83 2016 \*Joined the Sembler Society in 2018

Dick Klunk '67 2020

David Kresge '73 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Mike Lait '78 2020

Mike Lilly '84 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Carlos Lindo '05 2016

David Lyons '65 2018, 2019, 2020

Harvey Mackler '72 (Beta Pi, University of Pennsylvania) 2018, 2019, 2020

Trent Mallory '81 2017, 2021

Mike Markowski '75 (sons Reeve Markowski '13 and Brandon Markowski '16;

brothers Craig Markowski '79 and David Markowski '79) 2016

Stuart McLeroy 2021

Roy McDonald '79 2018

Jack McMullen '64 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

J.L. Milton '62 2018, 2019, 2020

Jim Montano '64 2019

Jeff Moore '81 2018

Kyle Mowitz '01 2017

Alex Mullineaux '01 2019

Eli Nortelus '01 2018

Marco Novak '01 2016

Harry Orwig '66 2018

Serge Osaulenko '01 2017

Joel Padgett '71 2016, 2019

Jim Parsons '81 2017

John Peacock '01 2018, 2019, 2020

Chris Pepin '01 2018, 2019, 2020

Khoung Phan '01 2019

Jim Poe '66 2017, 2019, 2020

David Ponder '80 2017

Gary Prescott '72 2018, 2019, 2020

Dr. Jace Provo '83 2020

Tyler Russell '10 2020

Lt. Col. Jerry Sexton '74 (brother, Russell Sexton '77) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Griffin Siegel '78 2016 2017

Peter Singhal '15 2019, 2020

Kevin Stokes '13 2018, 2019

Bob Stoner '64 2018 (memorial gift via John Stoner)

John Stoner '64 2018

Todd Trimmer '69 2019, 2020

Tom Trotta '81 (son Eric Trotta '09 initiated at University of Florida) 2018, 2019, 2020

Bob Tunkel '66 2020

Tarek Waked '09 2019

Kevin Wheeler '09 (father Tom Wheeler '78) 2017, 2018, 2019

Wade Wilcox '86 (son Griffin Wilcox '15) 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Griffin Wilcox '15 (dad, Wade Wilcox '86) 2020, 2021

Bill Williams '85 2019, 2020

Rob Williamson '87 2018, 2020, 2021

Alan Winslette '77 2018, 2019

#### THE SEMBLER SOCIETY

### Brothers have made at least one gift of \$1,000 or more

[John Baker An anonymous donor has made a memorial gift to the Sembler Society in the John's name]

Charlie Bradley '81 is a September 2019 addition to the Sembler Society

Sean Carbonell '86

[Craig Kavka '66 – Memorial Gift made in Craig's name, 2019]

Chuck Cottrell '80 \*January, 2019: Chuck Cottrell made an additional gift of \$1,000 to be used in the best interests of the Chapter. Thank you Chuck for your generosity to

Delta Lambda!

Jim Crews '78

Chris Dietz '87 (son is Caleb Dietz '11)

Tobyn DeYoung '86 (son is Steven Centeno '16)

Steve Goodloe '79 Memorial Gift; donor remains anonymous

Chris Gutierrez '83 [University of Florida] (son Alex Gutierriez '16)

David Gutting '83 (son Sterling Gutting '16)

[J. Bob Humphries '66 – Memorial Gift made in Bob's name, 2019]

Bruce Johnson '81

Jay B. Johnson '83

Bobby Jones '72

Jimmy Keen '73 (son is Michael Keen '14)

John Leavitt '77 (brother of Jim Leavitt '79)

Sloan MacKarvich '01

Craig Mateer '86 (son is Charles Merritt '16)

Ryan McElveen '95 (2020; annual Sembler Society commitment!)

Noah C. McKinnon '65

Rich Newsome '83

David Rancourt '84 (son is Wyatt Rancourt '16)

Matt Raulerson '83 (son is Zach Raulerson '17)

Scott Roix '85 and son Max Roix '18

Doug Russell '79 (son is Tyler Russell '10)

Harry Sargeant III '78 (sons are Harry Sargeant IV '02 and Garrett Sargeant '17)

Brent W. Sembler '78 (son is Logan Sembler '09)

Tim Sheridan '78 (grandson of Ed Cubbon '29; brother is Ted Sheridan '82)

Rich Wall '66

Tom Wheeler '78 (son is Kevin Wheeler '09)

## 2020 Chapter Leadership (December 2020)

SMC (President): Luke Vari '18

Internal Vice President: Max Roix '18 (father is Scott Roix '85)

External Vice President: Kyle McLaren '18

Vice President of Membership Development: TBD

Excellence Officer: Joey Williams '19

Secretary: Jason Accardi '20

Rush Chairman: James Bencivenga '20

Treasurer: **Jack Williams '19**House Manager: **Cole Davis '18** 

Risk Management: Austin Guarino '18

Title IX Chairman: Rory Hicks '19

Member at Large: Christian Ursillo '18

Sergeant at Arms (Judicial Officer): Tre Hall '20

IFC Representative: TBD

Pledge Educator: Brandon Edmonston '20

Intramural Sports Chairman: TBD

Social Chairman: TBD Alumni Liaison: TBD

Pikes Illustrated Editor: Matthew Liebman '19 \*

## 2020 Alumni Advisory Board (December 2020)

Chapter Advisor: John Peacock '01

Legends of Delta Lambda: Brent Sembler '78, Chairman

Legends Board member & General Oversight: Jimmy Keen '73

Legends General Contractor: Peter Ford '14

Rush Advisors: Doug Russell '79 and Charlie Barnes '65 Faculty Advisors: Andy Miller '70 and Doug Tatum '77

Finance Advisor and Advisor to Treasurer and Secretary: Eli Nortelus '01 Risk Management: Tor J. Friedman (Delta Tau Delta); Carlos Lindo '05

Pledge Education Advisor: John Peacock '01 an Eli Nortelus '01

Technology Advisor, newsletter Publisher & Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87 Alumni Association Activity Chairmen: Gary Prescott '72, Mark Smith '78

Alumni Association President: Eric Carr '01
Advisor on Conduct of the Ritual: Scott Roix '85

Newsletter Editors: Tim Sheridan '78 and Charlie Barnes '65

Member-at-Large and Activity Advisor: TBD

Chaplaincy Advisor: Dylan Nielander '05; plus John Peacock '01; Rev. Rick Blythe '72

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Ed Barnes '71 National Chapter Advisor of the Year 2005

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Joe Feheley '81 (son Sean Feheley '14)

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Jimmy Keen '73 (son Michael Keen '14)

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Doug Russell '78 (son Tyler Russell '10)

### These six alumni organizations exist to support Pi Kappa Alpha at Florida State

**The Legends of Delta Lambda.** Legends owns the Chapter House. Brent Sembler '78, Chairman. Jimmy Keen '73, Legends Oversight and House Management. Capital gifts may also be made directly to the Legends of Delta Lambda. Brent Sembler Brent.Sembler@sembler.com

The Delta Lambda Chapter Advisory Board. Chapter Advisors John Peacock '01 and Scottie Howell '06 Chair the Advisory Board. FSU Pikes Chapter Advisor chapteradvisor@fsupikes.net

The Delta Lambda Alumni Association. Eric Carr '01, President. ericdcarr@gmail.com

**The Old Guard of Delta Lambda**. The Old Guard is the alumni annual fund. Jack McMullen '64 is Chairman of the Old Guard oversight board.

**The Legacy Dads of Delta Lambda**. Doug Russell '78, Founder and President. drussell@nettally.com

The Delta Lambda Communications Team. The Delta Lambda Website and the Delta Lambda Monthly Newsletter are productions of Dietz Consulting, Inc. Chris Dietz '87, owner. The monthly newsletter is Edited by Tim Sheridan '78 and Charlie Barnes '65. Len Tucker (and Jean) Tucker '70 provides the chapter with its annual composite. The Team also consults with the Chapter on the annual production of Pikes Illustrated.