



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - October 2020

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Join the Old Guard of Delta Lambda!

“We’re very grateful to the Brothers who joined or renewed their Old Guard commitments since our last monthly newsletter was published in September. They include **Stuart McLeroy '79**, **Jeff Epley '96** (Nebraska-Kearney), **Wade Wilcox '86** and his son **Griffin Wilcox '15**. **Ryan McElveen '95** has made a substantial commitment to Delta Lambda and The Old Guard through the Sembler Society, pledging a gift of \$1,000 annually. We are deeply grateful for all those alumni who support Delta Lambda.”

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.

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Our next Alumni Advisors/Undergraduate Leadership Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, NOVEMBER 4TH (day after the national election) at the University Center Club. Please come and enjoy the fellowship, and hear all about how Delta Lambda is continuing to prosper in this 'hostile environment'. The Chapter is fortunate to benefit from the attentions of many caring alumni.

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Reminder - Missed an Issue!

Every page and every issue 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/>

Helpful hints

When given an opportunity to capture those awesome group pictures, please take lighting and shadows into account. We try to work miracles, but often the quality is lost. If you think you may want to send in a winner, you may consider the fill-in-flash option.

Clarification provided: The 'Year following the Brother's name is their Initiation year, and is not representative of the year they pledged the Fraternity. For example; those initiated in January '79 were actually the Fall 1978 pledge class, as with the Fall of 1982 pledge class being January '83 . So, those are not typos. The practice ended after 1983, from then on started initiating the same semester.



CELEBRATING MAJOR RENOVATIONS & UPGRADES TO THE PIKE HOUSE

Delta Lambda 'Godfather' **Brent Sembler '78** is surrounded here by members of his 'Legends' team and active leaders of the Chapter Advisory Board. Brent was in Tallahassee to finalize detailed plans for major renovations and upgrades at the House. Total cost just for the common areas is estimated at more than \$100,000. Seated from left are: Legends General Contractor **Peter Ford '14**; Charter Member **Bob Hall '49** (grandson is **Andrew Hall '14**); Legends Chairman **Brent Sembler '78** (son is **Logan Sembler '09**); Sarah Nortelus; Advisory Board Treasurer **Eli Nortelus '01**; Chapter Advisor **John Peacock '01**; Joey Keen; **Jimmy Keen '73**, Director of Legends Oversight and House Management (son is **Michael Keen '14**).

A house of this massive size is always in need of constant care. Brent was Chairman of the Legends of Delta Lambda Capital Campaign in 2001 which culminated in 2005 with the Grand Opening of the nation's largest fraternity house under one roof: 40,000 square feet, plus the enclosed 7,000 square foot courtyard. Brent remains Chairman of Legends, which owns the property. Jimmy Keen says, "Brent led extensive fundraising drives, and has invested enormous amounts of his own money, to ensure our Pike House is the largest and best in America."



Above: New flooring in the foyer and throughout the first floor, as well as having hand sanitizers installed

Over the course of late summer and this fall, the courtyard and front exterior were primed and painted.

The entire second floor was painted, with new flooring installed in the hallways and conference room. **Jimmy Keen** says, “We are approving other individual room projects, replacing 15-year-old toilets, bathroom and kitchen fixtures, and in some cases installing new appliances. A major project was replacing the large cement area under courtyard Astro Turf to level the surface and prevent water puddles after heavy rain.”

Previous projects undertaken at Legends expense include replacing the roof last year for \$100,000, as well as extensive major repairs due to the flood, plus repair and reconstruction of the back gate.

Jimmy Keen singled out **Peter Ford** for special praise. “Since Pete accepted the assignment of overseeing property maintenance, the house has never appeared so awesome. Brother Ford reports to me and helps me make decisions.”

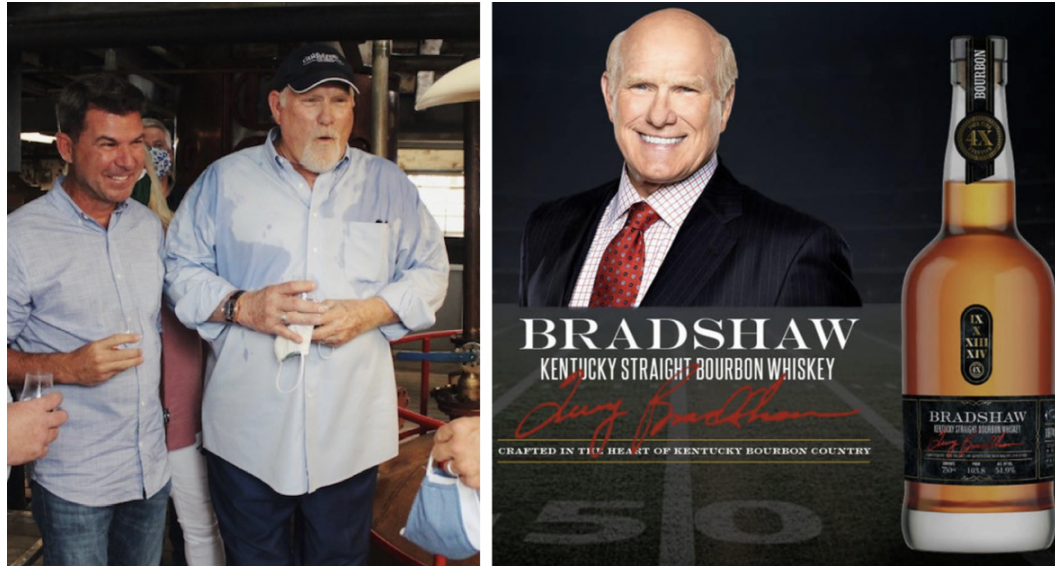


Basketball comes to the courtyard for the first time.

This project was undertaken as part of a 'Challenge' from Legends to the current Executive Council to make their own signature house improvement. Legends contributed about \$2,000 for the decorative bars across the windows. Under guidance from contractor **Peter Ford '14**, the chapter purchased a pair of commercial grade basketball goals, heavy duty. Pete volunteered his time and expertise to cut and powder-coat the decorative bars so they will never rust or fade. Pete also spent time overseeing the concrete placements for the goals. This project represents what is hoped to be a continuing annual 'Challenge' agreed to by both Legends and the Chapter, to continue upgrading items the chapter feels are important to them. The idea is "to take pride, and leave the house better upon graduation than you found it as a pledge." The basketball goals cost the chapter around \$4,000.

The first of these proposed Challenge projects was completed under the leadership of SMC **Kevin Stokes '13** in 2017. The Chapter created the Keen Conference Room by combining two spaces on the second floor, and outfitting it with a conference table

and chairs. A permanent plaque in the Conference Room will recognize subsequent Leadership efforts going forward.



Delta Lambda Alumni Spotlight: Ryan McElveen '95

Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer of The Terry Bradshaw Bourbon Co. / Silver Screen

To say that Delta Lambda Brother **Ryan McElveen '95** has enjoyed an eclectic and glamorous career would be an understatement. Successful at every turn since his graduation from FSU, he prospered in the Medical field, including startups and devices sales, and was the top ranked representative in the country in endovascular sales.

Eventually he changed course and, applying the experience from his fresh-out-of-college years with E.J. Gallo Winery (he is a Certified Sommelier; **Jim Poe '66** take note), Ryan and Terry Bradshaw co-founded the Terry Bradshaw Bourbon Company, based in Knoxville.

Ryan's energetic schedule requires a good deal of international travel. He speaks

German and Russian. We know the Ruskies drink vodka; looks like Ryan is the point man leading them to Kentucky Bourbon.

“After I graduated from FSU, I moved to Cocoa Beach where I served briefly as Advisor to the Pike Chapter at FIT.” Ryan was a Fireman, and then a member of the Colony. His initiation into Delta Lambda with his fellow Firemen was approved by the National Office.

As a proud and generous alumnus of Delta Lambda, Ryan has pledged an annual gift of \$1,000 to The Old Guard, for which we are most grateful. “My pledge to the old Guard is long overdue,” he says. “I do think it’s good for younger Brothers and alumni to see other Pike alumni successes. I am very grateful to be an FSU Pike, and I feel I owe much of my success to that experience. I was an Army brat from Suwannee County that didn’t know how to tie a proper necktie. I feel Blessed to have been able to be among such great young men and benefitting from great Pike mentors.”



Ryan McElveen with Burt Reynolds



Ryan McElveen with Jean-Jean Pelletier

“As a side note, my company also produced our friend Burt Reynolds’ final film, “The Last Movie Star”. We filmed the movie here in Knoxville; this photo was taken with Burt at the Movie Premier just weeks before he passed. To the right is a photo with my friend Jean-Jean Pelletier, Founder, President and CEO of GrapeStar, the Celebrity Wine and Spirits Company which allows celebrities to promote their wine and spirits brands directly to fans via social media.”

Ryan and his wife Dana Bommarito McElveen live in Knoxville. He can be contacted here:

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Screenshot from Bob Tunkel's 'Pikes of the 1960s' Zoom Call August 14th

Bob Tunkel '66, Ed Garrison '65, Aaron Beam '68, Tom Poulos '67 (son is **Matthew Poulos '02**), **Jack McMullen '64, Bob Ward '67, Dave Giordano '65, Dick Klunk '67, Bill Knight '68, Tom Wurzbach '64, Jim Poe '66, Cliff Napolitano '68, and Mett Morgan '70**. Not pictured but participating were **Bob Reeves '66, Dave Lyons '65** (grandson is **Jake Annand '19**), **Larry Pearson '66, and Bill Cheek '63**. Bob has accumulated more than 60 biographies and obituaries of Brothers initiated in the 1960s. Very entertaining reading, and you can access them all through Bob: bob@chaplinwilliams.com

Here's an excerpt from the bio submitted by **Fred Buhl '69**: "Aside from marriage and children, three events shaped my life: flunking out of FSU taught me to study; joining

Delta Lambda showed me the bonds of Brotherhood; and joining the Air Force showed me that I could compete successfully with people who were stronger and smarter than me while mastering complex airplanes and scenarios. Despite some difficulties, my life has been a wonderful journey. I am blessed with a great family, many friends, good health, and the resources to enjoy a busy retirement.”



LEFT: Mark Gambill '81, Chris Hansard '81 and Doug Russell '79. Russell says, “Between Mark and Chris, Delta Lambda won numerous IM Championships.” Chris writes, “Mark and I won several IM Championships together as teammates in Football and Softball. Mark was the ‘Delta Lambda Most Valuable Athlete’, twice I believe, and I was a three-time winner of the All Campus Superstars. “We both represented Delta Lambda on the IM Football All-Star teams on different years, each time defeating the University of Florida All Stars. “After college, Mark and I moved to Atlanta, where again we teamed up in Flag Football and Softball and won City Championships in Fulton and Cobb County. Our friendship began with Delta Lambda; as you can see, we remain great friends after 30 plus years!”

It should be noted that two of these men are Delta Lambda Legacy Dads. Doug Russell's son **Tyler '10** and Mark Gambill's son **Eric '12** are alumni.

RIGHT: Pro golfer **Pete Gioitta '83** journeyed south from Ohio to visit with his fraternity Brothers in Tampa. **Gary Prescott '72** writes, "Yes, the event was organized by **Glenn Grant '82** who extended the invitation due to Pete coming into town. Barry Smith picked the restaurant which was centrally located. We had a great time reminiscing. We each took a couple of minutes to share our memories of 218 South Wildwood. I had not had the pleasure of meeting Peter before. Didn't know we had yet another PGA professional in our Brotherhood!"

From left: **Bill Raymond '79**, **Kris Krieger '81**, **Gary Prescott '72**, **Chris Hansard '81**, **Bruce Johnson '81**, **Bill Waters '81**, **Barry Smith '72** (son **Andrew Smith '10**), and **Pete Gioitta '83**.

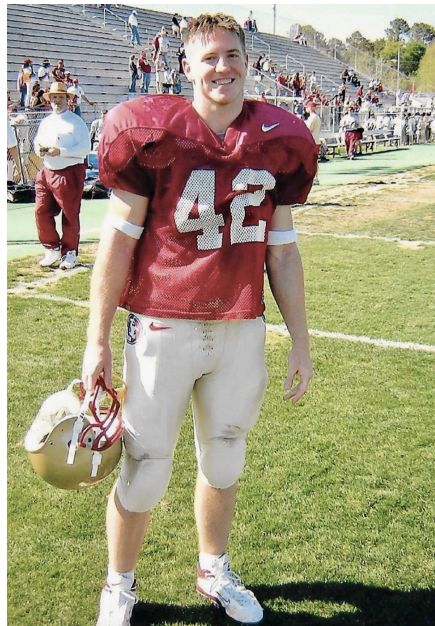


LEFT: Andy and Cindy Miller '70. Andy retired on September 1, 2020, as President of Seminole Boosters, Inc. after leading the organization for 45 years. Andy is a

former SMC and House Corporation President, and his son **Matt '09** and his brother **Bill '74** are alumni. Andy's brother-in-law **Bobby Jones '72** is also a former SMC. Ramsr2713@gmail.com

RIGHT: Allen Stephens '73 and Linda were married on August 2, 2020. That date coincided with Allen's father's 96th birthday, and he was Allen's Best Man at the wedding. Allen is a regular contributor to our monthly Alumni Advisors/Chapter Leaders Luncheons. The couple lives in Tallahassee, Allen's hometown, where Linda is an R.N. nurse manager at a local oncology center. Allen is the retired Corporate Vice President of an international consulting firm. CARY130@yahoo.com

NEWS and COMMENTS



Hearty congratulations to our current Chapter Advisor **John Peacock '01**, for his induction into the **Leon High School Football Hall of Fame!** John played linebacker for the Seminoles during the Bobby Bowden years. More to the point, he played for legendary Defensive Coordinator Mickey Andrews. "The rules on the field are a lot different now than when I played," John smiles. "Coach Andrews stressed that we were to focus on the opponent's quarterback, and not be, uh, overly concerned for his health and well-being."

Jeff Moore '81: "Wild hogs have moved in on us but we harvested a few this week. Reminds me of the

'ole Pike Pig Roast Days on Wildwood! Good times, too bad the guys today don't have that experience."



Ad Astra



David Cloud '80

From the Jackson County Times: "David Cloud went home to see Jesus, and to fish in the golden ponds of Heaven on Thursday, August 27, 2020." Chapter Eternal at age 58.

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David Villar 'Pensacola' Bowman '60

"Dear Brothers, this morning David's wife Suzy, called to tell me "Pensacola" had passed away last Sunday, October 11th in Fort Worth, Texas. Suzy said he fought the good fight for a long time, and he died on their 61st wedding anniversary. I remember



him as a pledge, and he was a smiling, happy-go-lucky individual. He did not hesitate to help out around the house and was also full of devilment. God bless Suzy and her sons, and may David rest in the loving arms of our Lord.”

In the Bonds, **Gabriel Brady '58**



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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:

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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 October 2020)

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 (Iota Gamma, Nebraska-Kearney) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Miguel Fernandez '77 (son Michael '10) 2017 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Jim Finch '81 2017
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 Sember 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
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
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
Khoungh Phan '01 2019
Jim Poe '66 2017, 2019
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
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 Caleb Dietz '11)

Tobyn DeYoung '86 (son Steven Centeno '16)

Steve Goodloe '79 Memorial Gift; donor remains anonymous

Chris Gutierrez '83 [University of Florida] (son Alex Gutierrez '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 Michael Keen '14)

Sloan MacKarvich '01

Craig Mateer '86 (son Charles Merritt '16)

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

Noah C. McKinnon '65

Rich Newsome '83

David Rancourt '84 (son Wyatt Rancourt '16)

Matt Raulerson '83 (son Zach Raulerson '17)

Scott Roix '85 and son Max Roix '18

Doug Russell '79 (son Tyler Russell '10)
Harry Sargeant III '78 (sons Harry Sargeant IV '02 and Garrett Sargeant '17)
Brent W. Sembler '78 (son Logan Sembler '09)
Tim Sheridan '79 (grandson of Ed Cubbon '29; brother Ted Sheridan '83)
Rich Wall '66
Tom Wheeler '78 (son Kevin Wheeler '09)

2020 Chapter Leadership (updated September 2020)

SMC (President): Jacob Middleton '18
Internal Vice President: Max Roix '18 (father, Scott Roix '85)
External Vice President: Jake Iacovella '19
Vice President of Membership Development: Sebastian Vallone '17
Excellence Officer: Kyle McLaren '19
Secretary: William Galvano '17
Rush Chairman: Luke Vari '19
Treasurer: Garrett Sargeant '17
House Manager: Garrett Sargeant '17 (father Harry Sargeant III '78; brother Harry Sargeant IV '02)
Risk Management: Jack Williams '19
Title IX Chairman: Tyler Gilroy '19
Member at Large: Cory Kuchta '17
Sergeant at Arms (Judicial Officer): Austin Guarino '19
IFC Representative: TBD
Pledge Educator: Tyler Gilroy '19
Intramural Sports Chairman: TBD
Social Chairman: TBD
Alumni Liaison: TBD
Pikes Illustrated Editor: Matthew Liebman '19 *

2020 Alumni Advisory Board (August 1, 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 and Eli Nortelus '01

Technology Advisor, newsletter Publisher: 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 '79 and Charlie Barnes '65

Member-at-Large and Activity Advisor: TBD

Chaplaincy Advisor: Dylan Nielander '15; 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 '79 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