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Honoring the past, supporting the future.

# The Encore

## Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association Alumni Association Updates

### Alumni Advisory Committee Members

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## The Work Goes On

By Edward Savoy, Chair of the Alumni Advisory Committee

During our time as active Brothers, we all witnessed times of transition. Whether it was saying goodbye to graduating Brothers or welcoming in the new officer corps, there always came a time where it was necessary to welcome a changing of the guard. These times were often tough and filled with tears, but they were no less necessary.

I bring this up because the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association is facing one of those times. We recently saw some wonderful Brothers move on to the next stage of their lives. These Brothers include Rose Bradbourne, Art Kerdmanee, and Brian Dorn. All of these Brothers served honorably and well as a part of the Alumni Advisory Committee, and their contributions will be missed as they tackle other efforts. I'm particularly indebted to Brian, as the past Chair of the Alumni Advisory Committee. I can fill his position as Chair, but I can only hope to match his level of dedication for the Association.

However, as we say goodbye to these wonderful and worthy Brothers, we say hello to a new group of leaders who, I have every faith, will honor those that came before them by dint of their contributions and energy. We welcome Laura Blake, Amy Heavilin, Marco Krcatovich II, and Eric Morson to the Alumni Advisory Committee. Even in the short time they have been a part of the Committee, they have made vital contributions to the work of the Committee and I am excited to be working with them.

I am excited because the work goes on. In this time of transition, the Alumni Advisory Committee has been working hard to improve the alumni experience of Brothers. In the last several months, we have:

- Approved the application of the Zeta Epsilon Alumni Association and welcomed them as our newest LAA.
- Continued our planning of a vigorous slate of activities for the upcoming National Convention, details of which we will be announcing soon.
- Attended the Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, and North Central District Conventions and communicated with scores of alumni.
- Launched our new Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association Facebook page, which we encourage you to check out!
- Continued work on several projects which you will be reading more about in the coming months.

The Brothers of the Alumni Advisory Committee are always working to make sure that the alumni of Kappa Kappa Psi continue to have a place to contribute to the organization and to continue to share in fellowship as Brothers. The work will always go on and I know I speak for the committee when I say that we are happy to pursue that work for the illustrious alumni of Kappa Kappa Psi.



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Still have  
questions  
about  
forming a  
LAA?  
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at  
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and we'll  
help!

### Taking the Next Step

By Katie Gyhra

During my time as an active member of Kappa Kappa Psi, I always believed that my involvement with the fraternity would continue to grow post-graduation. I pictured myself attending rituals, traveling to Conventions, and contributing financially to my chapter. But as the real world troubles of a recent graduate and first year teacher occupied my time (and emptied my wallet), I realized that my ties with my chapter and the fraternity grew weaker.

After several sentimental conversations with other alumni, we decided to create a Zeta Epsilon chapter of the Local Alumni Association of Kappa Kappa Psi. We were motivated by a desire to reconnect with the Brothers we knew in college and to assist with our chapter's efforts to maintain good alumni relations. This article outlines the process we went through and the tips I have for creating your own LAA.

#### **There really is an easy button!**

Creating a chapter of the Local Alumni Association is essentially a very simple process. The guidelines, application and Frequently Asked Questions can be found at [www.kkpsi.org/kkpsialumniLAA.asp](http://www.kkpsi.org/kkpsialumniLAA.asp). I started my efforts by contacting every alumnus, honorary or life member of my chapter for whom I had contact information. I described our association and outlined the benefits for us as alumni and for our active chapter and university bands. After establishing a deadline for responses and collecting email addresses, the paperwork was very easy to complete. After answering a few questions about our goals and including a roster, the application was ready to send in. For chapter-based LAAs, be certain to include a letter of endorsement from the current chapter sponsor.

#### **Dream big, but start small!**

In my days as a chapter president, I entertained grandiose ideas of contacting every alumnus on our chapter roster and encouraging them to take an interest in our chapter's activities. In chapters whose histories span many decades, this task is impossible and unnecessary. Local Alumni Associations have a minimum requirement of only five members, so it is easy to establish a chapter by contacting those Brothers you knew when you were an active member. I was surprised by how easily people responded with email addresses and phone numbers of older alumni who were enthusiastic about joining our LAA.

#### **Redefine yourself as a Brother!**

As your chapter-based LAA begins to establish itself, it's important to reflect on how your role in the Fraternity has changed. Kappa Kappa Psi is a student-based organization, and the activities and projects that your LAA undertakes should never be in conflict or competition with the active chapter at your alma mater. Focus your efforts on how you can enhance your experience as an alumnus, and how you can support your active chapter and the university bands they serve. In order to maintain this relationship, keep in contact with those in charge of the active chapter. Their enthusiasm about, and cooperation with the alumni association will help you make sure the proper paperwork is submitted when members graduate and help recruit those graduates to join your association.

With a little bit of time and effort, creating a chapter of the Local Alumni Association can be a rewarding way to supplement your status as a Kappa Kappa Psi alumnus and continue striving for the highest!

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## Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association Alumni Spotlight

National  
Convention  
Information

Keep up with  
National  
Convention  
information on  
the web!

Official Website

<http://www.kkpsi.org/natconv.html>

On Facebook

Check out the  
“2011 KKΨ and  
TBE National  
Convention”  
page on  
Facebook for  
announcements  
and news about  
Convention!

### Alumni Spotlight

*In this feature, we'll be spotlighting an exemplary alumnus who still showcases the best of Kappa Kappa Psi. This issue's alumnus is Eldon Janzen, Director Emeritus of the University of Arkansas Bands. He served as the director at the University of Arkansas from 1970-1995 and served as a past President of Phi Beta Mu. He is also a past recipient of the Distinguished Service to Music Medal.*

**Name:** Eldon Janzen

**School:** Oklahoma State University

**Chapter:** Alpha

**Year of Initiation:** 1947



### **What has Kappa Kappa Psi continued to impact your life?**

Kappa Kappa Psi-Alpha was the very first professional fraternity experience offered to this country boy from a town of less than 1,200 and a senior class of 32. It was a first step in opening up the 'world of music' in a scope that I could not even have dreamt about. As all of us in the band world know, it is a very close knit and exclusive environment which completely shapes your life. I arrived in the midst of the wave of returning WW II veterans and was in awe and respect for the leadership of the fraternity. It was a 'ground floor' and foundational experience.

### **What lessons did you learn from Kappa Kappa Psi that helped you in your profession?**

I had the privilege of sitting beside the likes of trombone players like Tommy Hardin, one of a great family of band people. Tom had played in big bands with the big names, such as Freddie Slack, etc. It soon dawned on me that my musical skills were embarrassingly meager compared to what I saw and heard all around me. I realized that I had a long way to go in order to even become an 'average' player.

### **Since you had the opportunity to play under Bohumil Makovsky's baton, what's the most important lesson you learned from Boh and what was your favorite experience with him?**

Boh had just retired from daily conducting duties when I arrived in 1946, but his name and reputation loomed very large in Crutchfield Hall, where he still came to his office every day with pipe in hand and smartly dressed in his black suit. We were all encouraged to 'visit' his office, which I did with much timidity and reverence, but the reception was always gracious and pleasant. On those special days he would conduct the band, the Boh of old surfaced (and was amply elaborated after the rehearsals by former bandsmen about how much tougher he had been before the War) and we discovered that his fire for musical perfection, and players attitudes were still burning very hotly! It was not enough to play your part well; you had to look like it was the most important thing you would do all day!

### **What has been your favorite Kappa Kappa Psi experience?**

Each winter on Boh's birthday, then-conductor Max Mitchell dedicated our 7:30 a.m. rehearsal to lead us a few short blocks to Boh's house for the annual playing of the “Kappa Kappa Psi March.” It was always met with grateful appreciation and we delighted in being a part of the celebration of another birthday for this grand old man.



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Please Visit Us!!!

On the Web:

[www.kkpsi.org/alumni](http://www.kkpsi.org/alumni)

On Facebook:

We have a new Facebook page; look out for “Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association.” Stay tuned there for further updates on the doings of the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association and news about alumni!

*Send up YOUR updates for the next Encore at:*  
<http://www.kkpsi.org/kkpsialumninewsupdate.asp>

Jennifer Brown, Kappa Mu, class of 2009, is serving in the US Air Force and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in June 2010 after being accepted into a program which allows her to work on a master's degree in Nutrition from Baylor University

Commander Stephen Terracina, Epsilon Theta, class of 1978, recently retired from a career as a US Naval Officer & presently resides in Ocala, Florida. His assignments as a Surface Warfare Officer included Training/Education Manager, Recruiting, Manpower Management, Naval Gunfire Officer, and Crvntologist.

Anthony Sawyer, Mu Eta, class of 2010, is in his second semester as a teacher with Teach For America. He teaches high school geometry and algebra at Greenville-Weston High School in Greenville, Mississippi as part of the 2010 TFA Mississippi Delta Corps.

Ernesto Hernandez, Beta Rho, class of 2011, is a Police Officer in the Village of Pemberville, OH. He is also graduating with his Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice from The University of Toledo in May, 2011.

Gayl Doster, Alpha Zeta, class of 1960, was presented the Distinguished Alumni Service Award by Indiana University on June 19, 2010. This is the highest non academic award given by the university.

Michael Maloney, Alpha Omega, class of 2010, is enrolled in the Katz Graduate School of Business and will be graduating with a Masters degree in Accounting.

Shannon Siemens, Mu Omicron, class of 2009 is working as Program Coordinator of Donor Communications at the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts.

Karl Fetzer, Kappa Gamma and Gamma Pi, class of 2007, began full-time work as a Software Engineer on the GPSIII program at Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, located near Philadelphia, PA. In the fall, he got engaged to fellow Kappa Kappa Psi brother Sarah Catherine Emery (Alpha Zeta Chapter at Indiana University) during the halftime show of the Lehigh University Alumni Band Day football game.

Sean Bell, Alpha Eta, class of 2005, recently welcomed his child, Olivia. Olivia's mother is also an Alpha Eta alumnus and his membership class Brother. He was married in 2008 and now lives in Seattle, where he works as a flight test engineer on the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

Steve Cornett, Theta Epsilon, class of 1989, joined Lowe's Home Improvement as Director of Enterprise Information Services as of November 1, 2010 at the headquarters location in Mooresville, NC; he is excited to build something together with such an outstanding company.

Shanna Hubbs, Epsilon Iota, class of 2008, is in her second year of teaching elementary band in Cameron County, PA. She is also coaching varsity cheerleading and planning her May 2012 wedding.

Michael Mayo, Zeta Chi, class of 2007, completed his Master of Music Education degree at the USC School of Music with an emphasis in String Pedagogy and Early Childhood Music. He is currently in his fourth year as the Orchestra and Band Director at W.G. Sanders Middle School in Richland County School District One in Columbia, SC