



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Founders' Day Dinner

Mark your calendars! Founders' Day dinner will again be held at the Inn at Penn on Saturday, March 30, 2019. As always, the Beta Pi Alumni Association wants all Pikes to remember and recognize the benefits that they derived from Pi Kappa Alpha and to again, share in our celebration. Stay-tuned for details regarding the availability and cost of rooms.

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## HOMECOMING 2018

The University of Pennsylvania homecoming football game against Harvard University will be played at Franklin Field on Saturday, November 10, 2018, starting at 1:00 p.m. Come to the game to support the Quakers against a tough Harvard team.

Prior to the game, Abner's Cheesesteaks will serve as a meeting place for anyone who wishes to get together with other Beta Pi alumni to head over to the game.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Hard Alcohol Banned by NIC

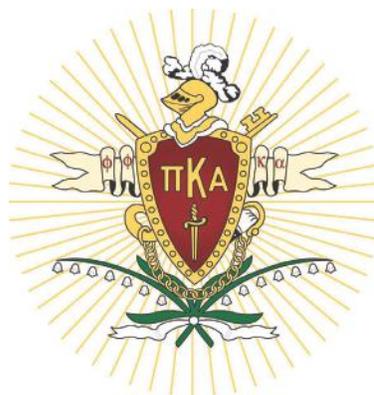
Pi Kappa Alpha International has announced that hard alcohol will be banned from chapter houses and fraternity events starting September 1, 2019.

As a member of the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), this complies with a resolution passed by the NIC. The NIC is a trade association representing 66 inter/national fraternities, with more than 6100 chapters on 800 campuses.

Each member of the NIC is expected to develop its own policy to be in effect on September 1, 2019, that incorporates the directive of the NIC banning hard alcohol from all common areas of the Chapter House and fraternity events. Certain exceptions do apply. The ban applies to any liquors that have an ABV (alcohol by volume) of more than 15%. Presumably, this would allow beer and wine. In addition, hard alcohol is permitted if served by a "licensed third-party vendor".

The NIC notes that this is a minimum expectation. Individual fraternities and each of their chapters, and the colleges and universities, may adopt more restrictive policies to which the students and chapters must comply. On Penn's campus, 24 of the 27 university recognized fraternities are members of the NIC.

**Joseph Churilla**, an executive board member of our undergraduate chapter at Penn, commented on the rules currently in force at



Penn, stating, "The standard rules allow our chapter to have and serve beer, wine, and hard liquor to those brothers and guests of age in our house during registered social events. Our chapter is prohibited from having kegs and/or playing drinking games that encourage binge drinking. Although many brothers are disappointed with the NIC's new regulation

that would ban liquor from our chapter house as of Sept. 2019, we are understanding and committed to following all regulations placed upon our chapter."

At Penn, **Jazmyn Pulley**, Director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, has acknowledged Penn is aware of the NIC resolution, but did not comment on what measures Penn will institute to regulate and/or ascertain compliance. Pulley sent an email statement to the Daily Pennsylvanian that Penn representatives "...look forward to talking with the NIC, Penn's Interfraternity Council (IFC) chapters, and Greek alumni about the impact and implementation of this new national expectation."

When questioned regarding his reaction to this new development, **Morty Cohen, Beta Pi '65**, said, "They can banish illegal drugs, hard alcohol, hazing, and sexual misconduct, but they better not touch my pinocchio that I regard as a harmless vice."



## PIKA ONLINE

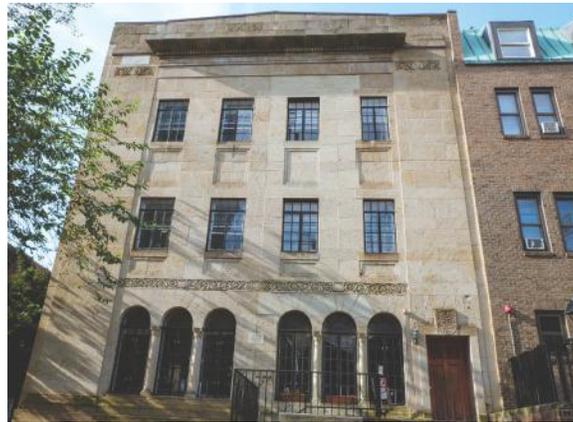
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Beta Pi Neighboring Fraternity “Evicted” from Chapter House

As reported in the August 5, 2018, issue of the Daily Pennsylvanian, the Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity Chapter House, that abuts the Beta Pi Chapter House on its east side, will no longer be housing Penn students.



According to **John Matthews**, the current President of Penn’s Pi Lambda Phi (Pi Lam) chapter, “...the chapter’s alumni association (which presides over the chapter’s lease) decided to eject the members of the Penn chapter from their house in March 2018, after years of financial struggles and problems adhering to their fraternities (sic) national all-male charter.” The Penn chapter of Pi Lam currently has 14 official male brothers and a comparable number of “honorary female members.”

The Penn Pi Lam chapter is heavily in debt due to the cost of repairs to the chapter house due to a fire in 2004 and some members failing to pay their monetary obligations to the fraternity. Matthews states that any attempts to resolve these financial issues were not supported by the national Pi Lambda Phi due to a failure of the chapter itself to conform to the national charter that Pi Lambda Phi be all male.

For the coming year, the Pi Lam Chapter House will be the home of the Drexel Chapter of Pi Lambda Phi. The Penn Office of Fraternity Affairs knew about the women living in the chapter house and took

no action. When questioned, Penn did say that it was not Penn that evicted the Penn Pi Lams.

This article in the *Daily Pennsylvanian* (DP) was accompanied by a photo of the Pi Lam chapter house. As the PiKA house is immediately adjacent to the Pi Lam house, a portion of our house was in the picture. The DP described the location of Pi Lam as being sandwiched between Pi Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. That the DP is unable to accurately report

the name of our fraternity, which has been on campus for nearly 100 years, makes one wonder as to the accuracy of any article in the DP. However, this inaccuracy has been corrected in a later issue of the Daily Pennsylvanian that was essentially the same article repeated.

It was during the 1960’s that PiKA began to allow men of all religions and races to become members. In the interim, not only has PiKA survived, it has thrived. PiKA now has approximately 225 chapters and colonies, a student population of over 15,000 and over 200,000 living alumni. The fraternity has never been in better shape or health and is now considered one of the premier fraternities in North America. Perhaps this article is a harbinger of things to come. Nearly every college and university currently receive government funds. It may not be too far in the future before fraternities are told they cannot discriminate by gender. It is entirely possible that the end result will make fraternities a better place.

LEGISLATION & RESOLUTIONS

Pi Kappa Alpha Sesquicentennial Convention Update

Following Pi Kappa Alpha’s Sesquicentennial celebration this past summer in Richmond, Virginia, Executive Vice President of PiKA, **Justin Buck**, has released a post-convention update on Legislation and Resolutions that were passed at the convention.

V.P. Buck recognized the great strides PiKA has made in the past 150 years but he emphasizes the future of PiKA rests with a recommitment by the fraternity to “...its core principles, benefiting from its tremendous undergraduate and alumni leadership, and understanding the need to evolve in order to get better and meet the needs of its current membership...”

Toward these goals, the undergraduate members established

mentor programs, resolved to raise the expectations of the membership, voted to preserve the health and safety of members and guests, supported the proposition to hold individuals accountable for actions not in conformance with PiKA principles (including pursuit of criminal prosecution when appropriate), and to support interfraternal alumni organizations.



CHAPTER ETERNAL

In Remembrance

The September/October edition of *The Pennsylvania Gazette* reports the passing of the following Beta Pi brothers:

- William A. Ericson '52**
- Ronald H. Skubecz '65**

Our sincere condolences are offered to the families of our departed brothers.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH CENTER ON ADDICTION

### Pi Kappa Alpha Tackles Addiction

*Pi Kappa Alpha International continues to take a leading role in defining college fraternities as worthwhile organizations on campus, in local communities, and throughout our country.*

In an effort to alert college students, members of the college community, and the public, of the dangers of addiction, Pi Kappa Alpha has formed a partnership with the Center on Addiction, formally known as the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse. Founded in 1992, the nonprofit Center on Addiction works to find, promote, and enact the necessary solutions to end America's deadly addiction crisis.

With over 200,000 living alumni, and over 15,000 current students representing 225 colleges and universities in North America, Pi Kappa Alpha can have an enormous influence on college campuses and their surrounding communities.



The Center on Addiction Executive Chair is **Joseph Plumeri, Gamma Chapter '64**, former CEO of Citibank North America. He hosted the *Night to Imagine* gala at the Pierre Hotel in New York City. At this gala, the Center on Addiction unveiled its new strategy of putting knowledge into action to combat the drug epidemic that is sweeping the United States and Canada. At that time, it was revealed that Pi Kappa Alpha would be playing an active and leading role to accomplish the goals of the Center on

Addiction. As such, Pi Kappa Alpha was introduced as a vice chair sponsor of this event. Nearly two dozen Pi Kappa Alpha alumni and guests were in attendance including our very own **Bruce Wolfson, Beta Pi '71**.

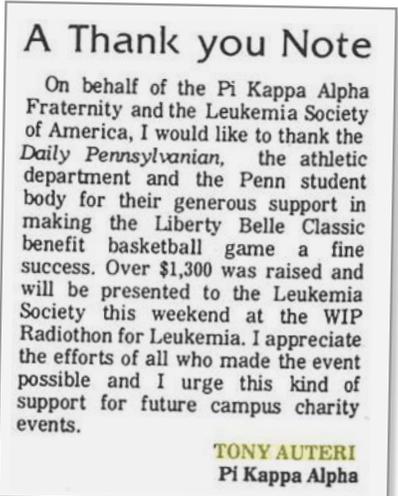
Pi Kappa Alpha's participation in this endeavor strengthens its reputation and standing as the foremost leader in educating its members in the entire fraternity world. The role taken on by Pi Kappa Alpha is to educate our alumni and student members to create an awareness of the drug crisis on every campus. These members can serve as advocates at college and in the local community. Pi Kappa Alpha can lead the fight against addiction by investing the manpower and experience it has shown in the past to develop young men capable of having a positive influence on others.

## PHILANTHROPY FLASHBACK

### 1979 Charity Basketball Game

In February, 1979, Pi Kappa Alpha co-sponsored, with the Leukemia Society of America, the Liberty Belle Classic, a charity basketball game played on February 14, 1979, that raised over \$1,300 for the benefit of the Leukemia Society.

In a letter to the *Daily Pennsylvanian*, printed in the February 26, 1979 issue, **Tony Auteri, Beta Pi '78**, thanked the *Daily Pennsylvanian*, the Penn athletic department for allowing access to its athletic facilities, and the Penn student body for its support of this charitable endeavor.



## ANNUAL FUND

### 2018-19 Honor Roll

Thank you to all alumni donors who have already made their gift for the 2018-19 giving year. As a reminder, the annual fund runs from July 1 through August 31 each year, and supports alumni communications and events, house renovations, and chapter resources on a yearly basis.

#### Legacy Society (\$1,000+)

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Ralph Joseph Young Jr. .1951

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A special thanks to the alumni who already made their gifts in 2018!



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## PIKA PODCAST



### 150th Anniversary and The Future Vision of PiKA

Pi Kappa Alpha has created the *Pike Podcast*, an Internet program dedicated to subjects of leadership, Chapter operations, and individual improvement. Episode 5 from this past Spring/Summer featured a presentation by **Shad Williams**, PiKA's International President, and **Justin Buck**, PiKA's executive V.P. and CEO.

**Shad Williams** reminded everyone of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of PiKA, at the University of Virginia, that was celebrated at the International Convention held this past summer in Richmond, Virginia.

At the convention, discussions were held on various topics affecting the fraternity experience in the near and far future. In addition, the special guest at the convention was **Mike Hopkins**, Beta Eta (Illinois). There was also an excursion to the University of Virginia, home to PiKA's founding chapter, to get a feeling of what life may have been like 150 years ago.

**Brother Buck** spoke that this is a critical time for all fraternities as a result of the media exposure of hazing, actions taken by municipal authorities to review zoning regulations that would prevent fraternity Chapter house living arrangements, and certain Colleges and Universities looking to end the "single sex status" of fraternities.

A recent *Dateline* sharply criticized a fraternity lifestyle that has often resulted in serious harm or death to pledges and members. As a side note to the *Dateline* show,

the producers of *Dateline* brought together what appeared to be approximately 10 families who suffered the loss of their sons due to inappropriate fraternity activity. The host of *Dateline* asked them if fraternities should be abolished. It is interesting to see that the majority did not wish for the end of fraternity life. Perhaps, they recognized that fraternities can have a positive effect on young men if they act in accordance with moral standards.

PiKA's vision and purpose is to make every member a "better person, a better leader, and better prepared for life". To this end, PiKA intends to raise awareness of all members of their health and security.

Recognizing that PiKA is different than it was 150 years ago and will be different 10 years from now than it is today, it is mandatory that PiKA "evolve along the way." If a fraternity does not evolve, it will surely be extinct. It is critical for the future success of PiKA to establish membership practices, by virtue of a commitment document, that impact education and social life. Every Chapter must commit to PiKA standards involving attendance and participation at Pike University, satisfactory completion of PIKA educational programs, host visits to the Chapter House by PiKA Int'l Chapter Advisors, and undergo a self-assessment of accountability measures.

In the wake of the recent tragedies that occurred due to the criminal activities of certain chapters and their members of all fraternities, PiKA Int'l intends to limit their exposure to legal responsibility. **Brothers**

**Williams** and **Buck** state that PiKA Int'l will not support those whose conduct and create these situations. Instead, PiKA Int'l intends to use the legal process to have those chapters and persons responsible make PiKA Int'l whole.

PiKA Int'l has taken measures on the Int'l fraternity level to prevent itself from being responsible for the behavior of individual chapters and their members that bring shame, disgrace, and financial liability to Pi Kappa Alpha. Pi Kappa Alpha International cannot supervise the daily actions of its' members. It remains for each individual Chapter to uphold the standards of Pi Kappa Alpha and to prevent any activity by its' individual members that is not in accordance with PiKA standards.

### MAKE A GIFT

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