

### President Celebrates Prosperous Semester and Bright Future



As Ithaca shifted away from beautiful summer weather, the brotherhood celebrated the beginning of another prosperous semester, marked by significant achievements in recruitment and academics and a successful Homecoming weekend. To the

credit of the leadership and hard work of the executive board, the brotherhood has made tremendous strides toward advancing our chapter within both the Greek and greater Cornell communities.

We have recently given out bids to four potential new members. Given Cornell's fall recruitment policy, this represents a good-sized pledge class, putting us on pace with previous fall pledge classes. Within the next week we should be hearing back from these potential new members, and we look forward to making them a part of our brotherhood.

The brotherhood has also maintained a strong GPA of 3.314, a large increase from the previous GPA of 3.146. The major improvement in the house is our brand new fitness center, with all-new gym equipment

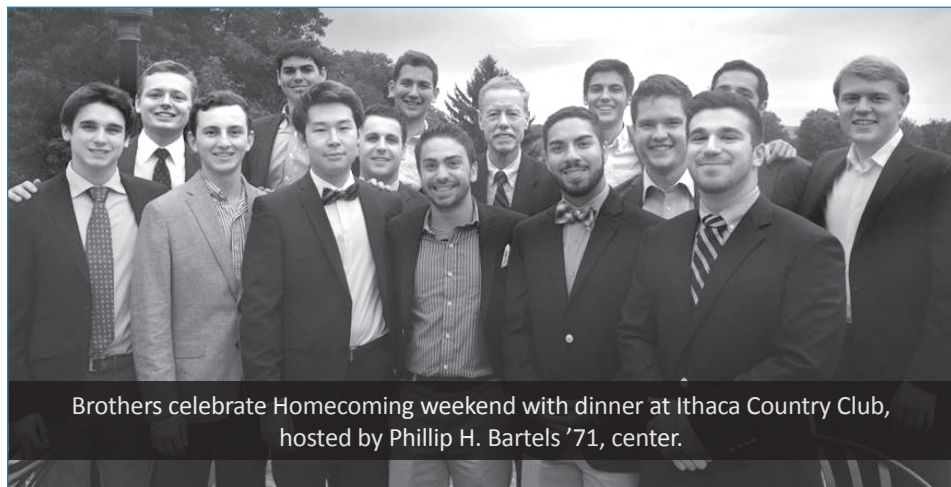
and a water fountain. Brothers have been thankful to be able to take a break from studying and use the new facilities. In addition, brothers are also happy with the new laundry room and kitchen renovations.

More than 20 alumni returned to 2 Ridgewood Road for Homecoming Weekend this fall. It was great to catch up and learn where everyone's careers have led them. One highlight of the weekend was dinner at the Ithaca Country Club, hosted by Phillip H. Bartels '71. Thirteen undergraduates and 10

alumni shared great stories about our chapter.

We are extremely proud of the many accomplishments our members have achieved in recruitment and academics this year, working to truthfully embody our cardinal principles of friendship, sound learning, and moral rectitude. I have another semester as president, and I am confident that we can continue the progress.

Zach Warheit  
President



Brothers celebrate Homecoming weekend with dinner at Ithaca Country Club, hosted by Phillip H. Bartels '71, center.

### A Note From the Vice President

The fraternity has been doing very well this semester. The younger brothers have acclimated to living in the house and are succeeding in their positions. Chapter and executive meetings have been well attended every week, and most committees have been meeting on a bi-weekly basis. Many brothers make it to dinner every night, allowing everyone to stay connected and hang out during the week.

The brothers are very close with one another and the young alumni and often participate in fun events both on- and off-cam-

pus. One such occasion was Homecoming Weekend. Several young alumni—mostly from the New York City area—came back to Cornell to hang out with their brothers. On Saturday morning we all participated in the Greek Tailgate near the football stadium. We grilled burgers and hotdogs, threw a football around, and caught up with friends. Afterward we walked over to the stadium to watch the game.

The game was very close, but unfortunately Cornell lost in the final minutes. Even so, we had a great time cheering on

the Big Red and bonding with our fellow Cornelians. Later that evening, Brother Philip H. Bartels '71 very kindly invited a dozen or so juniors and seniors to dinner at the Ithaca Country Club. We all dressed up in suits and sat down to a very elegant meal. Most of us did not know him very well, so the dinner was even more enjoyable as a new opportunity to talk and share college stories.

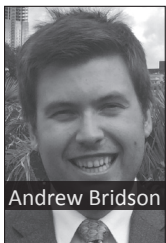
Alex Zink  
Vice President



Changes to the Great Hall included new couches, chairs, and tables in an effort to create a more comfortable living environment for brothers.

## Much Needed Renovations, Additions Improve House

*Updated gym, new exercise equipment, new refrigerators, and refurbished laundry room greatly improve living conditions for brothers*

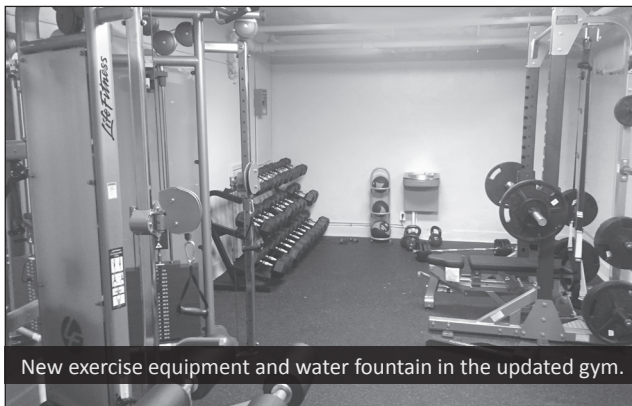


Greetings from Ithaca!

The Housing Corporation held a productive meeting during Homecoming Weekend to reflect on the previous year's projects

and to plan ahead for the future. Brothers spanning several decades gathered in the library on a pleasant fall morning to hear about the exciting work that the brotherhood has accomplished over the past year.

Though much at 2 Ridgewood Road remains the same, substantial projects have been completed since last year's Homecoming meeting that have improved the house and helped bring it up-to-date. These projects were possible thanks to the generous contributions of alumni and supported by a healthy increase in the under-



New exercise equipment and water fountain in the updated gym.

graduate brotherhood.

The Great Hall received new furniture, including couches, chairs, and tables. Additional storage and shelving were included in a refinishing of the laundry room to enhance the functionality of the updated machines. New refrigerators were installed in the kitchen in conjunction with an ex-

tensive cleaning. Finally, the gym was entirely redone, and modern exercise equipment was provided.

The Housing Corporation identified and prioritized other needs and worked to budget accordingly. One of the major projects on the horizon is a revamp of the bedrooms. The Housing Corporation has decided to proceed with the project on a room-by-room basis as the funding becomes available. If you would like to assist with this project, \$500 will replace a mattress, box spring, and bedframe, or

\$1,000 will refurbish an entire bedroom; this includes a dresser, desk, and chair.

Thank you again for your support, and we look forward to many more exciting updates to come.

Yours in the Bond,  
Andrew D. Bridson

Housing Corporation Correspondence Editor

## Chapter's Social and Brotherhood Events Create Connections

With the 2015-2016 academic year well under way, the men of Phi Delta Theta strive to build on the strength and cohesion our brotherhood has experienced over the past few years. With stellar recruitment and great leadership, the members of our house have grown closer than ever.

Facilitating this bond, in many ways, has come down to the quality of effort put forth by the social and brotherhood arms of this, our New York Alpha Chapter.

We have already had many successful brotherhood events this semester, which have helped us grow more tightly knit as a

chapter and reaffirmed our commitment to the ideals of the fraternity, namely, the ideal of friendship.



We took advantage of the still-pleasant Ithaca weather in late August and early September to host barbecues with our neighbor, Alpha Xi Delta. Brotherhood

endeavors, such as building and painting new cornhole boards from scratch, helped us to facilitate social events, such as the Homecoming tailgate barbecue mixer we had with Phi Mu as a part of the weekend festivities.

With a host of events still to come this semester and next year, the social and brotherhood chairs look forward to continuing our past success of planning exciting events that align with the values of the bond of Phi Delta Theta.

Michael Kalliotzis  
Social Chairman

# Chapter Increases Philanthropic Presence

## Events On Campus and in the Community Planned for This Year



Spencer Re

Brothers, this year is expected to be an incredibly productive and exciting one for Phi Delt philanthropy!

The house has decided to increase its philanthropic presence on the campus at large, not only to raise as much money as possible for worthy causes but to increase our presence and participation in the greater Greek community. Keeping with this spirit, many of our planned events include another fraternity or sorority.

Our first philanthropy event, a charity barbecue with the Delta Delta Sorority, will be held in October. We will set up Can Jam and several other sunny weather games on North Campus, encouraging freshmen to buy a hot dog or hamburger and enjoy a nice day with our brotherhood. Several other ideas have been discussed and may come to fruition: a game of Philinko in Ho Plaza; a reverse ice bucket challenge, where participants pay to dump ice water onto brothers; and possibly even a pig roast or block party with our neighboring Greek houses.

In addition to our own events, the brotherhood also plans to participate in a large number of philanthropy events put on by Cornell, other fraternities and sororities, and national organizations. These include Kappa Alpha Theta's Jog for Ingrid and the Relay for Life. In addition, brothers will be organized into groups to volunteer at Ithaca-area organizations, including the local soup kitchen or Tompkins County SPCA.

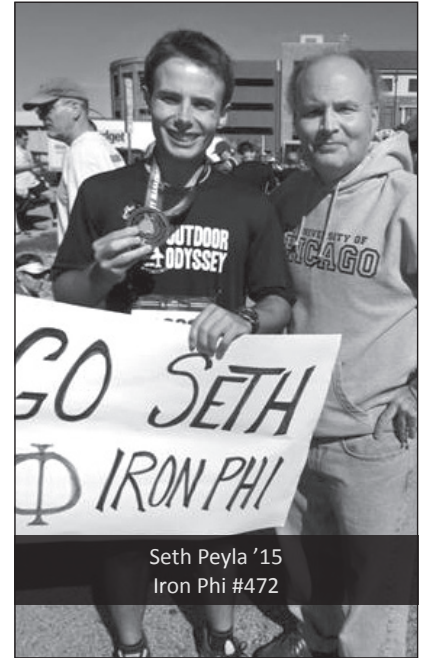
The final goal for philanthropy this semester is to encourage all interested brothers to become Iron Phi.

Recent house Iron Phis include Austin Wong '17, who completed the Binghamton Bridge Run Half Marathon in May, and alumnus Seth Peyla '15, who completed the Fox Valley Marathon in St. Charles, Illinois, in September. Each raised over \$1,000 in support of the ALS Association.

Spencer Re  
Philanthropy Chairman



Austin Wong '17  
Iron Phi #432



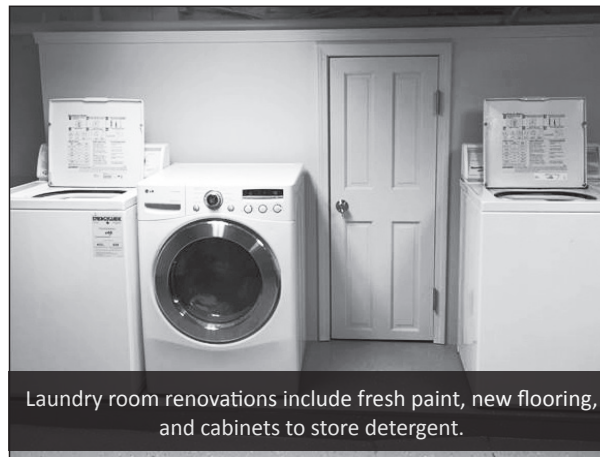
Seth Peyla '15  
Iron Phi #472

## Notes From the House Manager on Improvements

As I unpacked my belongings this year, I feared what lay ahead of me as house manager. Even though I strongly believe our fraternity is one of the cleaner and more organized on campus, we are, after all, a fraternity. From day one there were several issues that needed to be resolved: a disorganized mail room, a lack of cleaning materials, and an aura of general messiness.

At this point, however, I am glad to say we have resolved all those issues and more. Indeed, several house improvements have significantly added to our already strong brotherhood.

First, the laundry room was completely renovated and now looks like something out of a respectable apartment complex. The shelves were redone and replaced with handcrafted, freshly painted wood. We even have cabinets to store cleaning equipment and laundry detergent.



Laundry room renovations include fresh paint, new flooring, and cabinets to store detergent.

New flooring adds to the brighter atmosphere in the space, and new doors and wooden walls at the rear of the room disguise that it is, in fact, aged beyond its years. Brothers are thrilled to be able to do their laundry in a clean, tidy environment.

Additionally, the gym has been completely redone. New equipment, flooring, paint, and mirrors occupy what was once a very confusing space.

Now, with progress comes some loss: the Phi Bar—once a nice addition to the house that made little sense to keep due to our national dry policy—was removed in order to add space to the gym. Now we are probably one of the only fraternities to have a well-stocked gym in-house.

Very unique for sure!

Austen Rattray  
House Manager

# Welcoming New Members, Planning for Spring Rush

With the fall semester in full swing, the brothers of Phi Delta Theta New York Alpha look forward to a successful year of recruitment. The brothers are proud to see the most recent members—the Beta Eta class, who were initiated in March—take leadership roles within the fraternity and spearhead many efforts this semester to drive the fraternity forward.

Eleven of Beta Eta's 17 members currently hold officer positions—from treasurer and house manager to philanthropy chairman and IFC representative—leading the fraternity both within the house and in the community at large. The brothers hope to continue this trend of leadership in future Phikeia classes.

The chapter recently completed fall rush and is excited to welcome an expected four new Phikeia members. The fall Phikeia education process is distinct

from the spring in that there are fewer Phikeia, and all are upperclassmen (Cornell only allows freshmen to join in the spring semester). More mature and in a smaller class, fall Phikeia tend to seek leadership opportunities early on in the process and are often some of the fraternity's most involved members. The brothers look forward to growing the new Phikeia class under the leadership of our fall Phikeia educator, Paul Miller.

With the completion of a successful fall rush, the chapter is beginning to prepare for spring rush. Under the leadership of recruitment chairmen Chris Yoo and myself, the chapter has developed a plan to begin recruiting freshmen in mid-October with several formal and informal events, which will set the tone for spring rush in January. As rush chairmen, Worthing Cabot Jackman and I hope to recruit 20 to 25 new members

in the spring, which would push the chapter's total numbers upwards of 70.

We are currently busy planning events for rush week, when the chapter will make its final decisions on the spring class. The brothers look forward to popular rush events such as snow-tubing and skeet-shooting, which they, along with potential new members, have enjoyed in the past. We all look forward to seeing Spring Phikeia Educator Lucas Richichi develop the spring class into excellent brothers.

As we ramp up recruitment efforts in the coming months, we look forward to recruiting the next generation of scholars and campus leaders who will exemplify the teachings and values of Phi Delta Theta—and who will continue to lead our fraternity.

Forrest Cox  
Rush, Recruitment Chairman

## Phis Represent Across Campus

Overall, it has been a great semester scholastically for Phi Delta Theta New York Alpha. Last semester, as a chapter, our GPA rose by .2. Brothers hope to continue that improvement this semester, just as we enter into prelim season. Students continue to use the Phil Bartels Library and computer room to study, work on group assignments, and help each other in various subjects.

In fact, this is where the Cornell Hedge Fund was started. What began as an idea last year has now come to fruition: the fund is in its inaugural semester and was founded by a number of Phis who currently sit on the E-board.

In other extracurricular news, Phis continue to play a big part on engineering project teams, with brothers involved with FSAE, CUAIR, and DBF. Additionally, we have brothers in business fraternities, cultural societies, pre-medical societies, and research, along with a host of other activities. This shows Phi Delta's continued involvement in the Cornell community as a whole. We plan to continue this involvement and continue to improve academically, throughout the semester and school year.

David Rothstein  
Scholarship Chairman

## Prepping for Big Changes in Kitchen

We are all preparing for the sad day when Candice will leave us for good. She has been one of the most important people in the house, not only for the delicious food she's made us, but for the connection she's had with the house and the brothers within. For many, she was a mother figure of sorts, someone we could have a really good conversation with. She genuinely cared for our well-being and went above and beyond in her duties. She will be missed!

Our interim chef, Daniel Dworakowski '14, a former brother and graduate advisor, has been handling the kitchen like a pro. He has whipped up delicious dinners we simply did not expect to come from him. From taco nights to stir fry, every dinner has been a great experience, and his services have greatly helped the brotherhood in our transition from Candice to our new chef, Rob, who assumed the role as fraternity chef in mid-October.

Finally, I would like to bring up the great new upgrades to our kitchen. The new fridges in both the inner and outer kitchen have replaced the infamous "Tropicana fridge." All in all, these improvements have drastically improved the lives of all brothers living in the house, and greatly improved the aesthetics of the kitchen.

Kevin Gu  
Steward

## Sports Update

As we begin a new school year, it is important to focus on our academic goals and stay on top of our schoolwork in order to achieve. However, we must also focus a great deal on our athletic achievements as a house. This year we're off to a strong start in soccer and are currently undefeated. We have scored seven goals, while only conceding two, and are hoping to continue our success well into the playoffs. In football, we're 0-2 and unfortunately looking like the Indianapolis Colts. Much like the Colts, we have a talented, young squad that is hungry for victory, but we just can't seem to put it together on the field.

Throughout the year, I expect us to win multiple intramural championships and even be contenders for the All Sports



Championship. I would also like to see us get a new basketball hoop for the house, since the one we currently have is on its last legs. Here's to another year of being the most athletic house on campus!

Paul Miller  
Athletic Chairman  
pem74@cornell.edu

# 2014-'15 HONOR ROLL

Phi Delta Theta  
New York Alpha Chapter  
December 9, 2014—October 8, 2015

## NEW YORK ALPHA ASSOCIATION (\$500 or more)

Lester B. Knight III '81  
Andrew R. McGaan '83

Robert D. Petersen '52  
Charles O. Rodes '54

Charles L. VanArsdale '44

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Stephen W. Adams '65  
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Richard J. Bradley '63  
John M. Burlingame '77  
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Scott W. Fowkes '85  
Michael A. Gibson '65

Christopher L. Graham '70  
Ralph E. Grimm '72  
George H. Hancher '60  
Jay A. Keller '62  
Stanley E. Kolbe Jr. '76  
Peter E. Lee '63  
Robert L. Parry '80

Walter K. Priester '49  
Peter A. Rogers '86  
Richard G. Rutledge '55  
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Clark D. Smith '88  
Craig T. Standen '87  
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## SPECIAL PROJECT LEADERSHIP (\$100-\$199)

William J. Bain Jr. '52  
Alexander P. Bliss '91  
\*John Bourne '47  
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Michael S. Conlin '76  
William D. Dickinson '60  
Brian D. Dunn '77  
David C. Dunn '80  
Carl W. Foss '50  
Ferris G. Gorra '64

Ridgely W. Harrison III '74  
Alan E. Hatfield '85  
Bruce J. Haupt Jr. '80  
Douglas A. Hayward '79  
Allen A. Hinman '64  
Jerome M. Jenkins '51  
Stuart B. Katz '77  
Wendel F. Kent '49  
John M. Martyn '66  
Philip D. Matheson '57

Joseph A. McKay '61  
Raymond E. Meagher Jr. '57  
Maxim Orlov '08  
James J. Parker '63  
John H. Robinson '41  
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Richard A. Brockelman '56  
David Reece Broderdorf '04  
John L. Cayer '90  
James A. Christ '83  
Raymond F. Duffy Sr. '46

Joseph K. Fitzgerald '62  
Emile B. Levisetti '87  
R. Alan Miller '70  
Robert A. Nerad '61  
Jeremy P. Rosenweig '08

Rolland L. Schlick Jr. '65  
David R. Schrage '80  
Joshua A. Tamaroff '07  
A. Richard Triebel '55

## ANNUAL DUES

Robert A. Agnew '63  
James H. Anders '74  
Jonathan D. Bellante '06  
William A. Burston '63  
Bernie J. Daigle Jr. '02  
Mark D. Dennis '92

Richard M. Feliciano '64  
Kerry Heubeck '65  
Dunbar S. G. King '44  
Matthew Kurtas '14  
Harold A. Lewis '85  
Alexander F. Rodriguez '14

James H. VanArsdale III '41  
Nicholas F. Vasko '14  
John E. Wilson Jr. '66  
Thomas G. Wyman '44  
Paul F. Zimmerman Jr. '78

\*deceased

## Tech: Internet Upgrades on the Horizon

The Wi-Fi strength continues to grow as the tech closet becomes cleaner. While the mess of wires and routers is partly the cause for problems with online printing or connecting devices, I believe the house must change Internet providers to truly solve the issue.

Time Warner Cable is an extremely slow and ineffective provider due to the arrangement of routers around the house. Too many people trying to access the

network causes a bottleneck.

Of course, with the generous donations we have from Housing Corp, we hope to upgrade our computer room as well as fix the wiring problems with the computers. In time, I believe the software and hardware will work at full capacity!

Connor Shannon  
Technology Chairman

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## alumni send their news

**Carl W. Foss '50** recently retired from years of active involvement as an agent in real estate development in Rochester, New York. "My wife of 62 years, Joan, passed away last October. I've since moved to Honeoye Falls, where I've been involved for years as president of the Mendon Foundation, which sponsors the preservation of Mendon's scenic countryside and has developed a linear trail. I've been fortunate with health and mobility, as well as nearness to grandchildren. The associations with the Phis of the late 1940s remain strong, especially since I uncovered so many photos with my recent move." Keep in touch with Carl at carlfoss27@yahoo.com or at 1000 Pine Trail, Apt. 251, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472.

**Jerome M. Jenkins '51** reports that even though he currently resides in skilled nursing in a continuing-care retirement community with Parkinson's disease, arthritis, and macular degeneration in one eye, he is still interested in the condition and progress of the Phi Delt house at Cornell and pleased to support all he can. Reconnect with Jerry at jjenkin@summerhome.com or 1031 Edgemere Court, #2, Copley, OH 44321.

"Recently had a huge flood here in Houston," writes **Peter Whiteford '54**. "The good news is that Texas lakes have refilled! Talked to **William J. Bain Jr. '52** a while back. Have children and grandchildren in Alaska, California, Washington, and Houston. I have a house in Park City, Utah, and we love the Utah Mountains. The people there are good hard-working folks." Reconnect with Peter at peterwhiteford@hotmail.com or 5001 Woodway Dr., #1404, Houston, TX 77056.

**Richard G. Rutledge '55** is spending time

in the Midwest (Wisconsin and Illinois), the Southeast (Florida), and the Pacific Northwest (Washington and British Columbia). "Many happy memories of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ , in and about 2 Ridgewood Road. I have eight grandkids, the oldest of whom teaches military history in the ROTC program at Cornell." Keep in touch with Dick at rrutle8389@aol.com or 826 Forest Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091.

**Donald K. Lewis '75** performed as Small Drone Orchestra on KCHUNG radio in Los Angeles on June 4, 2015. Get in touch with him for all the details at info@wilddonlewis.com or 2401 S. Santa Fe Ave., #107, Los Angeles, CA 90058.

**Stanley E. Kolbe Jr. '76** is active on the Cornell University Alumni IFC and was on campus recently for his daughter's graduation. His daughter Katie graduated in 2015 and was a sister of  $\Delta\Gamma$ . "She was in the hotel school and will be working in Boston for CBRE as a real-estate analyst. One more in college at Georgetown Law (3L), graduating in 2016." Write Stan at sek86@cornell.edu or 215 E. St. SE, Washington, DC 20003.

"I'm a public policy consultant, specializing in agricultural policy," writes **Paul "Rick" F. Zimmerman Jr. '78**. "I am also president of Zimmerman and Associates, a lobbying firm based in Albany, New York. I see fellow Phis **G. Douglas Young '78** and **David A. Hatch '78**. Both are doing well." Contact Rick at zimfam15@aol.com or 415 Stove Pipe Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186, and reconnect.

**Bruce J. Haupt Jr. '80** writes, "Kathryn and I are now bicoastal, enjoying our new beach home on Kiawah Island, South Carolina, and our new home in San Diego,

### DECEASED

We regret to report the deaths of:

**Kenneth R. David '48**  
11/28/2014

**Edwin A. Schneider Jr. '49**  
4/5/2013

**John F. Burger '50**  
5/10/2015

**Michel P. Dumont '55**

**Roger E. Eastman '60**  
4/19/2013

**William C. Rippe '81**  
7/21/2015

California, having just moved after 19 years in Atlanta." Find out all about their new places at brucejhaupt@comcast.net or 700 Front St., Unit 903, San Diego, CA 92101.

**Emile B. Levisetti '87** is working in Melbourne, Australia, on a new series for the SyFy Network with producer Gale Anne Hurd. Keep in touch with him for all the details at emile@bushwackerprods.com or 592 Entrada Dr., Santa Monica, CA 90402.



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