



# ALPHA RHO ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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Brother Dave Kish, AP 97 and his family.  
See Dave profiled in the Alumni Spotlight.



Brothers Bob Laughner, AP 68, TJ Katz, AP 253, Jason Hyett, AP 466 and Dave Kish 97 bowling for the Ability Experience at Spring Alumni Weekend!

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - DAVE KISH, AP 97

This edition, we are pleased to introduce and reconnect our members with Dave Kish, AP 97. Dave was initiated into Pi Kappa Phi on March 26, 1980 and served on the executive council as a student member. He continues to distinguish himself in the healthcare field serving the public. Recently Dave was profiled in his organization's publication titled, "House Call" magazine. To view, type the following link into your browser and find page 7: [https://issuu.com/dymun/docs/st\\_clair\\_hospital\\_housecall\\_vol\\_ix](https://issuu.com/dymun/docs/st_clair_hospital_housecall_vol_ix). Below he gives us answers to questions on his personal and professional life as well as Alpha Rho's meaning to him. Enjoy the read.

### Alpha Rho (AP): Tell us a little bit about your family.

Dave (DK): "My wife Terry and I have been married for 35 years. We have two daughters. Nicole is 27 and holds a Master of Science in Marine Science. She is currently employed in an environmental lab for the University of South Carolina. Kristen is 26 and just graduated on June 8 from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. She begins her Emergency Medicine residency on July 1 for the Geisinger Health System in Danville, Pa. Kristen is married to Justin Gaspar who recently fulfilled his naval ROTC commitment as a lieutenant on a nuclear submarine."

### AP: Tell us about your career and what you do for a living.

DK: "I am a registered nurse and hold a Master of Health Administration degree. My current role is Executive Director of Emergency Services and Patient Logistics for St. Clair Hospital. I've been employed at St. Clair since 2008. My responsibilities include oversight of one of the busiest Emergency Departments in western Pennsylvania, an Outpatient Observation Unit, the house transport staff, the Emergency Communications Center, an Urgent Care Center, our patient transport vans and courier service. Additionally, I oversee the organization's emergency (disaster) management planning activities. Prior to taking my position at St. Clair, I worked for Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania for 21 years. At AGH my roles included being a staff nurse in the Medical Intensive Care Unit, Emergency Department, LifeFlight air medical transport team (11 years total, 6 years as the Chief Flight Nurse) and Director of Emergency Services."

### AP: What are the things you do to enjoy life away from the responsibilities of your career?

DK: "I have been a volunteer firefighter for Upper St. Clair Volunteer Fire Department for 21 years. Terry and I are active in our parish (St. Louise DeMarillac Roman Catholic Church) where we are both Eucharistic Ministers and teach portions of Pre-Cana preparation for engaged couples. I still play my drum set which I've had since 1974. I love taking walks with our basset hound Annabelle. We are beach people, often vacationing at Hilton Head Island South Carolina."

### AP: What did you learn from being a member of Pi Kappa Phi that helped you in your career?

DK: "Philanthropy, service, and brotherhood matter. These life lessons help build lifetime bonds."

### AP: What do you consider your best memories from your time as a Student Member of Pi Kappa Phi and Alpha Rho?

DK: "One of the fondest memories was when the chapter "pushed" a wheelchair from the Mountainlair to Parkersburg in support of project "PUSH" (Now the Ability Experience)."

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### SPRING ALUMNI WEEKEND!

Thanks to the many who made it to Morgantown for Spring Alumni Weekend on April 21 and 22. It was great weekend celebrating Brotherhood, conducting Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter business and raising money for the Ability Experience. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Homecoming weekend, October 13-15, 2017!

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Homecoming, October 13-15, 2017

#### BIRTHDAYS (June & July)

- Chris Platania, AP 452 - June 6
- Ben Hanko, AP 434 - June 8
- Patrick Folio, AP 147 - June 9
- Charlie Francis, AP 81 - June 21
- Doc Reedy, AP 139 - June 27
- DJ DeCuollo, AP 494 - July 16
- TJ Katz, AP 253 - July 19

### DAVE KISH (continued from page 1)

We used Brother Laughner's RV as a transport vehicle for the runners and Brother Dunbar's brown beast of a car (I don't remember the model, but it was as big as a barge-sorry Chuck) as a recovery vehicle. We would jump out of the SUV, run as far as we could as we pushed the chair and then be relieved by another brother. The system was almost like passing a baton in a relay. Chuck would pick up the tired runners, pass the SUV, and drop us off at the side of the road. As the SUV went by, would reenter and rest until his next run. Chuck would then take up position behind the SUV again for the next group. Brother Laughner, the consummate history buff, was often overheard comparing the operation to dropping sticks of paratroopers during WWII.

The trip took two days. Between day one and two we packed many brothers into a very high classed motel room along the way! Notice that I said room in the singular, not the plural. Our confined space tempered the bonds of brotherhood. The logistics of the trip which included radio coverage, a sheriff's escort for the entire time, and meals was planned by Brother Steve Woodward. Steve did an amazing job coordinating everything. It was a great weekend of brotherhood and service."

**AP: You are still in contact with some of your Brothers from your time as an undergraduate. What do these relationships & Pi Kapp mean to you now?**

DK: "These relationships mean a lot. We still get together to spend time in friendship. Whenever we see each other, we pick up just where we left off. We share life and familial experiences both good and difficult. We rely on each other for support. I am proud to be a Pi Kapp."

**AP: You have been a contributor to the Alumni Chapter. What are your observations of the work the Alumni Chapter is doing and why is it important for you to be a part of it?**

DK: "The alumni chapter is doing difficult, necessary, and great work. While the recent events related to Alpha Rho were challenging, the leadership displayed by our alumni chapter has been amazing. Leadership is a value that is expected when we become part of the fraternity. Part of being a leader is taking charge of difficult situations and making decisions that are in the best interest of our brotherhood. Our current board is doing just that. As I mentioned above, I am proud to be a Pi Kapp."

**AP: Soon we'll be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Re-chartering of Alpha Rho in 1978 and the Reorganization of the Alpha Rho Student Chapter. What does this mean to you and what do you want our Chapter to look like in the future?**

DK: "I never anticipated being part of a reorganization. That said, I am glad that I am. The reorganization will make our chapter better than ever. In the future, I would like to see a vibrant chapter in which the brothers are committed to each other, bound by our ritual, understand the history of the chapter and national fraternity, and recognized by WVU as an organization comprised of great men. Did I say that I'm proud to be a Pi Kapp?"

As you can see, Dave is quite an impressive family man, professional, community member and brother...our Brother. Dave, thanks for your time, support and involvement! We are all Proud to be a Pi Kapp!

AP

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