



ALPHA RHO ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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Regional Alumni Events Held



Brothers, families and guests shown gathered at Recent Alumni Events in the Pittsburgh and Carolinas Regions. See page 2 for more info.

SPRING ALUMNI WEEKEND!
April 21 & 22, 2017. Visit
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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - BEN HANKO, AP 434

There are a few Brothers who transcend the almost 40 years of Brotherhood since re-chartering in 1978. Ben Hanko (Boog) is certainly one who falls into this category. From his time in the Student Chapter and his leadership as Archon and other offices, he has consistently demonstrated the Lifetime Commitment that we are called to as Pi Kapps. We spent some time with Ben to catch up with him and get his thoughts on Alpha Rho now.

"Boog", as he is known, is a Chartered Financial Analyst who works for UBS introducing hedge fund clients to pools of investment capital such as endowments, foundations, pensions and family offices. He married his college girlfriend Michelle Filosa and they have three kids now. Kaitlyn (6), Mason (4) and Michael (1) so life away from work revolves around the young ones. He's always up for a round of golf when he can find time for it and is one of the founders and annual organizers of the PKI (an annual golf tournament that he and other Pi Kapps gather for each summer). Naturally, he's a huge Mountaineer fan and loves taking them in with his Pi Kapp Brothers.



Ben with his wife, Michelle and daughter Kaitlyn and sons Mason and Michael. Also pictured are their dogs, Maddie & Roger.

When asked how being a member of our Fraternity helped him in his career, he responded by saying "A Ton"! When pressed for specifics, he stated "Most positions of leadership in the corporate world are not defined by popularity. They are intended for making decisions with the long-term benefit of the organization in mind. A fraternity was a great training ground - it is a harder situation than most, because you are balancing organizational and personal relationships. Everyone has a skill or talent that can help an organization. Sometimes they are not obvious, and you have to put forth effort to get the best people have to offer".

His favorite memories of his time in the Student Chapter were ". . .TGIFFIN on the deck of 650 Spruce was absolutely epic. Everyday spades tourneys were where we built great personal relationships. But probably most memorable were the impromptu chapter drink-type

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RECENT ALPHA RHO REGIONAL ALUMNI EVENTS A SUCCESS!

On Saturday, February 18, the Pittsburgh and Carolina regions hosted alumni events in their respective areas attended by Alpha Rho alumni, family and guests. Near Pittsburgh, Brother Shawn Janovich's, AP 382 business Bacon, Bourbon and Beer was host to a viewing party for the WVU vs. Texas Tech men's basketball game. In Charlotte, a tailgate and WVU vs. Charlotte baseball game was the entertainment. Thanks to Bob Laughner, AP 68 and Ken Berko, AP 367 for arranging. Visit wvupikapp.org for pictures and more.

Keep up to day for future events: Follow, Like and Share via Facebook (Pi Kappa Phi - Alpha Rho Alumni), Instagram (@wvupikapp) or Twitter (@wvupikapp) & wvupikapp.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Spring Alumni Weekend, April 21-22, 2017

- Homecoming, October 13-15, 2017

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sessions that regularly took place from 3:00-6:00 am in the house bar room during the 1997-1998 year. Man, those were good times".

Boog is still in touch with a lot of the guys from his days in the Student Chapter. We asked him what it means to be a Pi Kapp now. "I have met thousands of people via my job and developed work friends and neighborhood friends over many years. But none of those relationships come close to the depth and gravity of my Pi Kapp brotherhood. I find that the Pi Kapp friendships are very much worth the effort to keep alive, because we sure went through a lot together (good and bad). All of the work each of us put into our time at Alpha Rho has made us better people - and increased our chances of success in life".

Ben is Active Member and an Archon Level Contributor to the Alumni Chapter and is Past President having served in the early to mid 2000's. When asked why it's important to be a part of this, he said "The AC is the glue that keeps this thing together. Without it, we would likely all go our separate ways and (more easily) forget about a key part of who we are. I recall as an undergraduate wondering why we didn't have more alumni coming to events, etc. It's now clear to me how we can easily lose touch with the chapter because things change quickly and our personal priorities evolve, so I feel the time and effort that our Alumni Chapter VOLUNTEER officers and members put forth for the betterment of our chapter should be supported. We all supported the chapter with time/effort/money while we were in school, but it should not end there and we can help produce better outcomes for younger Pi Kapps coming through".

When asked what he hopes for the future of Alpha Rho, he said "I feel it is important to be sizable enough to be competitive on campus, but not too large where it becomes unwieldy. I would like to see a determined group with self-motivation for study/philanthropy/social aspects to produce well-rounded citizens. And a tight-knit group of guys from different backgrounds all coming together for one goal: having a kick ass time together and bringing chapter success along with them. That's what I believe led to us to winning BFOC in 2000!"

We're sure that years from now, we'll all look back at a Brother like Ben "Boog" Hanko and be thankful that he chose to be a member of Alpha Rho and Pi Kappa Phi. He's Proud to be a Pi Kapp and we're proud of who he is and appreciative to call him Friend and Brother!