

SCIMITAR IX

The Newsletter for Region IX's Delta Chi Alumni

Region IX Calendar of Events

7 Apr 2018

Chapel Hill Colony Initiation

14 Apr 2018

Delaware Colony Initiation

21 Apr 2018

Chapel Hill Colony Alumni Reception

9-10 Jun 2018

Region IX Alumni Leadership Retreat, Baltimore MD

1-5 Aug 2018

61st International Convention, Denver CO

24-25 Feb 2019

Region IX Regional Leadership Conference

Regent Campus Visits Spring 2018

18 Mar 2018

VCU e-board dinner

25 Mar 2018

Ferrum Initiation

15 Apr 2018

West Chester e-board dinner

16-17 Apr 2018

Gannon, Behrend



Region IX Launches the Scimitar Project

In June 2017 the newly elected Regent Gene Dorris launched the Scimitar IX Project with the aim of encouraging more alumni in Region IX to take on leadership roles in the fraternity. The Scimitar IX Project closely parallels Delta Chi's first focus in its strategic plan to increase Alumni Engagement but centers on conditions and problems in Region IX.

Region IX is a large region with 18 chapters and 2 colonies. We rank second only to our brothers in Region VIII in the Deep South with 22 chapters. Our Region stretches from Lake Erie in the North to Cape Fear on the Atlantic Coast in the South some 700 miles.

Probably because of our size and the dispersal of our human resources, we do not have enough alumni serving as BBs and Alumni Board of Trustee [ABT] members. In several cases our



Call to Convention! Denver Here We Come!

Delta Chi's 61st International Convention will convene in Denver CO on 1-5 Aug 2018 at the Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel. Your Chapter is expected to have one alumni delegate and there are special packages available for alumni participation. The Welcome Reception kicks off on Wednesday evening, followed on Thursday by Regional Caucuses, General Sessions to discuss pending legislation and conduct Delta Chi business and a Ritual Exemplification.

On Friday there will be educational breakout sessions on leadership development, chapter management, and self-betterment. Our breakout sessions are a particularly enriching part of their convention experience. The Foundation will hold a Bourbon Fundraiser that evening, providing an opportunity to sample brother Rod Arnold's prized bourbons.

The Convention closes on Saturday with an Alumni Rededication Ceremony and a Closing Banquet. To find out more and register early check out the Delta Chi website.

ABT exist only in name and in a couple of cases the ABT havenot met formally in past year or two.

In response to this serious need, the Regent increased the number of Vice Regents from one to five, assigning either geographic responsibilities or chapter development responsibilities to each Vice Regent. The new Vice Regents are an amazing group of brothers, having previously served in a variety of alumni leadership functions, including working as Vice Regents, Chapter BBs and members of ABTs. They are all familiar with the challenges of Alumni leadership.

With a new management team in place, the Regent invited alumni to attend the first Region IX Alumni Leadership Retreat at Front Royal, Virginia in September 2017 for 1.5 day workshop. Fifteen BB and ABT Chairmen attended along with two IHQ staff members Jerod Breit [Member Safety] and Alex Brown [Alumni Relations]. The workshop helped set a base line for current alumni involvement and created an action plan for greater alumni interface.

As a follow up to the Front Royal Retreat, we will hold the second Region IX Alumni Leadership Retreat on 9-10 Jun 2018 at Baltimore, MD, off the campus of Towson University — a future expansion site for Delta Chi fraternity. All Region IX BB and ABT chairman are invited to attend as well as officers from IHQ to share their vision of the fraternity. [If you are interested in attending and are not a BB or ABT chairman, drop the Regent an email.]

During the Alumni Leadership Retreat the alumni leadership agreed that we needed to increase the number of alumni participating the Regional Leadership Conferences and provide better educational activities for alumni leaders. After a heavy promotion of alumni participation at the Regional Leadership Conference held at George Mason University on 2-4 Feb 2018, thirty alumni brothers attended the RLC including Tom Carroll CC and Miles Washburn Retiring AA. The RLC featured alumni



panels “Building Strong Alumni Board of Trustees,” “BB Best Practices,” and “Preventing Hazing.”

The next Regional Leadership Conference will take place on USP’s campus in Philadelphia on 23-24 Feb 2019. Again Region IX will provide a full alumni training program with the goal of doubling the number of alumni in attendance in 2019. As we have twelve chapters in the state of Pennsylvania, we expect to have greater overall attendance and will be offering special packages encouraging both increased undergraduate and alumni participation.

The next step in the Scimitar IX Plan is to establish Regent Alumni Clubs to support planned chapter expansions on three campuses over the coming 24 months — Chapel Hill, Virginia Tech and Towson University. The Regent Clubs are different from Alumni Chapters of Delta Chi and are groups of volunteers working together to support a specific campus development.

Currently we have two colonies in Region IX — Delaware which we expect to charter in the Spring of 2019 and Chapel Hill which we opened in February of this year. We are planning to recolonize Virginia Tech in either the Fall of 2018 or the Spring of 2019 and open at Towson in the Fall of 2019.

Delta Chi has landed on the UNC Chapel Hill Campus

A Delta Chi Expansion Team arrived at the alma mater of iconic basketball player Michael Jordan in late January of this year. Led by Leadership Consultant Zac Howell — former A of our Mississippi State chapter, the team has successfully recruited 20 plus associate members as founders of the future Delta Chi chapter at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill campus.

The future Delta Chis are interesting group that defy categorization or putting in a pigeon hole. Although most of the brothers are from the greater Charlotte area, they had never met one another before joining Delta Chi. Their interests and majors are diverse and as different as the brothers themselves with brothers majoring in a variety of subjects — physics, environmental science, economics, business, history, exercise science — there is even a brother who is majoring in “Peace, War and Defense.”

The colony “A” is Frank Gilligan, a Junior from Charlotte, majoring in Business. In his interview with the Scimitar, Frank explained that he is quite excited about how the new colony members are bonding and creating new friendships. They eat together, spend time in each other’s dorm rooms, have heir own basketball team and just plain hang out.

Frank said that the brothers have also participated in some special activities. One weekend they attempted to navigate their way out of an Escape Room in nearby Durham. An Escape Room, so Frank told us, is an interactive experience designed to test wits. They were locked in a room and had 60 minutes to escape.



Frank Gilligan
Chapel Hill “A”

To find the key, they had to work together to unearth clues, solve puzzles, and crack codes.

On still another weekend, Frank noted, they went to UNC's Ropes Course. This was a low rope's event mainly aimed at developing team building skills. They decided to wait for another opportunity to do the more traditional high ropes events like Jacob's Ladder and the Pamper Pole.

The Colony is expecting to grow in size in another few days when thirteen potential brothers who have received bids return from spring break and conferences with parents before making a commitment to Delta Chi. After that it is only three weeks before initiation takes place on 7 April. In between the young colony has an intensive education program in place readying the brothers for managing their own chapter when the leadership consultants

go back to Iowa City.

If you are interested in getting involved with the new colony, attending the Initiation on April 7 or participating in a reception for the new brothers on April 21, please contact Heather Lockwood, the Director for Expansion [hlockwood@deltachi.org 319 594-1198] or Zac Howell [zhowell@deltachi.org 319 499-0348].



Chapel Hill Brothers at the UNC Ropes Course, Feb 2018

Region IX Alumni Leadership Retreat, Baltimore, 9-10 Jun 2018

Region IX will hold its second annual Alumni Leadership Retreat on 9-10 Jun 2018 in Baltimore, MD. All Regent IX BB and Alumni Board of Trustee Chairmen are invited to attend. The Retreat will be held at the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel. Located in the Towson business district, Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel is positioned near Baltimore's Inner Harbor, Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Ravens Stadium and Timonium Fairgrounds, and just 45 minutes from BWI Airport. [Check it out at <http://www.sheratonbaltimorenorth.com/>.]

The hotel is connected via skywalk to Towson Town Center, Maryland's largest mall, putting an endless array of shops, restaurants and entertainment. In addition to function rooms for our retreat, the hotel offers a heated indoor pool, a Sheraton Fitness Center and a complimentary shuttle within a five-mile radius, including to the Baltimore Light Rail Station.

Meetings will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday morning with a working lunch and an afternoon session followed by a reception for area alumni interested in helping support a future colony at

Towson. Vice Regent Darren Talbot is arranging for a brotherhood dinner immediately following the reception for Retreat participants. The retreat will close on Sunday morning with an action planning session in the morning.

We have invited two key members of the IHQ team, Alex Brown, Director for Alumni Development, and Heather Lockwood, Director for Expansion, to attend the Retreat. We have asked both to share with our alumni the future look of the fraternity in terms of new colonies and new alumni initiatives for training and development.

The cost of the retreat will be \$50 per person. This covers your lunch and cost of the function room. The cost of your room [around \$110 per night] and dinner is separate. The Regent is hosting the alumni reception on Saturday evening. Every BB and Alumni Board of Trustees Chairman is invited. We wanted to see at least one alumni leader from each of our 18 chapters and two colonies at the Retreat. We also would like to have at least one member from each of our Alumni Chapters.

Meet the Region IX Leadership Team

According to Delta Chi By-Laws, the Regent may appoint one or more Vice Regents for a term of one year to assist in carrying the duties of the Regent. Previously Region IX had only one Vice Regent but because of the need for greater alumni involvement the newly elected Regent Gene Dorris expanded the number of Vice Regent to five. The new Regents are a gifted set of brothers who have been active in supporting Delta Chi in the Region for a number of years.



Our Senior Vice Regent Steven Tambon has previously served as Vice Regent as well as a BB, ABT member and numerous offices as an undergraduate in his chapter at the University of Sciences in

Philadelphia. Steven is currently studying law at Drexel University and is charge of supporting our chapters in eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. steventambon@gmail.com

Darren Talbert is a native of Ohio, transplanted to Baltimore MD where he works for Marolina Outdoors. Darren is a graduate of Kent State and has served as BB and Vice Regent and has been most active recently in supporting our Delaware Colony. He is charged with preparing work for our future colonies in Maryland. darrentalbert@gmail.com



David Maxey is a Radford University graduate currently serving also as the BB of the Ferrum Chapter. David is addicted to hockey and is a fast cars enthusiast. He lives in Roanoke VA and covers our chapters in Western Virginia and North

Carolina. dvdmaxy@gmail.com



Gregg Otten is the long serving BB of our American University chapter — his alma mater and home chapter. He grew up in Maryland and came to DC to work as a government bureaucrat in

the General Services Administration. Gregg inspires us with his quote from Churchill, “If you are going through Hell, keep going!” He currently supports our chapters in DC and Virginia. gregg@dav-mar.com

Jason Frampton is a Duquesne graduate who has worked extensively in university administration supporting student organizations and Greek Life. He is a marathoner and currently living in Pittsburg where he works for a promotional product company. Jason serves as “A” of Three Rivers Alumni Chapter and supports our chapters in western Pennsylvania. jason.frampton@gmail.com



Our current Regent Gene Dorris is a 1966 graduate of Oklahoma State University where he served as “A” of his chapter. He holds a PhD in Modern Chinese History from Kansas University.

A retired Foreign Service Officer, Gene spent forty years overseas in the exotic climes of Asia and the Middle East before retiring to North Carolina in 2014 where he served as BB for the Wilmington Chapter prior to his election as Regent in January 2017.



East Carolina, Charlotte Chapters Lose Their Charters

In a surprising and unhappy set of circumstances, the UNC Charlotte administration closed down the Delta Chi chapter in late 2017 for hazing. A university investigation confirmed that the AMC [Associate Member Counsellor] and his assistant conducted line-ups where the Associate Members were “blasted” by loud metal music, yelled at in a darkened environment and made to do PT while being forced to shot gun beer. The chapter closed its doors rather than face the university judicial process.

Almost simultaneously Delta Chi received a message from an Associate Member’s parent from East Carolina University, complaining of hazing and physical abuse toward Associate Members during a chapter “mountain retreat” weekend. After investigating the complaint, Delta Chi confirmed the complaint and applied level five sanctions, closing down the chapter in December. Both chapters have lost their charters and cannot reopen for five years.

CalUPa Closes its Doors

Down to only three brothers, our chapter at California University of Pennsylvania voted to close its doors in December 2017 after being an active chapter for over forty years. The chapter initiated over 350 members in its lifetime.

