



## FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - February 2020

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### Join the Old Guard of Delta Lambda!

Joining the Old Guard is easy. Contribution is only \$100 per year. Your gift goes toward strengthening the Bonds among alumni, and enriching both the alumni and undergraduate Delta Lambda experience. Some alumni have even chosen to give as much as \$1,000. A current list of the **Old Guard Members** appears at the end of this newsletter.

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The next Alumni/Undergraduate monthly luncheon is February 5th, 2020 at the University Center Club. There will be no luncheon in January. Come on February 5th and enjoy yarns and stories of chapter days, and hear an update from the undergrads of Delta Lambda..



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**Senior Rush Captains Dinner at the Governor's Club, January 7, 2020**

Hosted at the Governor's Club by Rush Advisor Doug Russell '79, new Rush Chairman Luke Vari '18 and his senior rush captains got down to the business of polishing the details of spring rush. Because of Pike's aggressive recruiting, as many as 14 of the 22-man class were pre-signed in advance of rush week.

Around the table from left are: Jake Iacovella '18; Jake Garber '16; Max Roix '19; Rush Chairman Luke Vari '18; Chapter Advisor John Peacock '01, Rush Advisor Doug Russell '79, Chapter Advisor Scottie Howell '06 (behind Webb); Past Rush Chairman Austin Webb '16; Odelbayo ("Bayo") Oshinusi '19; Eddie Williams '19 and Daquan ("DQ") Person '17.

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*Delta Lambda's spring 2020 pledge class, with Rush Chairman Luke Vari '18.*

Typically, a spring pledge class includes rising campus leaders, high academic achievers and varsity athletes who have sought membership in Pi Kappa Alpha, and this one is no exception. The 22-man class includes four Seminole football players, two baseball players plus men on the Club Rugby and Lacrosse teams.

One pledge, actor and writer **Gonzalo Londoño**, has already garnered four National Student Production EMMY Awards. Another pledge has set his goal of becoming Student Body President. The four football players are OL **Rob Elder**, OL **Jay Williams**, QB **Wyatt Rector** and K **Parker Grothaus**. The baseball players are catcher **Matthew Nelson** and infielder **Tyler Martin** who is grandson of Coach **Mike Martin '06**.

Rush Chairman **Luke Vari '18** says, "Delta Lambda Pike is a fraternity of high achievers. The chapter and my senior rush captains worked hard to recruit only men who are willing and able to contribute to this legacy."

SMC **Jacob Middleton '18** and **Luke** each mentioned chapter initiatives to ensure continued involvement by our varsity athletes. "Some of them are very active; around all the time." They mentioned linebacker **Tyler Gilroy '18** who currently serves on the Executive Committee as Title IX Officer. "We see **Gilroy** as the next **Phil Doumar**," they laughed. **Phil Doumar '09** is the legend of an earlier generation. **Doumar** was Pike Rush Chairman, Delta Gamma Anchor Man, started at long snapper for three years and was largely responsible for the presence of 9 Delta Lambda Pikes on the Seminoles' 2013 National Championship team.

Delta Lambda Brother **Jonathan Levin '18** is expected to run for FSU Student Body President this spring. If he wins, he will be the 7th Pike to hold this office since 2003.

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[LEFT] Pikes are the 2020 All Campus 3x3 Soccer Champs. Bryce Gilgallon '17; Connor Fitzgerald '15; Nathan Frizzi '16. Bryce is the son of Clayton Olesen III '87 and the grandson of Dr. Clayton Olesen, Jr. '67. Frizzi is VP for marketing, Seminole Student Boosters.

[RIGHT] Senior tight end Gabe Nabers '16 received the coveted Don Powell Award at this year's Football Awards Banquet. Gabe helped coach the Pike IM football team to the All-Campus crown

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**Scott Burrows '85 and Glenn Grant '82**



**Andy Miller '70 and Brent Sembler '78**

[LEFT] From Glenn Grant '82: "I was honored to meet with Pike Brother and phenomenally successful motivational speaker, **Scott Burrows '85** <https://scottburrows.com/>. What a wonderful honor it was to visit with for lunch with Scott and his wonderful wife KIM. We had no plan but we chatted about life, and how the word "GRIT" is defined by Scott as living life to the fullest with perseverance and persistence! My definition of success has become simpler over the years: "Doing what you want, with whom and where you want". Scott enlightened me with his definition: 'Making a positive difference to as many people as possible by helping individuals to see their true potential and that they have the ability to achieve what they want with a better mindset.' Scott is a rock star!" Glenn told the story of the tragic automobile wreck that sidelined Burrows. "Delta Lambda alumni **Charlie Benoit '81** and **Scott Sears '83** were the ones who pulled Scott out of the wreck that night on St George Island."

[RIGHT] It's hard to believe that our 'new' Pike house was dedicated 15 years ago. On that gorgeous fall day, two Pike legends were enthusiastically honored by the hundreds of returning Pike alumni. **Andy Miller '70** was the driving force behind creation and development of Heritage Grove and made the site selection for the Pike house. **Brent Sembler '78** was Chairman of the Legends of Delta Lambda Campaign which raised money to build the house, and he remains Chairman of Legends today, the defacto owner, overseeing all financial and physical management of the property. Andy's son **Matt '09** and Brent's son **Logan '09** also are alumni.

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Alex Price '98 and Kyle Steinke '01



Gary Peltz '81 and Conner Peltz '14

[LEFT] Alex Price '98 is at Office Depot Headquarters in Boca Raton. "When you walk in the entrance of your office and see your FSU fraternity brother you haven't seen in nearly 20 years! Amazing to see brother Kyle Steinke '01 visiting OD! Where does time go? Feels like it was just the other day that he and I transferred to Florida State and re-founded the Pike Chapter together....with our 200 best friends!" Alex was initiated at the University of South Alabama, transferred to FSU and became Colony President in 2000. In 2001 Alex was also the first male to adorn the cover of Pikes Illustrated, the successor to Pikeboy.

[RIGHT] Pike Father/son team of Gary '81 and Connor '14 Peltz cut the ceremonial ribbon to open their 7th store location at the Shoppes of Paradise Bay in West Bradenton, Florida.

## Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni / Chapter Leadership Luncheon:  
Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 at 12:00 noon.

Pike alumni gather for lunch and fellowship on the first Wednesday of every month at the University Center Club at noon, hosted by Chapter Advisors Scottie Howell '06 and John Peacock '01. All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend. Luncheon begins at noon and will conclude by 1 pm.

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## Chapter & Alumni Calendar 2020

February 13 – FSU Baseball Leadoff Dinner

March 4 - Monthly Alumni/Chapter Leaders Luncheon

March 8 – FSU-imposed requirement that all pledges must be initiated by this date (once again, no comment from here]

March 16-20 – Spring break 2020

April 1 - Monthly Alumni/Chapter Leaders Luncheon

April 18 – Spring Garnet & Gold Game

April 24 – Last day of classes



Jesse Vance, on the occasion of celebrating his retirement. Linda and Jim Brock '80 (son, Tyson Brock '06); Nancy and Jesse Vance '80 (sons Josh '04, Jake '08 and Joe '11), and Terry and Tracy Schulis '76 (sons, Matt '01 and Bryan '03). Delta Lambda Sires & Sons: three dads and six sons.

In 2014, Jesse was inducted into the FSU College of Criminology and Criminal Justice Hall of Fame. He was one of three inductees including fellow Delta Lambda Brother and former FBI Agent Bill Cheek '61.

Jesse was Founder and President of North American On-Site based in Atlanta. He and his son Josh both played football for FSU. Jesse's son Joe was Chapter SMC. Tyson Brock was Chapter SMC and FSU Homecoming Chief.

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The great Kelly Lowrey '80, then and now. Bobby Bowden said, "If you take everything into consideration all at once: toughness, skill, Leadership and independent spirit, Kelly Lowrey might have been the best." Bowden laughed, "Kelly's the only quarterback I ever had who'd wave me off after I sent a play in." Lowrey's performance vs. Ohio State in 1982 earned him Sports Illustrated Player of the Week honors. He ran one TD in, passed for another, and caught a touchdown pass. On one of Bobby Bowden's patented trick plays, Lowrey handed to Cedric Jones, who passed back to Lowrey moving wide for the score.

Kelly is a loyal Delta Lambda alum, and was a phenomenal softball player for the chapter.

Upon seeing Kelly's photo (right) on Facebook, David Dowdy '81 wrote "Who ever thought when we were running around like idiots, that one day spending time with grandchildren would be some of our most special times?"

Other Pikes on that 1982 team, 9-3 and the Gator Bowl Champions, included Jeff Bowden '80; Pat Cicalese '83; Richard Cullifer '83; Bob Davis '82; J.D. Dowell '83; Philip Hall '83; Garth Jax '84; Brian McCrary '82; John McLean '82; David Ponder '80; Mike Rendina '81; Willie Tilton and Stuart Wyatt '83.



**RANGER & DAVE FREW**

**Dave Frew '67 and good dog 'Ranger'**



**Jim Poe '66, honored Oenophile**

[LEFT] Dave Frew '67 and Ranger. "Not sure if you knew but I lost my beloved therapy dog Ranger in 2019. He was 16 ½ years old. [SEE THE VIDEO BELOW]. The photo in the last newsletter of Craig Kavka '66 made me laugh...He was one of the



funniest guys I ever met. Hilarious. A great loss. Both of them, Bob and Craig. Wonderful memories.”

Dave Frew [frew.dave@gmail.com](mailto:frew.dave@gmail.com) 404.275.1319 (cell)

Here is a video telling the sad and inspiring tale of David and his wife Stephanie, and Ranger: [Ranger Youtube Video](#)

[RIGHT] You’ve seen the ad about “The Most Interesting Man in the World”. Our own globe-trotting bon vivant Jim Poe ’66 is certainly in running for that title. He was recently ceremonially inducted as a ‘Brentatore’, or bearer of fine wine. The designation goes back to the Middle Ages.



In New York on October 21, 2019 our own Ken Marks ’81 was named the TIME 2020 Dealer of the Year. He will be honored at the 103rd National Automobile Dealers Association Show in Las Vegas this month. The entry foyer of the new Pike house carries Ken’s name to honor his financial contributions to the Legends of Delta Lambda Campaign. Ken’s brother Michael Marks ’87 is also an alumnus.

Here is more information from the official release:

“The TIME Dealer of the Year award is one of the automobile industry’s most prestigious and highly coveted honors. Recipients are among the nation’s most successful auto dealers who also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service.

“I purchased a majority of the [family] dealership in 1994,” he explained. “I then merged my dealership into Sonic Automotive to go public in 1998 and bought my current dealership in Tallahassee in 2000.”

“Marks contributes to numerous charitable organizations in both the Tampa Bay area and the Tallahassee region. The groups that are closest to his heart include the Florida Sheriffs “Youth Ranches, Florida United Methodist Children’s Home (Enterprise, Florida) and YMCA of the Suncoast. “Helping young people, who by no fault of their own, are in difficult family situations, is a passion of mine,” he said. “My drive is to support them and help provide the foundation from which they can propel themselves forward in their own lives.”

“A financial benefactor of his alma mater, Florida State University, and his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, Marks also supports Harborside Christian Church in Safety Harbor, Florida, and Samaritan’s Purse, an international relief organization, as well as groups that assist first responders. He and his wife, Terri, have six children.”

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Or, if you feel more comfortable sending a check, please make it to The Old Guard of Delta Lambda, and send to Charlie Barnes / 1490 Saint Charles Place / Tallahassee, FL 32308

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### Suggestion Regarding Old Guard Renewals

The question has been asked, “*For Brothers who wish to give annually, do you have a way of sending renewal reminders?*” We do not have the technology to do that. However, Ed Barnes '71 came up with a good idea. “For Brothers who wish to support the Old Guard, tie their renewal to Founders’ Day (March 1st). Everyone knows the date; easy to remember. If you wish to give in 2020, March 1st should be your automatic reminder.”

We will also continue to promote the March renewal in future issues of the monthly Newsletter.

We're especially grateful for these new 2020 contributions since the January Newsletter was mailed.

Jim Floyd '76

Dave Frew '67

J.L. Milton '62

Jerry Sexton '74

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## Old Guard of Delta Lambda (February 10, 2020)

## The Annual Giving Outreach of Delta Lambda Alumni

### THE OLD GUARD

#### Brothers making Annual Gifts of \$100 or more

Dan Akre '83 2016, 2017

Charlie Barnes '65 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Ed Barnes '71 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Joe Beasley '83 2018, 2019

Robert "Bobby" Bowden '49 [Alpha Pi, Samford University] (son Jeff Bowden '80; grandson Michael Madden '14) 2016, 2017

Eric Carr '01 2017, 2018, 2019

Jay Campbell '87 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Bill Cheek '61 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Jim Cobb '63 (son Kevin Cobb '06) 2018, 2019

Chuck Cottrell '80 2019

Dustin Daniels '10 2016

Phil Doumar '09 2017

Jeff Epley '96 (Iota Gamma, Nebraska-Kearney) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Miguel Fernandez '77 (son Michael '10) 2017 2018

Jim Finch '81 2017

Jim Floyd '76 2018, 2019, 2020

Dave Frew '67 2020

Paul Gerding '65 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Glenn Grant '82 2017

Connor Gray '11 2018

Bill Gregory '77 2017, 2018, 2019

Mike Halfacre '85 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020

Bob Hall '49 (grandson Andrew Hall '15 initiated at Auburn) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Lawrence 'Chip' Hartung '81 2017, 2019

Scotty Howell '06 (brother Seth Howell '84) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Bruce Johnson '81 2017

Jay Johnson '83 2016 \*Joined the Sember Society in 2018

David Kresge '73 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Mike Lilly '84 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Carlos Lindo '05 2016  
David Lyons '65 2018, 2019  
Harvey Mackler '72 (Beta Pi, University of Pennsylvania) 2018, 2019  
Trent Mallory '81 2017  
Mike Markowski '75 (sons Reeve Markowski '13 and Brandon Markowski '16 ;  
brothers Craig Markowski '79 and David Markowski '79) 2016  
Roy McDonald 2018  
Jack McMullen '64 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020  
J.L. Milton '62 2018, 2019, 2020  
Jim Montano '64 2019  
Jeff Moore '81 2018  
Kyle Mowitz '01 2017  
Alex Mullineaux '01 2019  
Eli Nortelus '01 2018  
Marco Novak '01 2016  
Harry Orwig '66 2018  
Serge Osaulenko '01 2017  
Joel Padgett '71 2016, 2019  
Jim Parsons '81 2017  
John Peacock '01 2018, 2019  
Chris Pepin '01 2018, 2019  
Khoungh Phan '01 2019  
Jim Poe '66 2017, 2019  
David Ponder '80 2017  
Gary Prescott '72 2018, 2019  
Lt. Col. Jerry Sexton '74 (brother Russell Sexton '77) 2018, 2019, 2020  
Griffin Siegel '78 2016 2017  
Peter Singhal '15 2019  
Kevin Stokes '13 2018, 2019  
Bob Stoner '64 2018 (memorial gift via John Stoner)  
John Stoner '64 2018  
Tom Trotta '81 (son Eric Trotta '09 initiated at University of Florida) 2018, 2019  
Tarek Waked '09 2019  
Kevin Wheeler '09 (father Tom Wheeler '78) 2017, 2018, 2019  
Wade Wilcox '86 (son Griffin Wilcox '15) 2017, 2018, 2019  
Griffin Wilcox '15 (dad, Wade Wilcox '86) 2020  
Bill Williams '85 2019, 2020  
Rob Williamson '87 2018  
Alan Winslette '77 2018, 2019

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## THE SEMBLER SOCIETY

Brothers have made at least one gift of \$1,000 or more

[John Baker An anonymous donor has made a memorial gift to the Sembler Society  
in the John's name]

Charlie Bradley '81 is a September 2019 addition to the Sembler Society

Sean Carbonell '86

[Craig Kavka '66 – Memorial Gift made in Craig's name, 2019]

Chuck Cottrell '80 \*January, 2019: Chuck Cottrell made an additional gift of \$1,000 to be used in the best interests of the Chapter. Thank you Chuck for your generosity to Delta Lambda!

Jim Crews '78

Chris Dietz '87 (son Caleb Dietz '11)

Tobyn DeYoung '86 (son Steven Centeno '16)

Steve Goodloe '79 Memorial Gift; donor remains anonymous

Chris Gutierrez '83 [University of Florida] (son Alex Gutierrez '16)

David Gutting '83 (son Sterling Gutting '16)

[J. Bob Humphries '66 – Memorial Gift made in Bob's name, 2019]

Bruce Johnson '81

Jay B. Johnson '83

Bobby Jones '72

Jimmy Keen '73 (son Michael Keen '14)

Sloan MacKarvich '01

Craig Mateer '86 (son Charles Merritt '16)

Noah C. McKinnon '65

Rich Newsome '83

David Rancourt '84 (son Wyatt Rancourt '16)

Matt Raulerson '83 (son Zach Raulerson '17)

Scott Roix '85 and son Max Roix '18

Doug Russell '79 (son Tyler Russell '10)

Harry Sargeant III '78 (sons Harry Sargeant IV '02 and Garrett Sargeant '17)

Brent W. Sembler '78 (son Logan Sembler '09)

Tim Sheridan '79 (grandson of Ed Cubbon '29; brother Ted Sheridan)

Rich Wall '66

Tom Wheeler '78 (son Kevin Wheeler '09)

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## 2020 Chapter Leadership (updated January, 2020)