

Lambda Chi Alpha
Roscoe Group
Reunion
2009

Pocono Manor, PA



30th “Roscoe” Reunion at Pocono Manor in Report

05 August 2009

2009 Reunion Summary: This year we heard from many brothers who could not make it to the Poconos to be with us to celebrate our 30th Reunion. Despite issues with health, the economy and conflicts with family gatherings and other events for many of the core group of brothers who would normally attend, we had a total of 35 present. The group was small by past standards but a really good time was had by all.

For the second consecutive reunion, representatives from the newer classes exceeded the old timers, a sure sign that with the continuing support of the '56 to '62 classes, the traditions of the Roscoe Reunion will continue well into the future.

This is the wrap up letter which will be brief, letting the series of enclosed photos tell the story. Once again we get to see the group photos from the gathering including a special tribute to Carl Peterson. The presentation is a generous and most welcome contribution from our resident photo and movie director, Jim Sclafani and his professional team in Delray Beach FL.

Additional photos of the cocktail party, groups at dinner, the glee club and individuals on the walking trail were provided by Dave and Tinker Wilcox. These selected photos will soon be available on our AU Kappa Sigma Zeta Web Site www.aulambda.com under Roscoe Group or request from me via e-mail.

2009 50th Alfred Reunion: Lambda Chi was strongly represented at AU this year, with three brothers continuing on to join us at the Pocono Manor including Sam Iorio, Ron Theis, and Sam Warner.

Activities: In addition to the traditional “second day” morning golf tournament, alternate activities were emphasized including walking, biking and socializing. Special events stressed at this 30th reunion were well received including the second annual “Fats-Thins” putting contest. The Texas Hold'em card game was scratched since Ed and Marita Spirko, the dealers, could not be with us. Next year we will focus on further improving the planning and preparation for these activities.

The new early golf starting times from 8:00 AM to 8:40 AM made it possible for the golfers to get off the course early enough to participate in the putting contest, join in with other activities and to be on time for the Glee Club rehearsals.

Special Note: The group was honored with the first time appearance of my senior year room mate Andy Seaman, class of '58, and his wife Fran from Port St Lucy FL. Chuck Ries class of '62, along with Bruce Boulton '58 returned for their second year more importantly, Ann Boulton came with Bruce.

Glee Club: All witnessed another outstanding performance by the AU LXA Alumni Glee Club, albeit smaller in number this year, as its 7th concert inspired an aging audience. The newly added selection, “Halls of Ivy”, was enjoyed by all. Roger Eiss, '58, the founder and director of the Roscoe Reunion Glee Club, could not be with us this year. His priority was taking care of Francoise in dealing with her treatment for cancer. Kent Riegel, and Erf Porter stepped into the breach and led the chorus to great heights. “America the Beautiful” was again well received with stand up, sing along participation.

Glee Club continued: The Glee Club performance would not have been possible this year if it were not for the help and participation of Ann Boulton. In May of this year, a “core group” of Glee Club members met at the Great Lake Sacandaga in NY near Bruce and Ann’s “Lakehouse”. Not only were they great hosts to all of us, Ann studied the music and accompanied us on her piano during the practice sessions, at Lakehouse. It was a mini-reunion to remember for The Warners, Boultons, Richters, Steins, Larry Cagle, and Erf Porter.

A first ... Helen Warner helped the Glee Club at Sacandaga with her voice to reinforce the lead singers, and again joined in at the performance at Pocono Manor dinner program. Any of the women wishing to join in next year are most welcome.

Golf Event: As promised, this year the golf event was held on the old East Course and we decided to return to the original concept of early morning casual golf. The format was changed to include the option of a scramble or individual stroke play in competition for the trophy. As it turned out, only four persons in one foursome played individual ball, but then due to fog, rain, cold, quit after 12 holes. All others played the scramble. No winners were honored and no prizes were awarded pending the review and decision of the golf committee. After much debate, the winners were selected from those finishing a full nine holes having an individual ball score. Low Gross goes to Art Waugh, with High Gross going to Helen Warner.

The Future of our Reunions: The staff at Pocono Manor has changed and some of the attention to detail was missing this year. As a result, the Hosts and some old timers agreed it is time to seriously consider alternate venues for the reunion, in hopes to recapture the charm of the early days at the Huff House in Roscoe. A number of other resorts in the general area have been visited by members of the ad hoc organizing committee. After personal visits, negotiations have started with one the better choices. You will hear more about proposals to move the reunion event in a next newsletter early in 2010.

Omega: The Roscoe Reunion spirit extends throughout each month of the year, well beyond the event itself at the Pocono Manor. Many of the brothers and wives maintain contact with each other based on class year, geographical region, or just new friends having spent time together at the reunions. Mini-reunions have been going on for years and new ones have developed. The e-mail via the internet is a big factor in encouraging more contact, having the effect of making it convenient to maintain communication.

We find that over the years there is genuine concern for the well being of our brothers and sisters. Nothing has brought this to our attention or served as a better reminder as the experience of losing one of our members and the outpouring of true concern, companionship and support the bond.

Save the Dates for the 2010 Roscoe Reunion: Mark the dates on your 2010 calendar for the week immediately following the AU 50th reunion for the class of 1960. Arrival day for the Roscoe Reunion is set for a Tuesday, June 15th, with the main events and dinner on Wednesday June 16th. The purpose of returning to a Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday schedule is to avoid scheduling conflicts for brothers having family events including grandchildren’s graduation parties and the like, on the prior weekend.

2009

Joe

Joe Stein-Host & General Chairman

Kent

Kent Riegel-Co-Host

2010

Kent

Kent Riegel-Host

Co-Host to be announced

Watch your mail for the invitation letter early in 2010 from your Host Kent Riegel.

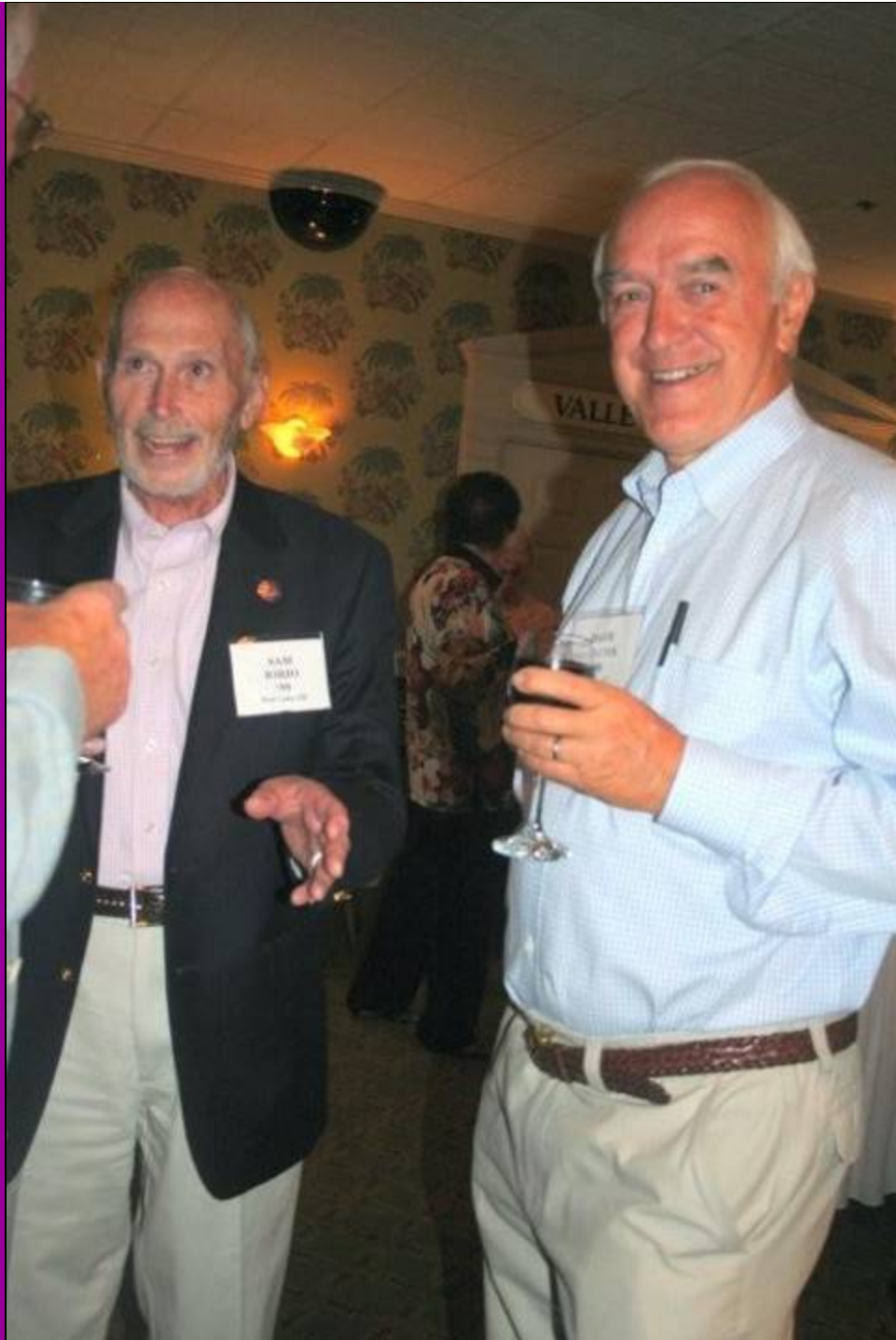


Back Group: Left to Right

Larry & Eslie Cagle, Dave & Tinker Wilcox, Sam & Helen Warner,
Art & Stacy Waugh, Al & Susan Richter, Ron Theis, Sam Iorio,
Joe & Carole Stein, Charlie Reis, Ann & Bruce Boulton,
Fran & Andy Seaman

Front Group: Left to Right

Jim & Arlene Sclafani, Mary Lou & Vito Magdelinskas,
Jane & Erf Porter, Pete & Jean Riker, Carol & Dick Best,
Ardell & Gordon Shippy, Jean & Walt Lang



















VIEW ROOM













*In Loving Memory of
Carl Peterson*

*and all of his hard work and
devotion that made our reunion possible*