



**LXA** Alfred University



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## 31<sup>st</sup> LXA "Roscoe" Reunion, the Transition to SKYTOP

**W**hat is 31 years old, but still young, growing and on the move? Yes; it's the Roscoe reunion group of Alfred University' Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

Co-chaired this year by Kent Riegel('61) and Bruce Boulton('58), we met for the first time at our new venue, Skytop Lodge in the Poconos. After many years of meeting at Pocono Manor, we responded to declining service there by choosing this new, beautiful setting on a small lake, surrounded by its own golf course and beautiful woodlands. However, our new location didn't interfere with our celebration of our traditions.

At our banquet, we honored a very special couple; Mary Lou and Vito Magdelinskas. Mary Lou, and her late husband, Kim, were one of the founding couples of the Roscoe reunion group. Mary Lou has now attended every one of its 31 reunions! In honor of that distinction and to recognize her husband, Vito, who has attended every reunion (and sung in the glee club) since their marriage, we honored Mary Lou with a bouquet of LXA colored flowers, made Vito an honorary brother--by unanimous vote--and serenaded them with the LXA "Sweetheart Song". Then, in recognition of the other end of our class spectrum, we were delighted to welcome Bill McDonough('60) and Anita to their first Roscoe reunion, and were delighted to again welcome Walt and Linda Reed, Charles Ries and Duke Stanton, all from the class of '62. Duke and Al Richter('60/'61) entertained us at the banquet each with their unique and original senses of humor. Finally, again, true to tradition, we enjoyed a spirited golf tournament and a mini glee club concert directed by brother Roger Eiss('58), who each year travels from Washington state to handle glee club duties and this year was fresh from his Newburg NY to Alfred bike ride with some other AU alumni, including our own Andy Seaman('58). Well done, Roger! As I have said before, the joy and value of these reunions increase with repeated attendance, so for those of you yet to try one, please join us and rediscover the sense and pleasure of the brotherhood that we all share.

Kent

Riegel

**Special Welcome:** Walter('52) and Jean Lang, we were honored to have them with us again.

### **Glee Club:**

The glee club performed at the dinner party and continues to have fun singing together. We have clearly broken the barrier of sex discrimination. For the second year in a row, we have had ladies in the glee club (albeit singing TTBB parts). Joining the men were Helen Warner, Camille Harris and Ann Boulton. We had a lot of fun and are looking forward to doing it again next year.

### **Golf:**

Many of us enjoyed a round of golf on the first class course. The rules were set again this year so a foursome could elect to play individual ball or a scramble. This year, Art Waugh, last years winner, was dethroned by Bruce Boulton for "Low Gross" while "Best Ball" in the scramble was won by the group of Art Waugh, Stacey Waugh, Sam Warner and Helen Warner.

**Memories:**

Once again we get to see individual and event photos from the June 2010 gathering at Skytop in the attached/enclosed brochure, a generous and most welcome contribution from our resident movie director, Jim Sclafani('54) and his professional team in Delray Beach FL. Thank you Jim.

**History:**

For the younger crowd, only a few of our brothers and spouses will remember the early reunions at the home of Kim and Marylou Sprague in Roscoe NY over 30 years ago.

The originators of the "Roscoe" group were the Bryants, Fosters, Steilins and the Spragues.

To accommodate an ever growing number of Lambda Chi couples the event was moved to various location including the Huff House (a local Inn), the Villa Roma, Pocono Manor, and finally for our 31st Reunion in June of this year, to the current new site, Skytop Lodge. For those attending, it was a welcome change and a grand experience encompassing the rooms, meals, grounds, attentive staff, activities and a great golf course.

**Observations by brother Bruce Boulton:** One of the great experiences of our Reunions is the fellowship in the bond of love and concern the brothers have with each other. It brings to memory some of my past men's Christian retreats where we sang these words found in Psalm 133--the theme of which is "The Excellency of Brotherly Unity."

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! For there the Lord commanded the blessing .... life forever."

"When we get together, it's like we haven't been apart---that's because of our unity in spirit and it's such a pleasant contrast to what is all around us in this world today."

This is one of the most important ingredients of our Reunions that those who haven't stepped into such an environment recently, should join us in 2011 at Skytop.

*OMEGA: 2010: Sam Iorio('59), Dale Smith('56), Mike Randle('55), Ernie Schuenzel('51) 2009: Frank Bullis('59), Ed Decker('52), Al Gross('62), Don Knowlton('49), Fran Stanton('59), George Bartholomew('56), Ed Dick('49)*

**Save the Dates for 2011:**

Based on a follow up survey and review of the costs for next year, we have decided to hold the 32nd Roscoe Reunion again at the Skytop Lodge on June 14th and 15th, 2011.

An invitation will be sent to Lambda Chi brothers including the classes of '63 and '64 in February 2011.

**Your Host for 2011 will be Bruce Boulton('58) with Al Richter('61) Co-Host**

**Kent**

Kent Riegel, Host,

**Bruce**

Bruce Boulton, Co-Host

**Joe**

Joe Stein, General Chairman

*\*enclosed/attached photos by Jim Sclafani*

NOTE FROM THE WEB MASTER: We are trying a new format for the reunion photos. The photos are assembled in what appears to be an on-line magazine such that you can turn the pages and see the

photos as if you received a hard copy brochure. To see the on-line brochure, click on this link (or copy and paste this link on your browser) <http://lambdachiroscoc.com/mz3v2.0.10/index.html>. Then, roll