



Alfred University



## 34<sup>rd</sup> Lambda Chi Alpha Reunion at Skytop Lodge Wrap up letter from 2012, and Your Invitation for 2013

To all our Lambda Chi Brothers, Wives, and Friends who enjoy beautiful vistas of mountains, lakes, landscapes, and golf courses. We are gathering again at the charming Skytop Lodge in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania for our "Roscoe" Reunion.

**The dates are Tuesday June 11 to Thursday June 13, 2013.**

- Where:** Skytop Lodge, One Skytop, Skytop, PA 18357-1099
- Rates:** Double occupancy - \$303 - with golf package (greens fee and cart)  
Double occupancy-\$275-without golf package  
Single occupancy - \$50 off whichever of the above packages selected  
Rates include all meals in beautiful dining facilities, indoor/outdoor pool, use of seasonal facilities, golf greens fees and cart, tennis, boating, 30 miles of hiking trails and mountain bikes and more. Rates do not include state and local taxes or a prepaid gratuity of 15% per room.
- Reservation** Make reservations directly with the Lodge. Inform them that you are part of the Lambda Chi group. To preserve our rates and
- Procedure:** block of rooms, your reservation and one night's deposit must be in by March 10th, 2013. Any questions can be directed to Alane Vanbenschoten at 1-800-345-7759, ext. 514 or at her email [address:avanbenschoten@skytop.com](mailto:avanbenschoten@skytop.com). Those of us that were there last year received a letter at checkout granting a \$50 discount off a two night stay in the future. Remind them of this when you make your reservation, if you qualify. They should have a record of this at check in. Remind the checkout clerk to use the authorization letter for this discount that Alane said would be available.
- Cancellation** Cancellations can be made up to 30 days prior to arrival with a cancellation fee of \$10 per room. Cancellations, late arrivals, no-
- Policy:** shows, or early departures made 30 days prior to arrival thru departure date will result in forfeiture of deposit.
- Dress Code:** Coats are required for gentlemen for the evening meals and appropriate attire for the ladies.
- Schedule:** Tuesday, June 11
- 12:00 PM to 10 PM Hospitality - Mountain Lake Room
  - 4:00 PM Glee Club practice
  - 6:30 PM Dinner in Main Dining Room
- Wednesday, June 12

- Rest or recreation day - your choice. Golfers will gather at the tee times. Hospitality room will be available.
- 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Glee Club Practice
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM on South Porch (weather permitting)
- 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Banquet in the Library

Thursday, June 13

- Breakfast and check out

**Reunion Fee:** Each Lambda Chi is asked to contribute \$25 for cocktail party snacks, mailings, and incidentals. Again, this year individual drinks both in the hospitality room and the banquet will be charged to individual rooms.

## A message from your Host for 2013

Dear Brothers and Significant ~TS,~

We again had a great time at the LXA Roscoe Reunion this past June of 2012 at Skytop Lodge in the Poconos. I have attended the reunion four times and let me assure you that it is a really fun gathering. It is great to get together with many of the brothers from our era at Lambda Chi and meet and get to know our older brothers and spouses as well.

I encourage you to attend if at all possible and I promise you (whether alone or with your spouse or significant other) you will enjoy the event. The Reunion is scheduled the week after the Alfred Reunion. The main attractions include the Tuesday arrival and get together in the Hospitality Room, Wednesday afternoon cocktail party, the dinner banquet, a serenade by the glee club, daytime golf, or other outdoor activities.

There will be many opportunities to hash over old stories or make up new ones with those brothers with whom we hold a special bond.

We do not have a complete list of e-mail addresses for brothers in the '62, '63 or '64 classes so if you maintain contact with any of these brothers, please pass this invitation along and influence them to attend.

Mark your calendar with the dates and contact **Skytop** to set your reservation early, remember to mention the Lambda Chi Group to get the special rates.

**Yours in ZAX, KS 565, Walt Reed, Host for 2013.**

**The 2012 reunion in review ...** Al Richter, Host at the 2012 Reunion, entertained us with a Jay Leno/Don Rickles style monologue after dinner.

Roger Eiss could not make the reunion (the story to be told at the 2013 gathering) so ErfPorter led the glee club practice, got ill, then Dart Everett stepped up to lead the group in a shortened performance followed by a sing-a-long.

The golf outing saw Walt Reed win low gross while Stacey Waugh took home the lady's prize.

**Regards, Joe Stein, '58, General Chairman**

OMEGA ..

We often talk and write about the bonds that endure, the brotherhood we developed (and still share) during our years at Alfred and living together at the old Lambda Chi house, but nothing says it better than the words of Allen (AI) Baxter in his recent e-mail to Armand (Ding) Beaudoin commenting on the death of brother Bob Mangles, November of 2012. With AI's penmslOn .

*"Joan Mangels called me today to inform me of Bob's death. She said they engaged a hospice as his health worsened and he passed-on very comfortably .. It seems an understatement that he is an unforgettable character we'll never forget. We know God will bless him. "*

*"Bob always called me a few times each year to encourage me to attend the annual Lambda Chi reunions in Kim's Roscoe NY which he enjoyed so much because he truly loved people and it was easy to return his affection. Those memories I cherish. "*

*"The highlight of his life was playing the trombone with big bands, dance bands, Dixieland groups, and until his death, he played with many bands around New York City and Long Island. He would tell me I got paid for playing but the enjoyment he got wasn't the money, it was watching the people our age having fun remembering the 40s, 50s, and 60s, dancing and watching those big bands play and, he could tell, thoroughly enjoying their music. "*

*"I've told him that our lives were full and happy until Elvis came along with his rock-n-roll stuff and gave music a bad name ..... Congress should have declared that so-called-music to be illegal to play! I still can't forgive Elvis!!"*

*"When my parents died, I realized it's our generation's turn to die next. I know all of you feel like I do in appreciating and celebrating the lives we 've so long enjoyed with our fantastic friends like you (Armand) and Bob's death certainly warrants expressing the emptiness we feel of his passing. "*

*"The Square One" (AI Baxter)*

*Rest in Peace ... Richard (Dick) Best ... June 2012.*

*Carol Best writes ..... "Dear Joe, (and all the brothers) Omegas are always sad, but thanks for your love and friendship for Dick. "*

*"Yes, bottom line, he won! God took Dick home on Father's Day, in NJ The rest of us are left behind for now, but we know we will be together again someday. Blessed assurance. Dick's favorite verse was Psalm 18:2, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God is my rock in whom I take refuge "*

*Group photos follow on the reverse side. (For additional photos e-mail request to stajil@outlook.com)*