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**LAMBDA DKEs RAISE OVER \$3,000
FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH**

For the 25th year, the Actives of Lambda staged the annual Shawn Kelly Memorial Holiday Party for disadvantaged youth in Knox County. The event is in memory of Shawn Kelly, a DKE and award-winning swimmer at the college who passed away in 1990.

Gathering in Gund Commons the first two evenings of December, the Brothers hosted over 400 children and their families from Knox County Head Start for a spaghetti dinner and holiday craft making (such as creating snowflakes and reindeer-food. And, of course a visit from Santa.

And, the Jolly old St. Nick (who, rumor has it, is a DKE) didn't disappoint, as every child went home with a present purchased with donations from students, faculty, staff and alumni. Powered by good old fashioned fundraising, the Chapter also went digital with their ask, setting up an online GoFundMe page that allowed alumni and other off campus individuals to contribute, helping to push the total raised to over \$3,000. What money remained after the Brothers bought the presents was gifted to the Head Start organization.

As always, the Shawn Kelly Holiday Party was a highlight of an already amazing semester, and the Brothers look forward to continuing this tradition into the future.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

As promised last month, this Newsletter will begin featuring stories about Brothers from every era. If you are curious about a Brother from your time at Kenyon (or want to share your story), [e-mail Bill Geist](#) and we'll do our best to include them in a future edition.

CHAD WAITE '77



Many of us dream of shifting gears at some point in our lives. Sometimes, those pivots move us from one industry to another or from private sector to the nonprofit world (or vice versa). But, few will ever make a life change as dramatic as Chad Waite '77 who was working with some of the hottest start-ups in the nation one day and raising chickens the next.

Well, not literally the next day. But, Chad's transition has been no less amazing. After earning a Harvard MBA, he moved to San Francisco to work with a tech-focused banking firm that listed among its clients such giants as Adobe and Genentech. It was then on to a Venture Capital start-up in Seattle, where Chad and his partners directed the investment of over a billion dollars for their clients over the next 28 years. When it was time to raise the next round of funding, he asked himself the fateful question, "do I really want to go again?"

As the three partners began to wind the portfolio down, Chad said he knew he wanted out of the city...and snowboarding was always a passion for he and his wife, Susan '78. Some friends were into raising lambs and cheese making. Susan had always been into designing unique clothes and costumes for the theatre. And, it all started to make sense.

On a business trip to Missoula, Chad picked up some real estate brochures at the airport. When Susan stepped off the airplane a few months later, she simply said, "Yes."

Four years later, this high powered venture capitalist says he is enamored with life in a small town. Their friends are farmers and ranchers. The camaraderie and helpfulness is something you usually can't find in an urban center, he says. They all meet up at the local Farmers Market each Tuesday, where locals line up for the eggs and vegetables from EarthStar Farms (Susan is now known as the Chicken Queen of the Flathead Valley). And, they also source to local restaurants and are passionate about being organic producers, not just consumers

"We have more friends in four years here than we made in 20 years in Seattle," he said.

They are up to 175 chickens, 5 dogs and 27 sheep, with the pair even attending sheep-shearing school at Montana State. "I don't actually shear them...but it makes me a better shepherd," he says. They started with goats (think goat cheese), but Chad admits they're too smart and a pain in the ass. Next up, the pair are moving into growing lavender with over 600 plants in the ground. And, with 45 acres, future opportunities abound.

"We're learning how to make ends meet," he smiled, "and we are 12 minutes from some of the best snowboarding in Montana and I get to play hockey with my buddies. Best of all, I get to share this amazing life with my best friend."

And, it just doesn't get any better than that.

DANILO LOBOS DIAS '13



If you watch the NBA on ESPN, chances are you've seen the work of Danilo Lobo Dias '13. One of the rising stars in the network's program to train the next generation of producers, Danilo is currently one of a handful of Content Associates tasked with developing player features and other cutaways to enhance NBA game coverage.

A writer for the *Collegian* in college and a lifelong sports fan, Danilo was accepted into the accelerated Content Associate Program at ESPN shortly after graduation and has been involved in a wide range of assignments in his first two years on the job. Early in the program as a Production Assistant, he was responsible for cutting and editing video for *SportsCenter*. "Imagine trying to condense a Yankees game into 50 seconds," he chuckled. "You learn what's important real fast."

After a year of working on studio shows like *College Football Live* and *Baseball Tonight*, Danilo was promoted to the network's coverage of live events. From there it was onto Brazil for the World Cup where he produced features on Brazilian culture and music. He's worked on College Basketball, the NBA Draft, and the Little League World Series, where he was stationed in Williamsport to produce feature segments for insertion during network coverage.

Danilo credits his time in the fraternity with providing him the confidence and leadership abilities to succeed in the fast paced world of ESPN. "My years at Kenyon came during a trying time for the fraternity," the former Pi explained. "We learned quickly how to work under pressure and manage people and projects. We designed the transition from the traditional orientation of Pledges to a new format. I learned how to run meetings and present ideas. And, those are all key skills I use to present story lines I want to produce here at ESPN."

As to the future, Danilo looks to completing the ESPN Producers regimen and being able to lead the production of future televised events and feature shows such as the acclaimed *30 for 30* series. He admits there's not much time for a social life outside of the network, as he's working a lot of evenings, weekends, and holidays to help sports fans everywhere enjoy theirs. But, he looks forward to connecting with Brothers that are near Bristol CT, the home of the ESPN mothership.

It is always fun to see the work of a Brother...and we get to every week on ESPN.

SAVE THE DATE
LAMBDA DKE REUNION &
REDEDICATION OF THE LODGE
September 30 - October 2
Be Watching for More Details

LODGE RENOVATION FUND WITHIN \$2,700 OF GOAL

67 Alumni have contributed over \$22,000 towards a goal of \$25,000 for restoration of the DKE Lodge, the first fraternity lodge in America.

With the work on the Lodge contracted to take place this summer, the race is on to raise the final \$2,700.

If you haven't yet donated, please take a moment to consider contributing to help close this portion of the project. In March, a team of Brothers, both active and alumni will catalogue all the art, artifacts and memorabilia in the Lodge in preparation for moving it all into storage in April. Renovation are scheduled to begin in June with the move-in scheduled for August.



Our donor recognition levels are Blue (up to \$150), Crimson (\$150-\$499), Gold (\$500-\$999) and Rampant Lion (\$1000+), with all donors being recognized on a plaque inside the new entryway. And, all donors over \$1,000 (past and present) will be allowed to sponsor particular items in the renovation. Have a particular affinity for the fence? It could bear your name. Maybe you're a gutter guy (wait, that come out wrong). But you could sponsor the new gutters...or Beta's desk.

Your contributions and efforts to raise the final \$2,700 are vital. Please take some time to [visit our GoFundMe page](#) and pass this message along to other Brothers with whom you may be in touch.

Thank You!

PS: If you prefer to write a check (and save the online processing fee), address your contribution to The Kenyon DKE Association, c/o Bob Heasley, Box 2004, Gambier OH 43022.

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