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AUNT KATHY MURPHY MARKS TEN YEARS AS HOUSE MOTHER

Hundreds of Alpha Phi brothers simply know her as “Aunt Kathy.” She has served as our Housemother longer than any of her predecessors, and this year begins her 11th year on the job.

“Well, I guess the best of times is getting to know all the boys and their families, and interacting with them on a daily basis, said Kathy about the best part of her job. She remembers when her nephew, **Paul Keith '09** mentioned the job to her. Officers **Michael Wright '11** & **Jon Sanford '11** hired her in 2007.

She’s seen a great deal in her ten years, from the design and planning of the new house, to numerous chapter accomplishments and individual achievements by the brothers. “I enjoy their excitement when some good happens,” she stated. “I like to see them having fun...

within reason!”

The day-to-day responsibilities of a House Mother can be taxing: she has been responsible for employing and managing the kitchen staff, meeting with repairmen and assessing each situation when something needs to be repaired or replaced.

She keeps order in the house, and adds a level decorum in a chapter of 140 rambunctious young men. At Homecoming, alumni enjoy her house decorations. And hospitality. Each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Kathy decorates the house for the holidays.

She’s also seen tragedy first hand, when we’ve lost an undergraduate member, or as in the case of late Brother Harrison Phillips '17, who died one month after graduation in an accident. Kathy has been right there, at the side of parents and brothers, serving as a counselor and sharing her empathy in the worst of times.

In recognition of her outstanding service to Theta Chi, she has been awarded the “House Director of the Year” twice during her tenure by the Order of Omega.

She was “Aunt Kathy” to Brother Keith, but she’s become “Aunt Kathy” to hundreds of other young men who’ve passed through our doors. On behalf of the hundreds of alumni, whose lives she’s touched, **“Thank You to Aunt Kathy for all that you do.”**

Alabama Home Games

Alumni are welcome to visit the chapter house, before and after home football games. The chapter usually hosts a brunch, or lunch, served two hours prior to kick-off on game days. There will be a cash bar for alumni at Homecoming. For more information, contact House Mother Kathy Murphy at 205-305-0957.

Parking Behind the House for Football games

Alumni may conveniently park behind the house, prior to home football games. **(Parking Lot A)** Visit and socialize at the house, have a bite to eat and walk to the stadium. Entry to parking is at the top of McFarland, between the School of Nursing and the Student Rec Center. Parking is \$25 per game, or you may also purchase a season pass for by going on-line to: uagameday.com

Home Football Games, Fall 2017:

September 9	Fresno State
September 16	Colorado State
September 30	Ole Miss
October 14	Arkansas (Homecoming)
October 21	Tennessee
November 4	LSU
November 18	Mercer



Stuart Graham '74, Man of the World

By Craig Cornwell '77

In his senior year in High School in Florida, Stuart Graham told his classmates that *he wanted to visit 100 countries before he turned 40 years old*. As of today, this Alpha Phi 1974 alum has been to 96 countries, and all seven continents, including Antarctica.

"I did not get all this done before turning 40 years old, but I tried!" Brother Graham stated.

Stuart decided to go to his dad's alma mater in Tuscaloosa, because of Alabama's business school and football tradition. In his sophomore year, he was elected chapter president of AIESEC, an international student exchange organization, which allowed students to work in one of 70 member countries in traineeships. The following summer he worked at a Bank in Gothenburg, Sweden.

"Working that summer with many other AIESEC students from around the world, certainly opened my eyes," Stuart continued. "I was hooked right then to pursue an international career."

As a senior, he was elected AIESEC National President. During that year, he represented the organization at conferences in Brussels, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Moscow and Tokyo.

By the time his term concluded, he had added significantly to his list of countries visited, and was well on his way to the 100 goal. His next job was with DeBeers Diamond Corporation in Johannesburg South Africa as a Marketing Analyst.

"DeBeers was a fascinating place to work Multinational, progressive in many ways, a great supporter of workers rights and conditions in the mines," he stated. "I visited the mines numerous occasions, and came to understand the true problems and situation regarding the white vs black culture in the country."

"The dating scene was somewhat complicated, because of apartheid laws. Everyone of black or colored/mixed race were required to carry domestic passports to show the police at any time. I remember once when I asked a woman out to dinner, she said she would love to go out, but could not.

When I pressed her for an answer, she said that she was "colored" and could not date a white man. She had lighter skin color than me, but like many in South Africa, her great-great grandparents had interracially married, and this bloodline marked her forever as mixed race, or colored under the country's absurd apartheid laws. There was a legal penalty for socializing and being caught by the authorities. She could have gone to jail, so obviously we did not have our dinner."

"Working in South Africa was interesting as the government authorities were always on the lookout for collusion between whites and blacks in possible overthrow of the government. For example if I had blacks in my office for a meeting, the door always had to be left open so that any government

monitor who may walk by could overhear our conversation. Like air marshals on today's airliners, you did not know who they were, but all companies accommodated these people and they were ever present."

After South Africa, Stuart had another job already lined up in Australia with CSR, one of Australia's largest conglomerates in Sydney:

"Work at CSR was very interesting, and the Friday afternoon two hour booze lunch culture was unique and foreign to me, as essentially nothing got done after 12 noon on a Friday. One of the pleasant perks in the company was the tea lady that came around twice a day and served tea and biscuits (cookies) at your desk. " From Australia, he visited Indonesia, and Bali:

"Truly a magical place, I have been back to Bali ten times over the years as it is one of my favorite places on earth. One night for dinner, I was offered a dish of rat. The owner, showed me she raised the rats out back in cages, so they were not street rats, and since I will try anything once, I discovered that night that rat tasted like free range chicken. A little gamey but pretty tasty!!"

Stuart then went on to get his MBA at Cornell, graduating in 1982, and got a job with a consulting firm in San Francisco. His first consulting assignment was back in Australia for Qantas Airways.

"I spent almost three years working on a series of studies that reduced the work force almost in half, from 13,000 employees to 7,000, improved their profitability immensely, and got them ready to go private to get out from under government ownership. Qantas to this day is a much stronger, airline and I know our work contributed to their turnaround."

Once back from Australia, he decided to join a new company created from the breakup of AT&T, headquartered in California. He had an opportunity to go to Brazil with AT&T Cellular in February 1996. His firm decided to bid on new cellular phone licenses in Brazil. When another firm won the contract, he joined the winning firm, and stayed in Brazil.

For Stuart, his international life has led him to settle in Brazil where he is now a permanent resident. He enjoyed visiting the new Theta Chi house with his old roommate **David Pylant '75** last football season, and we assume he currently sunning on the beach, where he lives in Ipanema, scanning the map for those last four countries to complete his list of 100.



Roll Tide Roll Call



Pete Mackey '78

Brother **Pete Mackey '78** was elected to serve as Counselor of the Norwich Housing Corporation, the National Fraternity's housing entity. Brother Mackey is serving in his second year of a five-year term. The Norwich Housing Corporation provides loans for renovations, new construction, and Health & Safety enhancements to local chapter house corporations.

Brother Mackey joins **Wes Wicker '79**, who currently serves as treasurer of the board. Pete is the fourth Alpha Phi to serve Norwich, including Brothers **Dale Taylor '69** and **Fulton Hamilton '72**.



Kirby Montgomery '75

Kirby Montgomery '75 serves on the Board of Directors of the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi, and he is the National Fraternity's representative to the Liability Insurance Purchasing Group.

Dr. Stanford Golden '65 is retired and living in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Brother Golden served as an industrial psychologist for Toyota, and as an adjunct

distinguished professor at Middle Tennessee State University.

Gordon Tanner '70 served three years as General Counsel to the U.S. Air Force, appointed by former President Barack Obama. He currently serves Senior Advisor with Tanner Battle Ford of Wilmington, Delaware.

Sam Dipiazza '72 has retired as Vice Chairman of Citi, Global Bank. Brother Dipiazza also served as CEO and International Managing Partner of PriceWaterhouseCoopers. He lives in New York City.

Robert Abernathy '76 returned from Neenah, Wisconsin, to Atlanta, Georgia where he had served as Group President of Kimberly-Clark. Brother Abernathy is now CEO & Chairman of the Board of Halyard, the Kimberly-Clark spinoff of their healthcare product line. Halyard's international headquarters are located in Alpharetta, Georgia.

Mike Case '79 is the CEO and President of the Westervelt Company, formerly Gulf States Paper Company of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

John Hagefstration '83 is the Executive Vice President and General Counsel for Graham Commercial Properties in Birmingham. Brother Hagefstration received his law degree from the University of Virginia. He is a former President of the Alpha Phi House Corporation.

Greg Mullins '85 lives in Foilareal Bay, Cork, Ireland, where he continues to service as the Business Development Manager of Genesis, the technology services company that he founded 23 years ago.

Mike Ross '86, MBA '89 has been named President and CEO of CBS Bank-Corp & S C&S Bank, Inc. He and his wife Margaret live in Birmingham.

Chris Glenos '89 is a partner with Bradley, Arant, Boult & Cummings, LLC in Birmingham, AL. Brother Glenos is a former President of the Alpha Phi House Corporation. He share a unique accomplishment with Brother **Richard Thigpen '65** as the only members in the 90 year history of Alpha Phi to serve as chapter president for two years.

Mark Borden '90 is a tax partner at PWC in Houston, Texas. His son, **Harrison Borden '18** is the current chapter treasurer of Alpha Phi.

Jim FitzGibbons '90 is the Chief Financial Officer at 4tell™ Solutions in Atlanta.

Burk Lindsey '90 is the Managing Director at Raymond James, Health Care Services & Investment Banking in Nashville, Tennessee. Brother Lindsey earned his MBA from Emory University.

Phil Corley '91 is an attorney with Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt, LLC in Birmingham.

Dru Horton '98 is the Construction Scheduling Manager with McArthy Building Company in Dallas, Texas. Dru is a former President of the Alpha Phi House Corporation, and he is now a member of the House Corporation for our Delta Phi Chapter at the University of North Texas in Denton.

L. Brooks Howle '93 is a regional manager for Medtronic Neurovascular in Alabama and northern Florida.

Captain Lucas Elgie '05 has been deployed to numerous locations in Africa, the Middle East and Europe while serving as an Assistant Operations Officer and Pilot Training Officer for the U.S. Marine Corp.

Nick Wright '06 is the owner of JNJ Apparel and Game Day Tents in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

C. Scott Gray '10 is an Account Manager at Medline Industries in Birmingham.

John Anderson '15 has become a Commercial Banker with ServisFirst Bank in Birmingham. Brother Anderson recently finished his MBA from Samford University. John also serves as Co-Chairman of the Founders Day/Senior Night event for Alpha Phi alumni and upperclassmen each spring

Andrew DeGenova '15 is an associate with The White Oak Group, an investment firm in Atlanta, Georgia.

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CHAPTER ETERNAL

Brother Harrison Phillips '17, a recent graduate of the University and alumnus brother, was killed in a motorcycle accident in Los Angeles, California. Brother Phillips was a friendly, well-liked brother in the chapter. President **Tyler Portanova** and a number of chapter brothers flew to California for the services, along with House Mother **Kathy Murphy**.

Dr. Overstreet Passes to Chapter Eternal

“Known as the Last Doctor in Alabama to make House Calls”

Donald Clyde Overstreet, born on September 25, 1927 in Flatwood, AL, died June 1, 2017. Dr. Overstreet and his wife Suzy had three daughters and six grandchildren.

He began his pre-med training in June 1948 at the University of Alabama, where he joined Alpha Phi of Theta Chi, and graduated in three years. He attended the University of Alabama Medical School. Brother Overstreet graduated in 1955, and began a family medical practice that he continued for 59 years! He only retired when his eyesight began to fail in

2014. He practiced in Valley Grande, Thomasville and Selma, Alabama.

In 1978, Brother Overstreet became Director of the Selma Family Medicine Residency Program, affiliated with the University of Alabama School of Medicine where he served as Director of the program for the next 19 years. His leadership educated numerous physicians, and served areas in the South that were in desperate need of healthcare. He was named Professor Emeritus at UAB 1997, and briefly retired from medical practice. His great love of the profession, however, instigated his opening of a small office in Valley Grande, AL, as a solo practitioner. He served the surrounding community until 2014. At age 85, he took full retirement. There were a number of human-interest articles written about Brother Overstreet for his continued practice of making house calls to patients, reminiscent of a bygone era. There is a newspaper article, matted and framed in the foyer of the fraternity house about Brother Overstreet's career, contributed by **Larry Kloess, Jr. '54**.