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CA-CH RECEIVES CHARTER

— by John McMullen



May 19th. was a big day for CA-CH, as they initiated 40 new SAEs and moved from Colony to Chapter. Many of you may remember that we had a chapter at UCSD, for many years. But, as sometimes happens, they mismanaged themselves into losing their charter. On May 19, 2011 CA-CH was reestablished as a colony. Through hard work, dedication, and the great leadership of their Eminent Archon, they earned the right to regain their charter exactly one year later. That's quite a feat. But, it was the goal of EA Trevor Gerard and he and his brothers made it happen.

A model initiation was held, with a national team conducting the ritual and Eminent Supreme Archon, Ken Tracey placing the pin on each initiate. That evening a banquet was held at the La Jolla Sheraton. Family and friends were in attendance to share in the chapter's receiving their charter, given to them by ESA Tracey and ESR Boomer Ayers. Testimony of campus and fraternity administrators was given extolling the quality of men making up the new chapter.

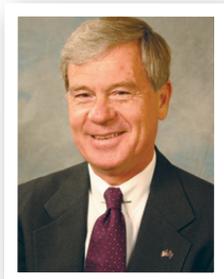
I had the pleasure of attending both the initiation and the installation banquet. Additional photos are available on the "Images Page" of the association website: www.saesd.org

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VOICE OF THE ESA: SPRING GREETINGS

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GREETINGS, BROTHERS, AND PHI ALPHA! As your Eminent Supreme Archon, I'm pleased to tell you that Sigma Alpha Epsilon is now the largest we've ever been with regard to number of chapters. We have 227 active chapters and 17 colonies for a total presence on 244 college campuses. And this year we've reached a major milestone with the presentation of badge 300,000 to Brother Christopher Collins from Nebraska Iota at Creighton University. We are proud of all our new chapters, of course, but we are especially proud of reviving our chapters at MIT, Puget Sound, Illinois and Texas State and will also re-charter our groups at Duke University, Ohio University and the **University of California-San Diego**. In the course of reviving Phoenix Chapters over the past year, we are also proud of new chapters, such as the ones at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and Suffolk University. We look forward to having new colonies at the University of Kentucky, Michigan State University and the University of Missouri in the fall.

From a national perspective, Sigma Alpha Epsilon remains strong this biennium. In the past few months, we welcomed our new Eminent Supreme Recorder and Executive Director, Blaine "Boomer" Ayers. He is leading a truly terrific national staff to great achievements for our Order. The financial reserves of Sigma Alpha Epsilon are the highest they have been in years. Our Foundation has recovered all of the 2007 stock-market-crash losses. And our SAE Financial & Housing Corporation continues to grow in assets and is helping to build new houses at Indiana State University and Indiana University this year.

Many great volunteers are serving throughout the Realm as province officers, chapter advisers, house-corporation officers and board and committee

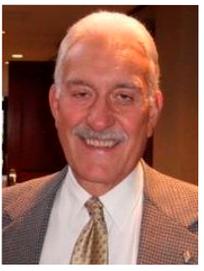
members. We all are committed to making the SAE experience the best it can be intellectually and spiritually and well as providing a growing and learning experience for our collegiate brothers and alumni in loving the life the Fraternity will provide them through the years.

We want the SAE experience to be incredible but, at the same time, we want it to be safe. We are increasing our efforts substantially to enhance awareness of effective risk-management practices that will protect lives and property of not only our members but everyone with whom we come into contact. Our Risk Management Committee has been hard at work this biennium to provide new resources and to help our chapter leaders stop the bad incidents so that our members can live the lives of true gentlemen.

We have a lot for which to be grateful in our 156 years of fraternity life, and we look forward to celebrating our bond with more than 800 brothers at the 77th John O. Moseley Leadership School this August on board Royal Caribbean's Majesty of the Seas. I remember attending the 33rd School – as well as just about every one of them since then – and I can attest that the yearly event is the inspirational and life-enhancing experience it was intended to be by Brother John O. Moseley back in 1935. In addition, local alumni here in Chicago are gearing up to showcase our great city for the 157th Anniversary Convention here in June of 2013. It will have been 50 years since we held a convention in the Windy City, and everyone will get to see our gem, the Levere Memorial Temple, following its \$2.5 million renovation. We hope to see you here next summer and, in the meantime, I hope everyone enjoys a great spring and summer!

Phi Alpha,
Ken Tracey (Eastern New Mexico '70)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Congratulations to the Brothers of California Chi on their recent rechartering. They met all the requirements, placed upon them by the National, in record time from when they were granted Colony status. We look forward to their active participation in Alumni Association events. As we have done with Cal Theta and Cal Alpha

Gamma, the Association will provide Leadership School Scholarships to Cal Chi and host two of their members at every event.

This additional financial support increases the need for brothers to renew their memberships, as well as expand our membership base. With our increased

distribution of the ΣAE News, hopefully those of you, who aren't members, have a renewed interest in ΣAE and will take the time to join. For your convenience, a Membership Application is included with this newsletter. If you have any doubts about your status, please check the membership roster, also included.

On a different subject, the newsletter team would like to bring back the "Alumni Updates" feature, which was part of the newsletter a few years back. If you're a current member of the Association and you've changed jobs, received an honor or had some other newsworthy event take place in your life, please send an email to our Editor, Mike Templeton at mtempleton@sae.org and we'll include it in a upcoming newsletter.

ØA,

Dick Troncone

BRO PRO-FILES: FRANK ARRINGTON (CA-TH '63) - BY MIKE TEMPLETON



Frank Arrington (CA-TH '63)

The other day I asked Brother Frank Arrington how he benefitted from being an SAE from Cal Theta.

He replied that had he not been an SAE, he may not have had his successful career in Mortgage

Banking in San Diego (Frank and his wife Linnea own San Diego Funding, the sixth largest mortgage banking firm in the County).

As Frank was nearing graduation from SDSU with a degree in Economics, three other Brothers, **Ned Smith (CA-TH '61)**, **Ken Krause (CA-TH '63)** & **Jim Crane (CA-TH '62)** were hired by a Business Broker with Colonial Mortgage (Philadelphia). The Broker was unable to find a mortgage company here in San Diego to purchase, and told them that he would like to "start one himself". Ned had worked for Palomar Mortgage for awhile, so he was able to teach Ken and Jim the business and they soon brought Frank aboard after he graduated. After a few years the company grew and the group was able to acquire the franchise from the Broker. Jim Crane's Little Brother **Dick Troncone (CA-TH '67)** was the company's accountant. After a few more years, Philadelphia National Bank purchased Colonial Mortgage and bought the San Diego franchise.

In the 1970s there were very few women in the Mortgage Banking field but Frank's wife Linnea wanted to get into the business. The only person who would hire her was Ned Smith who had stayed on with Colonial after the buyout. Linnea then joined Advance Mortgage which was the third largest in the country. She was "Rookie of the Year" in her first year followed by "Salesperson of the Year" the next year. She then became the San Diego Branch Manager for Anaheim S&L and then with Frank established San Diego Funding, a Mortgage Banking firm, in 1981.

Frank & Linnea's son, **Brian Arrington (WAGA '91)**, also worked in the company until he went into real estate and now has eight offices as the Franchisee for Sotheby's International Realty in San Diego County.

Frank says that if it wasn't for his involvement in SAE many years ago he wouldn't be able to enjoy his many philanthropic activities today — while his wife and son now do all of the work!

Editor's Note: Those of you who know Brother Arrington, appreciate the fact that he did not want to dwell on the details and public recognition associated with his numerous philanthropic activities. However, when one of our own so well represents the high

ideals expressed in *The True Gentleman*, it is only fitting that we celebrate those accomplishments.

In addition to his long service on the Board of the SAE Alumni Association of San Diego, Brother Arrington is past President of downtown Rotary Club 33 and has served on several of their community service committees. One of their activities that he has led since 1996 is the Interact Club Mentoring Program with Wilson Middle School, where each week Frank oversees student leadership and community involvement activities for the students.

Brother Arrington has also helped other kids in our community through his 33 years involvement with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, early on as a Big Brother mentor (twice), and since as a Board Member & past Board Chairman. Frank was recognized by the organization in 1994 as their "Man of the Year".

Brother Arrington is past Chairman and Board Member Emeritus of Sharp Health Care Foundation, and serves on the Advisory Boards of the USD School of Education and Leadership, and the San Diego Opera. In addition, Frank is a Member of the Board of the Legler Benbough Foundation for Philanthropy.

Frank and his wife Linnea also support the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, through their membership in the museum's Collectors' Group.

New Enhancements Planned for Cal Theta Fraternity House - by Dick Lareau

SAE arrived at SDSU in 1949, 63 years ago. The existing local fraternity, "Epsilon Eta" had contacted the national SAE headquarters to become a chapter at SDSU (or SDSC as it was called then), which was granted in the fall of 1949. One of the few remaining "Eps" is our own dear Brother, **Dave Finster (CA-TH '51)**. As a former EA, Dave has this to say about his local fraternity;

"When the new house was being designed by the local chapter and the whole SAE community, it was felt that the original local fraternity should be honored in some way. The newly commissioned architect, **Dick Lareau (CA-BE '54)**, assisted in creating the "Epsilon Eta" room which was intended to be a chapter room. It was to be decorated with photos of the original founders as well as a place to display trophies, priceless books, and relics. Although the basic room was built, due to budget constraints it was never fully completed as intended. The dream of the "Eps" is now in progress! **Gary Losey (CA-TH '79)**, **Mike "Mad Dog" Matson (CA-TH '70)**, and architect Dick Lareau are solidifying ideas to include handsome glass lighted cabinets to house trophies, priceless books, and artifacts. There will also be space for photos of the illustrious Brothers plus American and SAE flags, and, of course, a distinguished lion's head that Mad Dog himself would like to make. Of course we will need funding which we expect will probably come, in part, from fellow alumni as well as a fundraising golf tournament. Our current goal is \$20,000."



CHAPTER REPORTS

CAL THETA (SDSU) - BY ZACH LAWLESS, EA



As you all know, this spring semester brought its fair share of trials and tribulations to our chapter. The loss of our brother and leader, Barzeen Barzanji struck deep and wide through our community. It's not often that a group of young men, such as our brothers, are faced with such a

devastating event as the death of one of our own. However, with the unity of this brotherhood, and the resilience of this chapter, we moved forward, day-by-day, growing stronger and closer as a group. In times like these, there is no better therapy than the full support of our chapter, from the current brothers to the alumni stretching decades into the past. As a chapter, we want to thank everyone for all the support we received over the last few months.

Despite the tragic circumstances, our chapter managed to excel academically. After raising our GPA significantly in the fall, we were able to improve on our success and made the IFC Honor Roll. Our chapters average GPA of 2.994 was far above the all mens average, and ranked us fourth overall in IFC.

We also excelled in philanthropy. Alpha Phi kicked off the semester with their philanthropy, Sun Splash. We placed second overall, and placed in nearly every event

for the week including first place in community service and second in the main event (a synchronized swimming competition). Next up was Pi Phi's Arrowjam, where we took home first place, winning our first philanthropy in five years. The brothers put together a remarkably creative and well-performed dance routine that has since become a viral hit on the web.

As for Inter-Fraternity Council sports, we made a run at sports banner this semester, but fell short after a disappointing loss in the semifinals of the soccer playoffs. We finished second overall, and have a lot to be proud of. Both our football and basketball teams made it to finals after going undefeated during the season. Our soccer and softball teams both suffered upsetting losses in the playoffs, but otherwise had great seasons.

As we get ready for next semester, we have a lot to look forward to. We are still in the process of reconstructing our chapter's bylaws, and are doing so with the help of our alumni. I would like to give a special thanks to all members of the receivership committee for their consistent support and guidance. Thanks to their help, and the dedication of our current members our house is headed for great things.

Phi Alpha!

CAL CHI (UCSD) - BY TREVOR GERARD, EA



Brothers,

I am happy to inform you all that this past quarter brought Cal Chi plenty of good news and cause for celebration. On May 19th, California Chi was honored with a charter from the Eminent Supreme Council. The charter was presented to me personally by the Eminent Supreme

Recorder, Boomer Ayers, and the Eminent Supreme Archon, Ken Tracy. When I received the beautifully framed document, I was struck with an overwhelming sense of satisfaction, but I was quick to remind myself

that this milestone in the Fraternity's history is just the beginning of Cal Chi's journey. We will strive to be the best gentlemen we can be and to improve the lives of others for generations to come. I would like to personally thank all of the Alumni that donated their time and support to our installation.

During our chartering weekend, the Alpha and Beta classes were initiated into the Fraternity, giving the newly christened California Chi Chapter 40 newly initiated brothers. In the first week of June, the Gamma class was initiated, and 7 new brothers were welcomed to our noble order. With the University's commencement this June, California Chi also graduated

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its first class, sending ten brothers to the chapter alumnus.

I, as well as the entire brotherhood of California Chi, are looking forward to the bright future ahead of us. The 2011-2012 year was monumental for our

Chapter, and we look to making the coming years an even greater success.

Thank you and Phi Alpha!

--Trevor Gerard

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CA-CH Chartering Weekend Celebration

(Additional photos are available on the "Images Page" of the association website: www.saesd.org)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



The following list represents currently paid members of the San Diego Alumni Association. Over 75% of these members have taken that extra step to support the Association by becoming Century Members. It is easy to join, just print out and mail the enclosed Membership Application, and view the Association Website (www.saesd.org) to see if you are current.

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RECENT CHAPTER ETERNAL

Barzeen "BB" Barzanji, EA - Cal Theta Chapter



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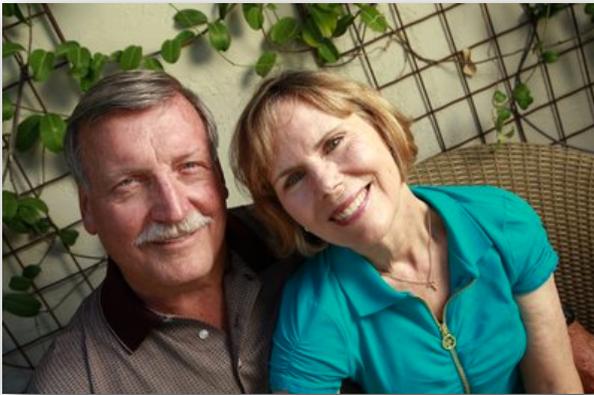
If you are joining within one year after graduation, your first year's dues are \$20.00.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Life-changing Trip Starts Game-changing Festival - Written by Karla Peterson, San Diego UT



Ross Ehrhardt (CA-TH '65), and wife Sue

The story of how Sue Ehrhardt lost her leg in a water skiing accident has drama, pathos and an inspiring ending. But the story that Sue and her husband, Ross, would rather tell is the one that unfolded afterward, because that one has no ending at all.

In 1977, Sue fell while water skiing off Coronado. The ski boat backed over her, severing her left leg at the hip. Five years later, she saw a young man gliding down a snowy Durango, Colo., ski slope on one leg, and she asked him to teach her how to ski. The experience was so life-changing, Ross convinced the members of his Kiwanis club to pay for other disabled people to get adaptive skiing lessons, too.

A few years later, an artist friend suggested holding a little arts festival to help the Kiwanis raise money to send even more people to Durango. And that is the story of how the 26-year-old La Jolla Festival of the Arts came to be, and how the lives of so many disabled San Diegans came to be changed by the programs it helps support.

"It opens your eyes to so many other possibilities," Sue said of the mind-expanding properties of that first adaptive skiing experience. "I felt like I was just like everybody else and I would be as happy as everybody else. I felt like I could live a full life with no excuses."

The first time the Torrey Pines Kiwanis Club Scholarship Ski Program sponsored a trip to Durango's Adaptive Ski School, Ross Ehrhardt and his fellow club members raised enough money selling Sue's Candies to send a party of four. Over 30 years, the club has sent more than 500 students to Durango, where they are treated to a five-day trip that includes lodging, meals, equipment, plane tickets and full-time adaptive ski instruction.

Since 1987, the Torrey Pines Kiwanis-produced La Jolla Festival of the Arts has raised more than \$1.7

million for local adaptive-sports and recreation programs that have served about 40,000 disabled San Diegans. The list of this year's beneficiaries features more organizations providing everything from golf and therapeutic horseback riding to junior wheelchair sports camp and wheelchair rugby.

"I have been affected by Sue and Ross in so many ways," said 17-year-old Patrick Ivison, a quadriplegic and adaptive-sports fiend who had his first Durango ski experience earlier this year. "I have been going to the festival for I don't know how many years now, and every time the goal is to raise awareness and support for these programs that have kept my life going. They help me stay active and healthy and they have kept my quality of life up, along with countless other kids, too."

After Sue's accident, doctors put her chance at surviving at about 10 percent. If the blood loss didn't get her, infection probably would. And if she did survive, the deep gash in her right leg might cause her to lose that one, too.

But Sue Ehrhardt survived, and the energetic 66-year-old retired CPA and her functioning right leg are equally at home on the ski slope, on the golf course and in the garden. Meanwhile, her tireless husband has spent the last few decades turning his wife's spark into a bonfire with room and warmth for everybody.

"The skiing gave her the confidence to go out and try new things. She went out and started her own business, she tried new sports, she goes hiking, she works out almost every day to stay fit. It's just wonderful seeing her enjoying life to the fullest," Ross, 69, said during an interview on the patio of the couple's El Cajon home, where the hummingbirds were having a field day in the native-plant gardens Sue tends with meticulous care.

"When you see someone you love changed that way, you want to do everything you can to give someone else that same opportunity."

So the retired business-operations expert has spent the last few decades helping transform the La Jolla Arts Festival from a gathering of 60 artists at the Jewish Community Center to a must-attend tradition that draws hundreds of artists and yearly crowds of up to 16,000. Sue says the festival is like a full-time job; Ross says it is more of honor, and he won't be giving it up any time soon.

"The human spirit is the most amazing thing you will ever see," said Ross, who is also the president of the Adaptive Sports Foundation. "To help someone go out and do things with their life again is so inspirational. And the people we help come back and mentor other people, and it just continues to multiply. It makes for a better community and a better world."

ALUMNI NEWS (CONT.)

Sheriff Bill Gore Featured at the May Alumni Association Luncheon



Sheriff William D. Gore

Sheriff Bill Gore was the featured speaker at the San Diego SAE Alumni Association luncheon meeting on Tuesday, May 1st

Sheriff Gore oversees one of the largest Sheriff's Departments in the nation: with 4,000 employees, an annual budget of over \$600 million, and a service area of over 4,200 square miles extending to a 60 mile international border. Along with patrol and investigative operations, his department provides air support, search and rescue service, and forensic support for the San Diego region. His department operates seven detention facilities countywide.

Sheriff Gore provided insight into his regional approach to law enforcement and his energetic deployment of technology to the front lines of enforcement. Sheriff Gore's law enforcement career spans over 40 years. He spent 32 years

in the FBI, where he rose to the level of Assistant Director. He served as Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Seattle and San Diego Field Divisions, where he implemented the FBI Cyber Crime Squad and Joint Terrorism Task Force. He played a significant role in establishing the San Diego Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, the first of its kind in the United States.

SDSU President Featured at the June Alumni Association Luncheon



**Dr. Elliot Hirshman, President
San Diego State University**

San Diego State University President, Dr. Elliot Hirshman, was the featured speaker at the San Diego SAE Alumni Association luncheon meeting on Tuesday, June 26th.

Dr. Hirshman provided an overview of the current status of SDSU, and his vision for the University, going forward. He indicated that of the 70,000 applicants, they are now enrolling freshman with the highest ever average GPA scores (3.8). He said that the athletics program continues to be very strong, especially in basketball, and with five members of the swimming team qualified for the Olympics.

In terms of funding, he said that the State of California appropriations have been significantly reduced to only 12% of SDSU's annual budget. On the plus side, they are now bringing in over \$150 million/year in sponsored research funding, which has enabled several breakthrough technologies with commercial potential. One surprising comment he made was that of the 32,000 students, nearly 10,000 pay no tuition!

Dr. Hirshman's vision is for SDSU to join the ranks of top public research universities with a new entrepreneurial spirit, sensitive to public purpose.

Young Alumni Business Mentor Program

The Young Alumni are still seeking brothers willing to provide mentorship advice for active undergraduate brothers. Involvement would entail discussion about your career, resume review, and interview suggestions.

If you would like to participate or know of a brother who you believe would like to participate please contact Chris McCoy (4mccoy@gmail.com / 619-606-3124) for more information.

ALUMNI NEWS (CONT.)

Brother Dick Tronccone (CA-TH '73) Awarded the Order of Minerva



Dick Tronccone (right) and ESR Blaine "Boomer" Ayers

At the recent Cal Chi Chartering Weekend, several awards were given out by ESA Ken Tracey. One in particular is especially relevant to the San Diego SAE Alumni Association. Our leader, brother **Dick Tronccone (CA-TH '65)**, received the Order of Minerva "to recognize outstanding commitment and loyalty to the Fraternity by an alumnus over an extended period of time on various Fraternity levels". As ESA Tracey introduced Dick, he pointed out that Dick was wearing his Distinguished Service Award. This award, which he had received twelve years ago, has only been given to 131 SAEs in the 156 years of the fraternity.

SAE has what they call "the big four" major awards, and Dick has received three of those awards. They include: Order of the Lion; Merit Key Award; and Distinguished Service Award, plus the Order of Minerva.

Needless to say, Dick is one of the more decorated SAEs in the realm. And we all witness the reason, on a regular basis. Thank you Brother Tronccone, for your service to us and SAE!

Four Seasons Candy was Recently on Channel 8 Television with Larry Himmel

"If Willie Wonka had a warehouse, it would be located in Mission Valley, where **Michael McClure (CA-TH '65)** and his wife Linda own Four Seasons Candy. They are San Diego's sultans of sweets," said Himmel. "It's the Cooperstown of confections, the who's who of bite and chew, from Mary Janes to Abba Zabas to Buttons, Pop Rocks to Zotz to Smarties."

"Candy is just a happy business. People love it," Linda said. "There is a certain nobility about this business. Even looking at the candy wrappers of our youth evokes a strong memory of simpler times, when candy was dandy and life was sweet."



Brother Al Higdon's Annual Cal-Theta 50's – 60's Party Held

On June 9th, Brother **Al Higdon, (CA-TH '59)**, hosted his 9th annual Cal Theta 50's – 60s party at his five acres ranch in Crest.

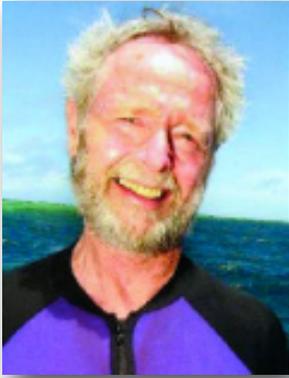
It was a beautiful day and approximately 45 brothers and significant others gathered to reconnect and enjoy Mexican food, featuring "street tacos and fixins". The Mexican theme helped recall times past when it was not uncommon for the Pledges to kidnap selected Actives and transport them to Tijuana.

Additional photos, from the day, are available on the "Images Page" of the association website: www.saesd.org



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CA-TH Fund in Honor of Elon Place - by John McMullen

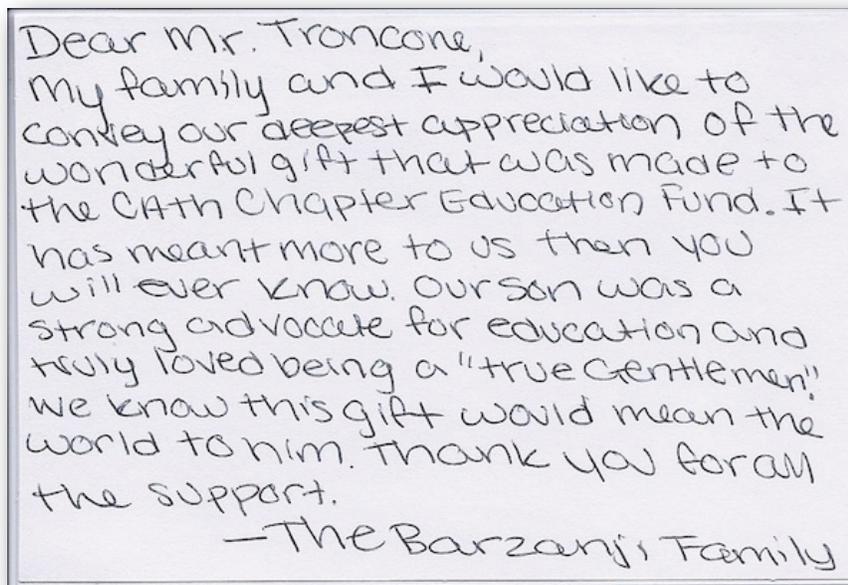


Elon Place (1941 - 2012)

For those of us that knew him, the January, 2012 passing of **Elon A. Place (CA-TH '63)**, was especially difficult. He was a Special Forces hero in the Viet Nam War, he was a skilled and successful attorney, and a loving friend to many of his SAE brothers. Elon was the CA-TH Eminent Archon in Fall, 1962. He was a man who always put SAE in a prominent place in his life. So much so, that he left the SAE San Diego Area Alumni Association \$1,000. In his obituary he asked that brothers donate money, in his name, to the SAE Foundation. To that end, he began those donations with his own donation of

\$10,000. It is called the CA-TH Education Fund. I personally believe it should be re-titled the Elon A. Place CA-TH Education Fund.

After the recent passing of CA-TH EA, Barzeen "BB" Barzanji, the Alumni Association made a donation, in BB's name, to this Education Fund. We received the heartfelt 'thank you' note (pictured below), written by his father.



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