

2015

CHI CHAPTER HALL OF FAME



Purdue University
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY, 28, 2015
CHAPTER HOUSE

Welcome.....

TO THE 19th ANNUAL HALL OF FAME & MAN OF THE YEAR INDUCTION CEREMONY

The 19th Annual Chi Chapter Hall of Fame Awards are presented by the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Purdue University. Conceived as a means of honoring our alumni for outstanding achievements and service, this award has become an integral part of our tradition here at Chi Chapter.

Kappa Sigma is a national fraternity with great pride and a tradition of excellence that our many distinguished alumni have served to enhance throughout the years. Since its founding in 1885, Chi Chapter has seen many brothers rise to positions of prominence.

Congratulations to those who have been awarded this honor!

This year's Hall of Fame inductee is:

John Thatcher '67

Chi Chapter Man of the Year:

Steven E. Springer '67

Program

Welcome

Master of Ceremonies Mike Galt '82

Grace

Riley Rapp '09

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Distinguished Guests

Educational Foundation Board

Alumni Committee (AAA's)

House Association Board

Mike Galt '82

Undergraduate Recognition Scholarships

Lloyd Zickert '45

State of the Chi Chapter House Association

House Board President Doug Kowert '60

State of the Chapter

Ben Capano '11

Hall of Fame Induction

John Thatcher '67

Chi Chapter Man of the Year

Steven Springer '67

Closing

Mike Galt '82

Chi Chapter Educational Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Zane Barnes - Junior
Vincent Cartolano - Sophomore
Philip Cheesman - Junior
Thomas Conner - Sophomore
Michael Cooper - Sophomore
Adam Hufford - Junior
Brad Qualizza - Senior
Riley Rapp - Junior
Collin Schmid - Junior
Jacob Tebbe - Sophomore
Daniel Wagner - Junior
Daniel Warnke - Junior
Edward Barks - Freshman
Johnathon Kenneally - Freshman
Zachary Schmid - Freshman
This year, the winner of the \$500
Robert Sorensen Honorary Rush
Scholarship is Patrick Ryan (Freshman).

Brothers,
Many of you are already familiar with the
Chi Chapter Educational Foundation
(EDFO), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organiza-
tion, that supports educational program-
ming and scholarships for the chapter. At
this year's annual banquet I ask that you
consider making a donation to the EDFO
- additional information on how and where
to donate can be found on our website
(http://chikappasigmaalumni.org/fraternity_edfo/how-to-donate). Alternatively,
feel free to speak directly with me or any
member of the EDFO and we'll be happy
to assist if you have any questions. Thank
you for your continued support!

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CHI CHAPTER MEN OF THE YEAR

2000 Joseph Harshman '48
2001 Scott French '81 &
Mike Galt '82
2002 Robert Sorensen '60
2003 Doug Kowert '60
2004 Eric Wenaas '59
2005 Jim Milner '79
2006 Joseph Harshman '48
2007 Stuart Williams '00

2008 Mike Griffin '90
2009 Lloyd Zickert '45
2010 Gordon Binder '54
2011 William Topercer '58
2012 Steven Beering '85
2013 Mike Eskew '68
2014 Charlie Marshall II '61
2015 Steven Springer '67

MAN OF THE YEAR

Steven E. Springer '67

Semi-retired as a Senior Partner at Kightlinger & Gray, Steve Springer's success can be traced to his time in West Lafayette.

As an undergraduate, Brother Springer made the most of his collegiate experience by heavily involving himself both at Chi and on campus. As a Kappa Sigma, Steve served as both Grand Master of Ceremonies and as Pledge Educator. He also won the Scholarship/Leadership Award. On campus he served as President of the Class both his freshman and sophomore year. He was also involved in Gimlet and Skull & Crescent.

After graduating in 1971 with a BS in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, he served as Flight Officer for the United States Navy where he primarily was involved in P-3 aircraft hunting Russian submarines. He retired from the US Navy Reserve at the rank of Commander.

He continued furthering his education as well, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a JD from Indiana University Law School – Indianapolis.

Springer has since served over 30 years as a civil trial lawyer involved in some of the largest cases in Indiana, primarily in the areas of Aviation, Construction, and Products Liability Law. For his efforts he's been named an Indiana Super Lawyer, as selected by peers statewide, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, which is limited to 1000 practicing attorneys nationwide, Association of Defense Counsel, limited to one attorney per city and the Indianapolis Lawyers Club, also limited membership as elected by peers.

Brother Springer continues to be active in the community, served on the Board of Directors for USS Indianapolis monument as well as the Downtown Indianapolis Kiwanis. He is currently on Board of Directors for the Indianapolis Sciencetech Foundation and is a past president of the club.

He has continued to be involved with Chi of Kappa Sigma, serving on the House Corporation Board for many years, was a volunteer for the Capital Campaign, and for his efforts he was inducted into the Chi Chapter Hall of Fame in 1997.

Judy and Steve have two children, Cindy and Clay, both of whom are Purdue graduates.

"Chi of Kappa Sigma gave me the opportunities to develop the leadership skills that have helped me attain success in my professional life. Equally importantly it also helped forge friendships that have lasted. It has been nearly 50 years since I pledge the fraternity and those I met there are still an important part of my life. 'Not for a day, or an hour, or a college term only... but for life' isn't just a catch phrase. If you put forth the effort, it pays dividends throughout your life."

He is our 2015 Man of the Year.

John Thatcher '67



Initiated in '67, Brother John Thatcher's pledge class was, at the time the largest in CHI's history. With fifty others in that class, John formed bonds with his brothers that have lasted a lifetime. A busy ten semester curriculum culminated in a B.S. degree in Aviation Technology. As part of the Aviation Technology program, he flew for Purdue Airlines where he met his future wife Audrey. They have been married for over forty four years and have two children, Megan and Matthew. He and a few others resurrected the Kappa Sigma Grand Prix race team and made it competitive.

Less than a month after Purdue graduation, John was in the United States Air Force. Basic training was followed by a year of pilot training then flying world wide with his own crew in a four engine jet. Instructor pilot duties were the main focus of his last three years of service. Being an instructor would be a common theme in his aviation career.

John's ultimate goal was realized in 1977 when American Airlines began hiring pilots again. He jumped at the chance and was based in Buffalo, New York for his first year, then based in Dallas/Fort Worth where he and his family have lived since 1978. He was and instructor and evaluator in American's training department for several years. The last six years of his twenty nine year airline career found him flying American's largest jet, the Boeing 777 to international destinations in Europe, South America and Asia.

Forced to retire from American by federal mandate at age sixty, John could not stay still for very long and a job with Boeing's training department was next. He worked with pilots from all over the world in Boeing's 777 advanced simulator training program.

With not enough to do after American Airlines retirement, John became associated with a nonprofit organization, the Flagship Detroit Foundation. He flew the oldest airliner in the world still flying, a restored Douglas DC-3 that was delivered to American Airlines in 1937. The foundation operates the aircraft all over the United States to airshows and charity events preserving the heritage of early American aviation. In July, 2013, he flew the DC-3 to the Purdue airport where it was on display and drew large crowds. This same type of airplane was what he flew for Purdue Airlines in 1968 and 1969. Talk about coming full circle.

Over the years, the core of that 1966 pledge class has reunited many times. The bond has remained strong.

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John Thatcher '67

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|------|----------------------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 2013 | Mike Cline '84 | | Charles Marshall '61 |
| 2012 | Sam Zimmerman '67 | | John Prentice '66 |
| 2011 | Kent Pierce '51 | 1999 | Robert Landis '30 |
| | Matt Brozovic '82 | | James Hunter '54 |
| | Tim Gonderman '83 | | Walt Richey '54 |
| 2010 | Seth Bogin '00 | | Bruce Storm '56 |
| | Conrad Hammond '00 | | Eric Wenaas '59 |
| | James Shively '00 | | Michael Zachary '67 |
| 2009 | Adam Fisher '59 | | Michael Eskew '68 |
| | Michael Pursley '65 | | Jan King '68 |
| | Brad Edwards '83 (2004 Inductee) | 1998 | John Feinler '47 |
| 2008 | Joel Bates '53 | | Jack Houston '50 |
| | Roger Mayes '66 | | Kenneth Appel '54 |
| 2007 | Dean Spencer '53 | | Robert Schweikher '55 |
| | Dale Kramer '58 | | Alan Crebo '60 |
| | Frank Caputo '66 | | Walter Myers '61 |
| 2006 | Charles Aldag '52 | | Ronald Yara '66 |
| | Sam Smith '58 | | Steven Beering '85 |
| | David Robinson '68 | 1997 | Elmer Oliphant '11 |
| | Don Dunbar '81 | | George Goodwin '27 |
| 2005 | Mike Gray '54 | | James Hill '31 |
| | Dwight Abbott '55 | | George Burnell '33 |
| | Bob Worrell '66 | | Robert Keim '39 |
| | Jeff Minner '81 | | Byron Anderson '45 |
| 2004 | Allen Dickason '70 | | Lloyd Zickert '45 |
| | Bradley Edwards '83 | | Richard Freeman '47 |
| | Michael Griffin '90 | | Robert Covalt '50 |
| 2003 | Ben Mottleson '45 | | Walt Houston '51 |
| 2002 | Daniel Evans '49 | | Jerry Albrecht '54 |
| | Charles Benner '66 | | Gordon Binder '54 |
| | David Derrick '66 | | Kenneth Bishop '54 |
| | Samual Rich Tiller '83 | | Daniel Meyer '55 |
| 2001 | Gene Grotnes '48 | | Russell Maier '56 |
| | Bill Schulenberg '48 | | William Topercer '58 |
| | John Haimbaugh '52 | | Robert Sorensen '60 |
| | John McCammon '62 | | Steven Springer '67 |
| 2000 | Robert Jones '61 | | |

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