



Newsletter April 2018



Haven't been through the Alumni Rededication Ceremony yet?? Or graduating within 6 months. The Alumni Chapter partnered with the Case Western Reserve Chapter will be conducting a ceremony following the Case Initiation on April 21st at 1:30pm. Location: DeGrace Hall Room 312 Free meter parking on street on weekends. Cost is \$30.00. Please purchase by Friday April 13th. Visit neodeltachi.com for details.

Member Spotlight: Geoff Westerfield - Ohio State '01



Interviewer: Tell me about your undergrad experience?

Geoff: I had a unique undergrad experience. It started by attending Kent State where I initiated with Delta Chi. Entering college, joining a fraternity was not even a thought I had. But after getting asked to come to the house on University Ave I was hooked. The guys were inviting and welcoming and quickly I realized I wanted to be a part of Delta Chi. However, I knew early on at Kent State that I would be leaving since the university no longer offered my major. After a year, I transferred to Hocking College in southern Ohio where I also served as President of the student chapter of The Wildlife Society.

However, I missed being a part of Delta Chi and with Ohio University not having a chapter I felt a deep loss from my brothers and whenever I would come home I tried as much as possible to stop over to the house. I knew after getting my Associate's degree I would be going to a 4 year college

where I could continue my commitment to Delta Chi. While Ohio State was first on my list, I also entertained Virginia Tech, in part because they had a chapter. However, the scarlet and gray won out and I quickly was welcomed by the brothers at the OSU Chapter. While there I enjoyed the brotherhood and relished in my duties as House Manager. And through all my schooling I maintained a full-time job.r content.

I: How has your life after Graduation been?

G: After graduation I quickly landed a job with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, a competitive job within my field. Through my 17 years there, I have moved up into a supervisory role overseeing human-wildlife conflict and private lands management. I credit much of my growth as a person to Delta Chi and feel that it greatly aided me in landing my job and excelling at it through discipline and commitment to what I work on. These traits I also believe have added to my involvement with several professional organizations such as President of the Ohio Fish and Wildlife Management Association and President of the Ohio Chapter of The Wildlife Society as well as my personal organizations serving as President of both the Summit and Portage County Beekeepers Associations. Amidst all of that I enjoy working on my home remodeling both our home in Akron and our new home in Brimfield. I also enjoy spending time with my wife Heather, an Alpha Xi Delta, and my 4 kids: Allyson-12, Grant-9, Gavin and Grady (twin 4 year old's). My time with Delta Chi certainly helps me navigate the many busy areas of my life. When free time allows, I enjoy a brief removal of the bustle by hunting and fishing and enjoying nature.

I: Why is Delta Chi still important in your life?

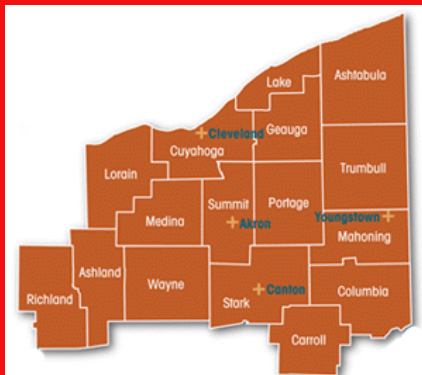
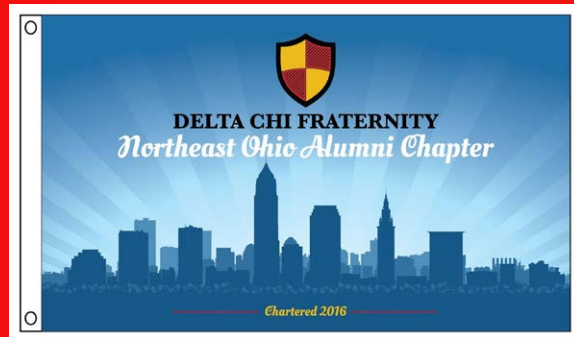
G: I grew up in a divorced household living with my mom. While I saw my dad pretty much every weekend, not having him around every day I feel had an impact on me learning how to be a man. I feel Delta Chi helped address that. Learning etiquette, going to formals, understanding the importance of commitment through ritual, dues, and meetings, learning to help a brother when in need, embracing values, and most importantly how a man should treat a woman were all important aspects that I needed and Delta Chi certainly helped provided those. I feel that every man comes into a fraternity with certain strengths and weaknesses, and if you embrace the brotherhood then those around you can help improve those weaknesses. To this day I regularly reminisce about the days at the house on University Ave, my visits back home from Hocking where I made it a point to visit the house (which now was on Main St), and my time living on 5th Ave. Those thoughts help me navigate through issues I deal with and help me make wiser decisions today.

I: Why do you believe being a member of the Northeast Ohio Alumni Chapter important to you?

G: After graduating Ohio State and settling into my job, I wanted to remain active with Delta Chi. Living in Stow at the time, getting involved with the Kent State Chapter was a given. However, by procrastinating I quickly lost the opportunity with that chapter closing. While I really wanted to get involved with Ohio State, the drive was a bit more than I could make work at the time. That all turned into me shoving Delta Chi to the back burner with a hope that one day maybe I could make the commitment back to the Ohio State Chapter. After 15 years of not being involved with Delta Chi, the opportunity arose to jump back into Delta Chi with the Kent State Chapter recolonizing. After the first meeting with the alumnae to discuss the recolonizing, I was hooked once again with the fraternity. I remember coming home and telling my wife that being a part of Kent State and the NE Ohio Alumni Chapter was something I wanted to do. While my roles in personal and professional organizations were gratifying, the connectedness of the personal organizations was minimal and the professional ones seemed temporary and would be lost when I retired. I realized that being able to be a part of developing men and gaining new brothers would make a more meaningful impact on society much more than any of my other affiliations. The process of helping get Kent State going and being a part of the NE Ohio Alumni Chapter has shown me that a man, no matter from what chapter, is family and bleeds the same blood. I look forward to reconnecting

with old brothers and meeting new brothers from other universities with the Alumni Chapter and not only developing new men within the Kent State chapter but also continuing to develop myself as a man.

This year at the, 61st International Delta Chi Convention in Denver Aug. 1st - 5th, 2018, the Northeast Ohio Alumni Chapter will be having our new Chapter flag hanging over the ballroom. Currently we have 4 Chapter members coming, want to join register today at deltachiconvention.org



Who is the Northeast Ohio Alumni Chapter???

We are a group of Alumni from all Delta Chi Chapters living in the Northeast Ohio area, to gather at events to celebrate Brotherhood and Social justice through philanthropic events.

Membership is \$35/year, visit neodeltachi.com

All events are open to every Alumni from any Chapter. Though members will receive a discount at most chapter events. Membership also allows you to have opportunities to help with event planning and ideas.



Coming Events:

April 21st: Alumni Rededication Ceremony
May 1st: Cleveland Indians outing **Sold Out**
Aug. 1-5: 61st International Convention
Winter 2019: Region VI Regional Leadership Conference

In the works:

Cavs playoff watch party
Chipotle/Chick-fil-a Jimmy V fundraiser

Visit neodeltachi.com for all details and events

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