

# GAMMA-RHO CHAPTER KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY

*23<sup>rd</sup> Annual A. L. Slonaker  
Hall of Fame Awards*



*October 22, 2010*

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# *Welcome.....*

## **TO THE 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL A. L. SLONAKER HALL OF FAME**

When the local Delta Phi Fraternity affiliated with Kappa Sigma in 1915 as the Gamma-Rho Chapter, its members established a tradition of excellence and brotherhood which has been cherished and nurtured by each succeeding generation of members.

As of today, approximately 1,700 men have been initiated into the brotherhood. There are now approximately 1,200 living Gamma-Rho Alumni who, with few exceptions, were members of an active chapter that was the clear leader on the University of Arizona Campus. Year after year, as individuals and as a group, the men of Gamma-Rho have distinguished themselves with high academic standards, excellence in athletics, and campus leadership.

The dimension of brotherhood has always been the chapter's greatest strength. Many close ties which began in the chapter have flourished for entire lifetimes. Large numbers of alumni are residents of the same communities, while others still sharing the bond live across the country from each other. The common interests of Gamma-Rho Brothers have changed in many cases, but the beginnings of friendship always go back to their association in the fraternity.

While this year marks our 9<sup>5th</sup> year on the Arizona Campus, it also is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Awards Banquet. Conceived as a way of honoring alumni for outstanding achievements, this award has become an integral part of the tradition at Gamma-Rho. Inductees are among a select group of alumni. Recognition is given to those who have excelled in their career, in their service to the community, and/or to the fraternity. In conjunction with the A. L. Slonaker Hall of Fame Inductees, Gamma-Rho also honors an alumnus as the Mike Cagalj Man of the Year and recognizes several other alumni and undergraduates for awards.

We hope you enjoy your weekend and plan to make it back in the near future.

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# Program

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**Invocation & Moment of Silence**

**Introduction of Special Guests**

George Jenson '82

**Dinner**

**Presentation of the A. L. Slonaker Hall of Fame Inductees**

George Jenson '82

**2010 Hall of Fame Inductees**

Mark Sellers '69

Pat Moran '92

Branden Lombardi '01

**Presentation of the Mike Cagalj**

**Man of the Year Award**

Matt Noble '82

**2010 Man of the Year**

Earl Pottinger '48

**Good of the Order**

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# 2010 A.L. SLONAKER

## *Hall of Fame*

### *Mark Sellers '69*

Mark Sellers took full advantage of the opportunities presented to him at Arizona. As a member of Kappa Sigma, Brother Sellers, when not instigating food fights found time to serve as Vice President. He also made his presence felt on campus as a member of the Daily Wildcat Staff, on Traditions, and as a member of the Inter Fraternity Council. He graduated with a B.A. in Government in 1971 and followed up with a Juris-Doctorate in '75.

After receiving his law degree, Sellers embarked on a career path which involved his serving as City Attorney for the City of Thousand Oaks, California as well as the Adjunct Professor, Land Use Law, at Pepperdine Law School. He is currently a partner at Jackson, DeMarco, Tidus & Peckenpaugh. He has served on the Board of Directors for the County Bar Association, President of the Tri-County Government Attorneys Association, and has been a contributing editor to the California Land Use Practice (CEB) and Municipal Law Handbook.

Mark has also been busy in the community, serving on the Board of Directors for the Cal State University Channel Islands Foundation; Director of the Thousand Oaks Alliance for the Arts, and as a Director for the South East County YMCA. He is also a member of the Thousand Oaks Rotary Club.

Brother Sellers also spent some time helping out good old Gamma-Rho by serving as a member of the New House Committee. He also served for many years on the Gamma-Rho Housing Corporation.

Mark and his wife "Professor" Linda, have two children, Samantha, 22, and Hayden 8.

When asked about the honor and fraternity, Sellers responded he had "Some great memories of those longer hair, carefree days and to be honored for my ongoing curiosity in coming back to Tucson each Fall to see the brothers and how many new gray hairs had appeared."

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## Patrick Moran '92

Brother Moran has a long history of existence with Gamma-Rho Chapter. Initiated in 1992, Brother Moran went to work for the fraternity and hasn't stopped since. As an active, his involvement included serving terms as Social Chair, Neighborhood Relations Chair, Grand Master of Ceremonies, and Rush Chairman. Patty Mac also served as Vice-President for Public Relations, Inter-Fraternity Council.

After graduating with a BA in '97, he was off to attend Law School at the University of Wyoming. While working towards his JD (received in 2000), he still found time to help out the fraternity by serving as an advisor for Delta-Gamma Chapter of Kappa Sigma.

Brother Moran returned to Tucson in 2000 and started a three-year stint as a Public Defender for the city. He now is the owner of his own firm, the Law Offices of Patrick Alan Moran.

He has continued to serve Gamma-Rho as an Assistant Alumnus Advisor and Alumnus Advisor from 2000 through 2009. He is currently serving on the Gamma-Rho House Corporation. And when not advising undergrads in the fraternal capacity, when boys will be boys, he has taken a page from Bill Risner '62's book and has been known to advise them in the legal capacity as well.

He and his wife, Jolena, have a two-year-old daughter, Keely.

“Kappa Sigma served an important role in my college experience and beyond. The leadership and social skills that I learned in the fraternity have helped me in both my professional and personal life since college. Our chapter at the U of A was always a tight knit group of brothers and the friendships I made endure even to today. I will never forget the experiences that I had at Gamma-Rho and I continue to look back on the fraternity days as some of the best of my life. I will forever be a Kappa Sigma and a Gamma-Rho in both heart and spirit, and I look forward to helping the chapter re-establish itself in the coming years.”

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# Branden Lombardi '01

Prior to enrolling at Arizona, Lombardi had already battled, and beaten, cancer once. After raising \$20,000 through a golf tournament to help improve the quality of patient life, Branden headed off to the U of A, and rushed Kappa Sigma. As an undergraduate he was the 2002 Homecoming Chair, received the 2002 Community Involvement Award and was a winner of the Matt Whaley Scholarship in the Spring of '03.

The cancer returned, cutting his academic pursuits (temporarily) short. After multiple surgeries over several months, he beat the disease, again, and continued his Foundation efforts... The Branden Lombardi Foundation ([www.theblf.org](http://www.theblf.org)) has completed projects in 15 hospital and cancer centers over the past decade, with another 5 projects currently in the works.

Lombardi's efforts lead to him being chosen to carry the Olympic Torch prior to the 2002 Winter Olympiad in Salt Lake City. During that process he met then-Diamondback pitcher and fellow torch-bearer Curt Schilling and the two collaborated on a new program, "Rallycaps", a program designed to give major league ball caps to cancer sufferers as they undergo treatment.

Branden is an Senior Analyst with Arizona Land Advisors, and was involved in the brokering of Estrella Mountain Ranch in Goodyear, Arizona in 2005-2009, a \$450MM sale.

When not in the office or working on his foundation, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Celeste, and their daughter, Sophie.

He is also a current member of the Gamma-Rho Housing Corporation. Brother Lombardi financially supported the chapter after leaving school, including the 2005-06 refurbishing of the Chapter Room. In recognition of ongoing efforts with his Foundation, the Gamma-Rho Chapter has named the philanthropy award after him... The "Branden Lombardi Community Service Award."

"The Chapter and Fraternity helped create a sense of belonging on a large college campus. It helped instill in me the value and importance of friendship, and also what you put into an endeavor you are repaid 10 fold. Kappa Sigma, my brothers and the alumni have supported my Foundation and my personal pursuits. The sense of brotherhood is strong, and does not disappear even if you see someone infrequently or years apart."

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# 2010 MIKE CAGALJ

## *Man of the Year*

### *Earl Pottinger '48*

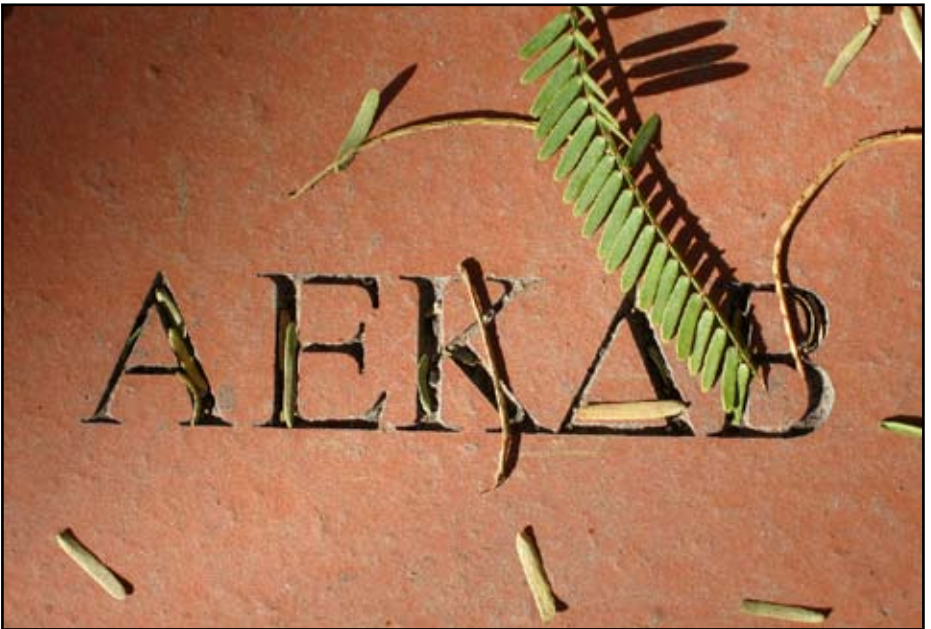
Brother Pottinger was born and raised in Nogales, Arizona. Upon graduation from High School in 1945, during World War II, he joined the United States Navy serving mostly on the battleship USS Texas. In the fall of 1946 he enrolled in the University of Arizona. He pledged Kappa Sigma and after initiation in 1948 found a niche as Social Chairman, a position he held for three years. He graduated with a degree in Education and was also commissioned a Second Lieutenant through ROTC in the United States Air Force.

He was called to active duty during the Korean Conflict in 1951 through 1953 and then returned to Tucson where he got into the Insurance Business. He, along with other Kappa Sigma Brothers, continued to organize and promote social events, golf tournaments and anything to continue the close relationship of Kappa Sigma. He stayed in the United States Air Force Reserve for 22 more years and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

After 21 years in insurance he opened a Bar and Restaurant in Nogales, Arizona and sold it after 15 years. Brother Pottinger and his wife, Marilyn, moved to Green Valley in 1996 where he continues to organize and promote including, in conjunction with homecoming, an annual dinner for around fifty brothers and their wives.



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