



# The Alpha Phiji Phlier

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## 50/60s reunion canceled

I am sorry to report that there was not enough interest in attending the reunion at the end of April to continue to plan it. The Brothers from the 50s had developed a strong bond that lead to good turn-outs and lots of fun at the past periodic reunions. Unfortunately, too many have passed Ad Astra, or find it too difficult to travel to reach good attendance. We had hoped we could pass on this camaraderie to the 60s guys, but discovered our contact data is suspect, and the ties to 707 have not developed as well as the Brothers of the prior decade, a tribute to the outstanding fellowship of those days. One of the lessons learned from this activity is that we need to improve our communications. Go on to the story below for some ideas to achieve this.

## Renew the connection

If you haven't been to a Pig Dinner recently, or haven't seen you classmates since graduation, shame on you. If you have been, you know that "Friendship *is* the Sweetest Influence" is true. The reason I have been so active in the graduate relations for 30+ years (triggered by being thrown off campus) is the outstanding Brothers that I have gotten to know as part of making things happen. There is no pay for doing this, but the relationships that you re-establish are priceless. What we need is for the leaders of each class to embrace this concept and make a vow to reconnect with as many classmates as he can. Our improvements in our database (see below) make this a doable challenge. Just drop me a line [fjiman@metalmasters.com](mailto:fjiman@metalmasters.com), and I can walk you through reconnecting. Try it — you'll like it!



## Major improvement in Brother Data

Thanks to the insight of our new webmaster, Aaron Ellis '08, finding a contemporary Brother is easier than it has ever been. You can look up by name, class, or city in a much more user friendly format than the old system allowed. The feedback from our recent Pig Dinner mailing resulted in over 200 corrections to addresses, and other data. Telephone numbers are probably the weakest element because we have not tested them lately. Check it out. Look up your own data. If it is wrong, you can easily submit a correction. Try your classmates and send me any corrections you uncover. Just go to: <https://phigams.org/private/> and click on Database of Brothers. You may need to set up your account to gain access (easy enough). Let me know how you like it. [fjiman@metalmasters.com](mailto:fjiman@metalmasters.com) You can also help us find the lost brothers who have moved on, but haven't given us their latest data. There's a good chance you know how to contact them. While you are browsing the brother Data, also check [view the list of missing brothers](#) link to see if you see anyone you can update of the nearly 200 Lost ones.

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