

2022 PIG DINNER BIO

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I came to Iowa State in the fall of 1969 to play baseball. My timing was great, we had a good group of players. Although we were picked to finish last in the Big 8, we went on to win the championship and advance to, and win the District 5 playoffs (the super regionals today). We beat Tulsa in a two out of three series, and continued on to the 1970 College World Series where we finished 5th in the country. The next year we won our second conference championship.

I pledged Alpha Iota because my dorm food service was usually closed by the time we were done with practice and a teammate, Larry Dietrich, class of '72, invited me to his fraternity to get some food. I believe I was the longest active pledge in the house's history. I pledged in September 1969, but wasn't activated until February 1971. Somehow the pledge trainer couldn't understand that pledge meetings at 4:00 in the afternoon conflicted with my baseball practice and I wouldn't be there.

Two great decisions, coming to Iowa State and then pledging Alpha Iota, were made for the wrong reasons. I married a wonderful KKG after my Junior year, I got a great education, and I was forever linked to a great group of brothers.

Graduating in 1973 with a degree in Industrial Administration, my wife, Ginny, and I moved back to Glen Ellyn, Illinois where I joined my dad and my uncle in the family construction business. After eight years, when my dad and uncle were no longer able to work, I took over the business and was fairly successful. Six years later, I sold the business to do something important with my life. I went back to school and got a Masters Degree in Education and my teaching certification. I went on to teach 4th and 5th grade for the next twenty-three years.

Ginny and I have two children, Tricia and Bill, both Iowa State graduates. Bill pledged Alpha Iota in the fall of 1996 and I reconnected with the brotherhood at 325 Ash. At that time, one of my pledge brothers, Mike Owen, was a university professor and the academic advisor to the house.

Since retiring ten years ago, Ginny and I love to travel anywhere that is warm and has a beach, or where children and grandchildren are present. However, we still love the change of seasons and will pack up our snowshoes and head to our house in Door County Wisconsin.

When Lynn Schroeder asked me to speak this year, I was hesitant at first, but it has turned out to be a blessing. It has caused me to reconnect with two of my best friends from Alpha Iota, one of which I hadn't spoken with since I stood up in his wedding 49 years ago. Additionally, my son, Bill, will be returning to 325 Ash for the first time in 22 years. Can't wait!