



This month's DTN Spotlight interview is with Kenneth J. Veil ('63). We thought it would be fun to also include some comments about Ken from his DTN brothers and close friends while at UD.

Ken's hometown is Detroit, Michigan where he graduated from Catholic Central High School. In coming to UD he decided to be a business major business and he lived at Founder's Hall. Ken lived on the infamous 1st floor of Founder's and pledged DTN his sophomore year. "Jimmy Byrnes and I became good friends and he brought me to DELTS and to Jack Schrader ... and that's how it went from there. Everybody was connected to Jack!"



"I really liked the guys, and we got along so well ....it was a great fit for everyone involved" About the pledge process he recalls: "The experience was a lot of fun – I think we had some good times. I remember being dropped off in a field somewhere, with Pledge Brothers, Mazza and Spehar. Somehow in the dark we found our way back to campus, but I can't recall exactly how." "Hell Night was very memorable – with all that molasses and bird seed. You never wanted to be near that basement!" But the net result was "Charlie and I became great friends and still keep in touch once a year at least. I also keep in touch with Donny Zimmer and Mike Spehar."

"We used to call Kennie "the cool one" or "cover" (real clever of us since his last name was "veil" as in cover.). He was certainly the ladies man and he was never shy about reminding all of us how good looking he was. It's a good thing he was only about 5 feet tall (he's actually taller than that but if you're quoting me you can put 5 feet) because if he had those looks and was 6 ft. tall, there wouldn't have been any women left for the rest of us. He thought he was really clever because he was constantly ready with a "pun". Most of his responses made you want to stuff a sock in his mouth. Some, and I mean only a few, were very funny. And then of course he would follow that up with 2 or 3 more as "pun extensions". Truth is Ken is genuinely a very kind and thoughtful guy. I consider him my very good buddy and he made my time in and after school much more enjoyable." Charlie Mazza.



Ken's work life was very rewarding and successful. A human resource professional with over 25 years of progressive accomplishments for domestic and international operations, his experience included management positions in heavy and light manufacturing, distribution, health care and consulting with companies including Maximus, Forum Group, AM International, Inc. At Allied Products Corporation, he served as corporate labor relations manager and negotiated/maintained 30 labor agreements represented by 15 international unions. His responsibilities included chief spokesman, labor agreement maintenance including grievance investigation and response, arbitration, union avoidance campaigns, N.L.R.B. elections and E.E.O. complaint investigation



and resolution. Ken also worked as Chief Spokesman in labor negotiations with numerous international unions including UAW, IAM, IBEW, Molders, Teamsters, and Steelworkers. All in all, quite a corporate experience!

“I hope this isn't too late to get in for Ken Veil article. Everything Charlie Mazza said was right on the money. Ken and I hooked up again after college in Schamburg, Illinois; our first jobs were there. Every Saturday without fail we would play golf. In fact, if the real truth were known he taught me all the fundamentals of the game. Ken had the patience I never have seen before or since. You are not going to rile him ever; he is as smooth as glass. I would throw a club and he would just say after a bad shot: " I missed it" and move on. It was always great to go out for drinks he would attract all the baby dolls; and we could go from there. He would be great to bet on in a poker tournament you will never know what he's holding. Ken, we love you. Crazy. Charlie Sciuillo.



Ken says “my best memories of being a brothers general camaraderie, playing football and generally – not always winning – the parties were great a good amount of beer was flowing!”

But aside from his work and US pals, Ken’s greatest success is his beautiful and close-knit

family. He met his wife Debbie and got married in 1976. Debbie was a flight attendant with TWA (now on American) and has been flying 38 years. She also worked the troop mover with World Airways. Ken and Debbie did a fair amount of travelling but with kids, it’s not easy. His first daughter Amanda was born in 1981 and graduated from Purdue. She’s a schoolteacher and recently gave birth about two months ago to Ken’s grandson Eli. His second daughter, Kendra, was born in 1984. She graduated with a double major from IU and is currently selling pharmaceuticals to doctors and hospitals.



These days Ken is consulting and doing a great public service by driving a school bus with autistic kids for the past 5 or 6 years. He humbly says: “they are great kids and need the help. I am very happy to be of service to them ... “

So there you have it fellow Delts – Ken’s got a great recipe for personal and professional success on many levels!

