

BUCKEYE PHI

Ohio Zeta Chapter • The Ohio State University

Columbus, Ohio

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FOUNDERS DAY LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 AT 1942 IUKA

"The House on the Hill"

We hope you'll join us for our Founders Day Luncheon on Saturday, April 13, at the chapter house. Guest speaker will be Mike Bell, author of *Unsung Hero*, the story of Ohio Zeta President Lenny Thom.

This BMOC of 1940 was a star on the football team, president of the house and the executive officer of the PT-109. Destined for bigger and better things, Lenny was tragically killed in a car train crash in Ravenna, Ohio.

Receive an author's signed copy of this book at the luncheon. We are trying to reach the Phis of the 1940s and '50s who knew Lenny. We will also be dedicating the Lenny Thom Memorial Study and Library.

Even as we speak, the old Presidential room on the second floor is under construction. The room will be equipped with study tables, computers and pictures of all the former presidents who served Ohio Zeta.

The informal get-together will start at 11:00 a.m. with coffee and Buckeye doughnuts followed by a tour of the Lenny Thom Memorial Study and Library. Luncheon will be at 12:30. Mike Bell will speak as will special guest Charlie Maag, bond #619, who will share his thoughts about his good friend. Charlie will no doubt tell the story of his illegal substitution

and field goal that beat Purdue with seconds remaining on the Ohio Stadium clock.

Other events on the schedule:

Optional tour of the new Jack Nicklaus Museum and/or stadium ~ 3:00 p.m.

Optional beverages at the Varsity Club ~ 5:00

Optional Dinner at the Buckeye Cafe ~ 7:00

There are a limited number of luncheon reservations available. Call or e-mail **Bob Roemer** at **614-421-6927** or **ohiozetapdt@yahoo.com**, or mail your response:

Attention: Bob Roemer

Phi Delta Theta

1942 Iuka Avenue

Columbus, OH 43201.

The cost of the event, including the book, is \$25 per person. All excess proceeds will help pay for the Library.

If you cannot attend ... send a donation of \$25 and we will send you a signed copy of *Unsung Hero*. Make checks payable to Phi Delta Theta Library Fund.

We hope you'll be there. Make your reservation today!

OHIO ZETA STILL MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN A CHANGED WORLD

By Bruce Rothermund '90, Alumni Association President

Like everyone else, my perspective on the world has changed since Sept 11. The events of that day have changed the way we view our lives and the people in them. Suddenly our daily tasks seem trivial and unimportant in the scope of world events. What has come to the forefront of people's minds is the importance of family and friends, and how those relationships shape who we are. People want to strengthen those ties and treasure the

time that they have with those close to them, as well as have a positive impact on the community around them. In essence, we are all striving to make our little corner of the world a better place to be.

Some of the relationships that have had major impacts on all of our lives are those we formed in college, specifically those resulting from involvement in a fraternal organization. Personally, my relationships with brothers from Ohio Zeta have influenced every facet of my life — socially, ethically and in the business environment. I would argue that every one of us is a better person because of our membership in Phi Delta

Theta. Greek alumni are leaders who change the world around them.

Consider these statistics if you will:

- Since 1900, two-thirds of U.S. Presidential Cabinet members have been Greek.
- Since 1910, 85 percent of Justices named to the U.S. Supreme Court have been Greek.
- 65 percent of U.S. physicians and 78 percent of U.S. lawyers are Greek.
- Each year, Greeks do more than 850,000 hours of community service.
- Greeks lead 40 of the 50 largest U.S. corporations.

INTRAMURAL OHIO STATE FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Total Teams = 22
Winner = Phi Delta Theta

Route to Championship

Bye	1st Round
Acacia	28 - 7
Delta Chi	19 - 7
Beta Theta Pi	25 - 0
Phi Kappa Tau	7 - 0

Team Members

Back row, from left: Chris Detwiler '02, Danny Richardson '03, Andy Laughhunn '04, Ronnie Hawn '03, Mike Terrigno '02. **Middle row:** Jason Shelley '04. **Front row, from left:** David Miller '02, Brian Gerschutz '02, Ignacio Covarrubias '02.



TRACE YOUR OHIO ZETA FAMILY TREE

Our newest “shiny-pin” is Charles Gray, who hails from Lancaster. He holds Bond Number #2370. He has volunteered to put together a family tree of the house. For example, do you know your Big Brother’s Grand Big Brother, or your pledge brother’s family tree?

In other words, can you name five generations in your Big Brother lineage? Or can you just name some big brothers. Any help tracing the family trees is greatly appreciated, as this is information that has not been written. Go for more, and report it to **Chas Chuck Gray** at tbhuge@hotmail.com.

If you need help, you can call **J. R. Roemer** at 614-421-6927. He has most of the phone numbers and addresses of most Ohio Zeta Phi Deltas.

So call Bob Roemer or send him an e-mail at ohiozetaφdt@yahoo.com. If all you know who is your Big Brother, that’s okay.

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- Thirty-three U.S. Presidents were Greek.
- Two-thirds of the nation’s most influential business and political leaders are Greek according to Fortune Magazine’s list.
- 71 percent of fraternity men and 80 percent of sorority women graduate, as compared to 50 percent and 60 percent of non-Greek men and women.

With statistics like this, it is easy to see the impact that our organizations have over time. In his book *Bowling Alone*, sociologist Robert D. Putnam chronicles the disintegration of America’s social structure, showing how our increasing disconnection from each other has wreaked havoc on our physical and civic health. This research, as well as other

studies, highlights the fundamental power of affinity groups like fraternities in creating a society that is happy, well-educated, healthy and safe. Our Greek alumni are active at church, in local government, and in other community activities. We should feel good about our long track record of success, and the positive things that we can do in the future. Your support and involvement allow us to continue to involve more young men in our “program” who graduate and are a good influence on the people around them. The relationships that they live with will be more solid and make their little corner a better place to be because of their membership in Ohio Zeta. Our fraternity continues to do good. Our fraternity continues to churn out leaders. Support us.

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George A. Sargent '37 (109 Rodney Cir., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010) I celebrated my 86th birthday in California with my daughters and some of my grandchildren — I’m proud of all of them. I am a widower of over a year now and enjoying life again. As each new activity is entered into, a little more of the recent life is dragged into my consciousness again and life becomes more fun! Give me a couple more years and my replies will become more positive.

Eugene F. Dornbrook '41 (8800 Pinehurst Dr., Parma, OH 44129) I

spent almost two years as a POW at Stalag Luft III in Germany. I retired in February 1982. I had surgery on my spine in December 2000 at the V.A. Hospital-Wade Park in Cleveland, Ohio, and spent six and a half weeks in the hospital. Back O.K.

Ned K. Barthelmas '50 (1000 Urlin Ave., #2204, Columbus, OH 43212) President of First Columbus Realty Corp. In December 2001, I was recognized for inclusion in *Who's Who in the 21st Century* and included for the 17th time in *Who's Who in the World*.

A. Jackson Smith '52 (3661 Rose Glenn Dr., Toledo, OH 43615; jax8@juno.com) On July 21st, I celebrated my 50th wedding anniversary with my Delta Gamma bride, Sally Koepp. Two Ohio Zeta members, **Graham Watts '52** and **Bob Winzeler '55**, were there for the party, along with a Phi from Williams, Jim Mc Nerney.

David L. Hull '61 (983 Bushwood Ln., Columbus, OH 43235; dlhull@cc.owu.edu) I have retired after 30 years at Ohio Wesleyan University where I was the Henry E. Parrott professor of

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mathematics and statistics. During Homecoming Weekend 2000, **Bill Miller '61** and his wife stayed at our home. We were joined on Friday evening by **Jerry Leist '62** and his wife from Circleville. We had lots of fun talking about old times. We concluded the evening with a visit to 1942 Iuka Avenue. After about 25 years, **Pete Warnick '61** and I have reconnected. He is also retired and we've gotten in several rounds of golf this summer.

Nicholas S. Zettler '61 (3097 Elbern Ave., Columbus, OH 43209; jz@copper.net) I have three grandchildren. I enjoyed a trip to Spain and saw **Tom Dougan '62**. I would like to see **Bob Yance '61**. (*We need an address for Bob. Can anyone help?*)

Henry B. Green Jr. '64 (19788 Otsego Pike, Bowling Green, OH 43402) I'm still practicing pediatric medicine in northwest Ohio. We have had several Phi Deltas in our residency program at Riverside Mercy Hospital in Toledo.

Kerry C. Dustin '67 (425 8th St. S., Naples, FL 34102; kcd@fallsrivergroup.com) Chairman of Falls River Group and recently elected as president of the International Association of Merger & Acquisition Professionals.

W. Thomas Roemer '68 (12718 N. Lakeshore Dr., La Salle, MI 48145; roemert@roemer-insurance.com) Vice chairman of W.F. Roemer Insurance Inc. My fabulous wife, Vickie, has led the charge raising daughters Tracey McCall and Molly. Tracey graduated from MSN and is becoming a star in L.A. Molly's a sophomore at MSU and may also pursue a career in entertainment. My Phi Delt mom, Peggy, is doing well and life is grand on Lake Erie. I keep in touch with many Ohio Zeta brothers.

Thomas A. Backhus '70 (P.O. Box 1078, Avon, CO 81620; tbacko@aol.com) I am the owner of 4 Eagle Ranch, an entertainment ranch near Vail, Colo. We're entering our 12th year of business. Stop and say "hello" if

you're vacationing in the central Rockies.

Mark W. Sheehan '71 (1231 E. Michener Way, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126; shiekosu@aol.com) Cardiologist. I have been involved in a Christian mission to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. I am returning October 17, 2001, with 29 health care workers. We are building a Christian clinic on the grounds of the military hospital in Phnom Penh and hope to build a Christian hospital in one of the provinces.

Robert S. Sallade '72 (371 Old Garden Ln., York, PA 17403; bobcarmat@aol.com) Vice president at Charles A. Schaefer Inc. My wife and I will be staying with Brother **Tom Panek '68** and his wife again — playing golf with Brothers **West '72, Oswald '71** and **Swain '70!**

David C. Wood '76 (PMB131, 9650 Stickland Rd., Ste. 103, Raleigh, NC 27615; dave.wood@veritas.com) OEM business development at Veritas Software.

Mark S. Bernsdorf '77 (1094 Highland Dr., Hilliard, OH 43220) Year-long planning finally came to fruition with the reunion of **David Loveday '79, David Priestley '78, Larry Hutchinson '76, Matthew Supinski '78** and I in October 2001. I had tried for 22-plus years to find my first little brother, Matt Supinski, to no avail. In the summer of 2000, my third little brother, **William Benko '81**, was getting a Saturday morning haircut in Boise, Idaho, where he lives. He saw an ad in a fishing magazine for the Gray Drake fishing lodge, Capt. Matt Supinski. He immediately sent that article to me and during the OSU/Michigan game in November 2000, plans were made for a future fishing trip. Everyone "moved heaven and earth" and had a wonderful weekend in Newaygo (northwest of Grand Rapids), Mich., on the Muskegon River, catching 20-pound-plus king salmon and reliving the awesome year

of 1977. That year, Phi Delta Theta dominated Greek Week by winning the Greek Sing, singing barbershop quartet, with myself as "Patton" and Matt with his awesome five-and-a-half minute piano medley — to say nothing of the Greek Games! It was great to get together and hopefully we'll do it often! Pictured (L-R) are Brother Loveday, myself, Brother Priestley, Larry and Matt.



David F. Baehren '82 (10 Greenbrier Ct., New Orleans, LA 70131; dfbaehren@aol.com) Physician at East Jefferson General Hospital. My family and I spent the day with **Brad Berlekamp '82** and his family at Clear Lake, Ind., this past summer. It was great to see my old roommate and see how his two wonderful kids have grown.

Martin P. Majka '83 (5279 Wood Run Blvd., Columbus, OH 43220; martym@coldwellbanker.com) Residential realtor with Coldwell Banker King Thompson. My wife, Jeanne, and I gave birth to our son, Trenton Paul, on July 28, 2001. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Joseph Belinske IV '85 (4734 Swathmore Pl., Sylvania, OH 43560; jbelinske@mrco.com) Partner in Michael Realty Co.

Michael D. Winzeler '85 (255 Connin St., Bryan, OH 43506; mwinzel@bright.net) My first child was born on December 17, 2000 — William "Owen" Winzeler.

William T. Malone III '87 (3890 Lakeshore Dr., Newport, MI 48166;

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malonem@bsci.com) Division manager at Boston Scientific Corp.

Timothy S. Schlachter '87 (2370 Waterford Village Dr., Sylvania, OH 43560; tim@buckeyespecialtyhomes.com) President of Buckeye Specialty Homes. **Glenn Alban '88, Tony Phillips '86** and I recently enjoyed a charter fishing trip on Lake Erie. Once concerns relating to the boat's passenger weight limit were satisfied, our good ship set sail. Official fish count: Myself - 39; Phillips - 28; and Alban - 16, of which eight were of edible size.



Gary L. Szerszen '73 (Apt. 618, 1000 Urlin Ave., Columbus, OH 43212; gszerszen@aol.com) Senior vice president of real estate sales at Aberdeen Sterling Realty. Everything is great in Columbus. It was great to see Brother **Bill McCaffrey '73** in Columbus for his goddaughter's wedding, along with old Phi Delt friend Walter Fritz. Pictured (L-R) are Walter, myself and Bill.

Glenn F. Alban '88 (2400 Mac Ct., Worthington, OH 43235; galban@netwalk.com) Attorney and partner in Alban & Alban. My wife, Cindy, and I had a son, William Robert Alban, on June 17, 2001.

Frederick G. King '88 (7281 Country Club Ln., West Chester, OH 45069; frederick.king@givaudan.com) Vice president of legal affairs at Givaudan.

Joseph D. King '89 (16058 Henley Rd., Cleveland, OH 44112; jking@ait-applied.com) Attorney and assistant general counsel at Applied Industrial Technologies.

Randall T. Gerber '90 (1410 Lincoln Rd., Grandview Heights, OH 43212; rgerber@columbus.rr.com) My wife, Emily, and I are pleased to announce the birth of our first child, Zoe Wills Gerber. Zoe was born on August 6, 2001, at 8:13 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 1/2

inches long. For those concerned or curious, her head was only in the 25th percentile!

Bruce Rothermund '90 (6455 Newgrange Dr., Dublin, OH 43016; bruce.rothermund.gbgf@statefarm.com) and wife Jill welcomed their first child to the world on 7/14/01. Her name is Gabrielle, has her mother's dimples and her dad's stubbornness. Bruce is a State Farm agent in Columbus and Jill has put her career on hold to raise a family.

Brian D. McKee '93 (8505 Chilcomb Ct., Weddington, NC 28173; bdmckee@

worthingtonindustries.com) Territory manager for Worthington Steel. My wife and I moved to Charlotte, N.C., in July 2001. We are pleased to join Brothers **Brian Starcher '91** and **Lars Johnson '88** in the Queen City. On September 4, our first child, Deven, was born at 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and 21 inches.

Dale E. Fife '95 (3512 Brook Spring Dr., Grove City, OH 43123; d_fife@msn.com). Front end mechanic at Sam Schmidt Motorsports. I have been working on Indy cars raced in the IRL.

Bryan C. Jostworth '95 (3550 Gailynn Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45211; bjostworth@msn.com) Technical sales representative at Braden Sutphin Ink Co. Christine and I recently had our first child, Maggie Rae. She was born on September 17, 2001 — a beautiful little girl at 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and 21 inches. All is good in Cincy. I recently

acquired the Columbus territory with my job, so I will be back in C-town two or three days a week. I hope to see some of the guys on my travels. P.S. God bless all those Phis in the military during these next few months. Be strong as we know you are!

David B. Stevenson '00 (1827 W. Fletcher St., Chicago, IL 60657; davidbstevenson@yahoo.com) Financial adviser at Morgan Stanley. I recently met with Jason O'Rourke from the PDT Foundation here in Chicago. Did you know that there is no Phi Delta

Theta alumni club, association or anything in Chicago or Illinois? So, Jason and I are discussing ideas on how we can get something together up here.

Bradley W. McKay '01 (3076 Bethel Rd., Dublin, OH 43220; mckayosu24@yahoo.com) Sales representative with MCI World Com.

NEW ADDRESSES:

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David E. Steed '81 (7913 Sligo Creek Pky., Takoma Park, MD 20912; steed@aol.com)

Mark E. Farnham '84 (farn1@msn.com)

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **J. Edward Weaver '32** (5/22/01), **Joseph W. Moss '33** (7/01), **Hal E. Snedden '43** (5/01), **Louis C. Cobb '49** (4/10/00), **William W. Taylor Jr. '51** (12/25/00) and **William A. Booth '56** (5/7/00). Phi Delta Theta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.