



Central Ohio Alumni Association of Phi Delta Theta

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PDT Wins Gold Star... Again

Phi Delta Theta held its annual Emerging Leadership Institute in Oxford late this past August. During these four days, young men were given the tools to succeed and help guide each of their respective chapters. Along with this workshop, General Headquarters gave out its awards based on the accomplishments of the past year. At the awards banquet, the Ohio Zeta chapter of Phi Delta Theta was awarded the Gold Star for the second consecutive year, an award given to the top chapters of Phi Delta Theta nationally.

The award is handed out to a select number of chapters based on a wide range of requirements. The criteria includes all parts of fraternity life, such as grades, community service, athletics, financial operations, recruitment, risk management, and chapter size.

Along with winning the Gold Star, the men of Ohio Zeta were awarded the General Headquarters Trophy, also known as the GHQ trophy. This award is built upon a point system where points are given to each chapter according to bills that are paid on time and monthly updates that are sent to nationals. Ohio Zeta was one of a select few chapters nationally who received a perfect score. ■

President's Report

You Can Make the Difference!

Think about all that Phi Delta Theta gave to you during your time at OSU. Think about the friendships, the fun times and the memories. I would like to extend a warm thank you to all of you who have given back to your fraternity over the years since graduation. Whether you've made a financial contribution, volunteered your time, or recently visited the house, you are helping to support the vision of the alumni association. It is because of you that we are able to continue publication of *The Buckeye Phi*, helping you to connect with your college friends.

To expand on our efforts to reconnect Ohio Zeta brothers, I am happy to announce the alumni association has invested in the launching of an interactive alumni website. This is a website created for our alumni, by our alumni – and I hope that you utilize it as a place to rekindle friendships and memories. In order for the site to be a success, we need your participation! We'd love to post your old photos, alumni updates or upcoming tailgates or reunions you've planned. Send any content you'd like to share to our representative at jessica@affinityconnection.com, or via hard copy to the address below. We're also searching for an interested alumnus to help maintain the website as an administrator. If you'd like to volunteer, email me at bruce.rothermund.gbfg@statefarm.com for further information.

The alumni website will feature:

- A searchable online directory
- News and from the chapter
- Details of upcoming events
- A bulletin board where you can "chat" with alumni brothers, and advertise your business and/or services
- Updates from alumni brothers, and the ability to post your own
- The ability to update your contact information online
- A photo gallery – to remember your Phi Delt days!
- And much, much more!

While the URL of the new site has not yet been determined as of press time, I would like to be sure that we have your email address on file so we can inform you as soon as the site is up and running! Please send your email address, along with the email addresses of any Ohio Zeta brothers you keep in touch with, to jessica@affinityconnection.com. Just be sure to include PDT OSU in the subject line.

Lastly, I would like to send a special thank you to the 141 alumni brothers who contributed to our '04-'05 annual fund (their names were listed on the fall appeal Honor Roll of Donors that was recently mailed). Because of their support, we raised more than \$16,000 toward our communications program, including publication of *The Buckeye Phi*, the launching of our upcoming website, and maintenance of our database of more than 1,450 active alumni. Please consider making a gift in '05-'06 to help to continue our success as an alumni organization! You can either phone in your credit card donation to our toll-free hotline at 800-975-6699, or mail a check to the address below (be sure to mark PDT at OSU on your check for faster processing!). The success of our organization relies on the participation of our alumni brotherhood.

You can make the difference!

Bruce Rothermund '90
President, Central Ohio Alumni Association

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**Include your name, class year, and Phi Delt OSU on all correspondence. ■*

Phi Delt Events

By Craig Grant '91

Fore! Golf Outing A Success

The 2005 PDT Alumni Golf Outing was a great success thanks to all the participants. This year I tried something different by developing a web site, www.pdtgolf.com, and promoting the event electronically. The model worked this year as we made just enough money to cover the costs of the event, the web site, secure the course for 2006, and subsidize the actives that participated in the event. Despite a short rain delay after nine holes, which turned out to be pretty enjoyable in the clubhouse, the Golf Club of Dublin proved to be a terrific venue and the event went off without a hitch.

A broad range of age groups was represented including two foursomes of active members as the day started with fraternization and skills challenges. Brother **Fritz Wink '89** won the long drive contest without much competition, sorry Tommy, and two teams posted an impressive 10 under par. But at the end of the day the team of **Tony Phillips '86, Rob Anderson '89, Donny Martin '88, and Jeff Cooke** took home this year's trophy (so to speak).

I expect to have a similar format next year that will include golf, skills challenges, beverages, dinner, and awards included in the entry fee. We will return to the Golf Club of Dublin next year on August 5 and hope to have over 100 players attend the event. Over the next few weeks the web site will be updated and pictures from this year's event will be posted along with details, registration, and payment options for the 2006 event. ■



Active brothers take a break to pose for a picture.



Team Croatia: Jack Tzagournis '92, Bill Stephenitch '88, Dave Rywalsky and Tom Stephenitch '91.



The winning foursome: Tony Phillips '86, Rob Anderson '89, Donny Martin '88 and Jeff Cooke.

Help us find a lost Phi Delt!

We've lost touch with the following Ohio Zeta brothers over the years. If you know of their current whereabouts, please email Bruce Rothermund at bruce.rothermund@gmail.com. Help us reconnect them with Phi Delta Theta and our alumni brotherhood!

Thomas L. Yates	1957
David B. Presar	1958
Robert F. Yance	1961
Clark Berry	1961
Crosby M. Manchester III	1962
Forrest M. Claypool	1962
Myron T. Recob	1964
Niels E. Christiansen	1965
Michael Seicara	1965
James Friel Jr.	1966
Edward Weber	1966
Kenneth C. Wessling	1967
Melvin Kosanichich	1969
Robert Burrows	1970
Douglas M. Scherer	1970
Richard J. Holloway	1970
Richard B. Hoskins	1971
Mark Clark	1972
William M. Johnson	1972



Furniture Drive

Brothers Help Less Fortunate

On the last weekend of August, the men of Phi Delta Theta coordinated a furniture drive with assistance from central Ohio's Free Furniture Bank named M.A.P. (Material Assistance Providers). The event was a great success as the men of Phi Delta Theta worked from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day to collect enough furniture to fill a 53-foot trailer truck and a box truck.

The furniture ranged from couches, chairs, refrigerators, lamps, and beds. All of these items will go to help those who are less fortunate and unable to provide themselves with their own furniture and other items necessary to help start a home. M.A.P. continues to collect donations throughout the year. The main contact for M.A.P. is Jeff Hay, who can be reached at (614) 853-9355.

Phi Delta Theta was proud to help and looks continue their help with another furniture drive each spring and fall. ■

John R. Smurda	1974	Thomas A. Chantler	1981	James S. Mitchell	1993	Joseph R. DiPaolo	1998
Mark S. Spivak	1974	David N. Sweet	1982	Steve Ayers	1994	Dan Niedhant	1998
Richard D. Dick	1974	Brian Michalec	1983	David K. Turley	1994	Ralph Lyon	1999
Robert Rogers	1975	John Jacobs	1983	Andrew M. Awkrin	1995	J. R. Morgan	1999
Randy Bryant	1976	Donald T. Kaiser	1983	Daniel Dilley	1995	Brad Bess	2000
Joseph G. Ceryan Jr.	1976	Larry M. Thomas	1983	Kyle Vallentye	1995	Steve Bossark	2000
John Apple	1976	Jeffrey E. Frazier	1985	Ryan J. Snider	1995	Julian Rosewood	2001
Gerard L. Moosbrugger	1976	Robert Dipangrazio	1987	Matthew E. Smith	1995	Michael Pfaff	2001
Russell L. Meyers	1979	Martin R. Kaczmarck	1988	Carlos Ralton	1995	Ronald A. Hennen	2001
Pedro A. Gonzalez	1979	Ronald S. Allen	1988	Clinton Rex	1996	Bradley W. McKay	2001
James A. Dezellar	1980	Paul Baerenstecher	1989	James Curry	1996	Josh Sikora	2002
William M. Harpenau	1980	David DUBYNE	1991	Jason Graniere	1996	Ryan Zeppernick	2002
Thomas G. Taylor	1980	David R. Eastwood	1991	Ryan Schoels	1996	Craig Defilipo	2002
Raymond A. Saint John	1980	Shawn K. Harter	1991	Alan William	1996	Frederick Strauch	2003
James Stover	1981	Terrence R. Hazlett	1991	Roger Schaefer	1996	Ronnie L. Hawn	2003
James D. Johnson	1981	Mark A. Gadbury	1992	Matthew C. Kesterson	1996	Robert Pierce	2003
Jeffrey P. Teuscher	1981	Jeffrey McGurk	1992	Robert Gillie	1997	Eric Kortanek	2003
Gary H. Trudeau	1981	Jonathon Peele	1993	Paul J. McCusker	1997	Scott Morris	2003
Christopher Harrison	1981	David C. Minich	1993	Brian C. Ballard	1997	Aaron Shaftel	2003

Alumni Updates

Robert W. McKee '37
(7200 Fairhaven Apt. C052, Third Avenue, Sykesville, MD 21784) I am in a retirement home (Fairhaven) and in fairly good health. I lost my wife 2 years ago. I hope to get to OSU and Columbus later this year. I have good memories of "the House on the Hill," **William "Tippy" Dye '37** and the good old Phi Deltas.

Charles W. Porterfield '46
(5708 Wallingwood Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46226-1341; chuckmim@aol.com) I have been retired for about 17 years and have enjoyed it immensely! We like to travel a bit and love to see our widely scattered 6 children, their spouses and our grandchildren.

Glenn A. Barber '50
(200 Granger Rd. #25, Medina, OH 44256-8414) Married to Patricia with 3 children: Deborah, Mark and Melinda. We have 4 grandchildren: Jeff, Michael, Taylor and Alex.

George N. Jonson '56
(44 Sandalwood Ter., Hamilton, OH 45013-1435; georgenjonson@msn.com) I am still in the active practice of law. Sophia and I have 4 grandchildren who keep us quite busy. I am in my 24th year as a member of the Hamilton City Board of Education and currently serving

as President for the 6th time.

James L. Snook '59
(2124 Ottawa Beach Rd., Holland, MI 49424; snook-scharlow@comcast.net) It was quite a surprise to hear from Phi Delt after more than 40 years of no contact or information I look forward to having renewed reason to be supportive of Phi Delta Theta and your alumni relations efforts.

David L. Hull '61
(983 Bushwood Ln., Columbus, OH 43235-5017; dlhull@owu.edu) Retirement is great. Judy and I split our time between Columbus, OH and Naples, FL. Last winter, **Gerald "Jerry" Leist '62, William "Bill" Miller '61** and their wives joined us for an evening out. I see **William "Bill" Mielke '63** and **Paul "Pete" Warnick '61** on a regular basis. We play lots of golf and have been joined by **Thomas "Tom" Battenberg '63** or **John "Jay" Schoedinger '64.**

Gordon L. Starr '62
(9172 W. Tulip Dr., Columbus, IN 47201-9105; gstarr@iquest.net) For all of my time in the Phi Delt house, I was known as "The Green Man". I am retired from Cummins Engine Company in Columbus, IN. I married Jane McLaughlin and

had several brothers in my wedding, many of which will remember the blast we had at the wedding reception. I would like to rekindle the friendships that I had with guys in the house when I was there. In retrospect, those were the best years of my life.

Jerry L. Hainen '65
(2000 N. Blanchard St., A pt. 1, Findlay, OH 45840; jhainen@bright.net) Jan and I are managing two senior citizen buildings in Findlay plus other properties. It seems like the older we get the harder we work. We're looking forward to taking a trip somewhere on our Harley this spring if we can get away.

Gary Colburn Aker '66
(2555 Pennsylvania Ave. N. W. #508, Washington, DC 20037) I am president of the Public Relations Global Network Inc.®, a network of leading independent agencies with more than 70 offices worldwide. I continue to head up my own 23-year-old Washington public affairs firm, The Aker Partners Inc. A corporate director of the firm is fellow Buckeye Phi **Douglas R. Smith '67.**

C. Scott Greene '67
(21300 Via Del Parque, Yorba Linda, CA 92887-2561). There's nothing very exciting

doing on right now – at least nothing my fellow Phis would be interested in. But thanks for publishing the newsletter! I read every issue thoroughly and enjoy hearing what's going on at the Lodge, and with my Brothers in the Bond.

Michael Kollar '71
(36 Titus Ave., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-1661; MKGolfs@comcast.net) Last year I retired from a 29+ year career at Johnson & Johnson. My time is now divided between my family, the Red Cross, travel, golf and some real estate development. We have a son at the University of Southern California and a daughter who is a junior in high school. Until she gets her license,

Thomas M. Grubs '75
(5346 Radcliffe Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560-1838; grububs@aol.com) I have been Development Manager for Rudolph/Libbe Properties, Inc, a Commercial, Industrial and Retail Development Company in Sylvania, Ohio; now in my 14th year. I have been happily married for 19 years to Cynthia Sue. We have two children, Michelle will soon be 18 and Tommy is 14.

Timothy S. Spoerl '81
(2224 Berger Ct., Hamilton, OH 45013; timothyss@cs.com) Resided in 2P(p for

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party) with **Leland E. Moree (Chip)**. Wife of 20 years Sandy - 3 daughters Alison 17 - Stephanie 15 - Katie 12. All are huge Buckeye fans and considering OSU. They think Heiniegate looks fun (please don't let me see them on the Jumbotron).

David F. Baehren '82 (2151 Hawthorne Rd., Toledo, OH 43606-2644; dfbaehren@ameritech.net) I recently published my first novel, "Roads to Hilton Head Island." My first novel blends medicine, corruption, and murder into a thrilling story using memorable characters. Some will be loved, others despised. My family and I lived on Hilton Head in the early 1990s while I was the director of emergency services. I am an emergency physician and live with his wife and two children in Ottawa Hills, Ohio.

Martin P. Majka '83 (5279 Wood Run Blvd., Columbus, OH 43220-7305; martym@coldwellbanker.com) Real Estate Agent with Coldwell Banker King Thompson Realtors since 1989 and a member of the 10 Million Dollar Sales Club. Wife Jeanne and son Trenton who is (will be) 4 years old in July reside in Dublin. We are expecting our

2nd child in June. Web Address is www.midohiorealestate.com or www.martym.com. Office located at 7240 Muirfield Drive Dublin, Ohio 43017.

Jack P. Sperry '85 (2181 Dalton Ct., Miamisburg, OH 45342-6702; phone 937-384-1143; js1825@aol.com) My wife Kathy and I and our two children (Alexandria 4yrs & Emma 17 months) moved to Miamisburg, Ohio. I left Bank One in August after almost 19 years and joined EFMARK Premium Armored as National Account Executive. EFMARK Premium Armored is an ATM service and armored company out of Chicago.

Robert S. Pema '86 (430 Trillium Dr., Galloway, OH 43119-9670; rspema@yahoo.com) I live in Columbus with my wife, son Patrick (5) and twins Brady and Mairin (1 1/2). I practice primarily on the west side, though am operating at a surgery center in New Albany. I haven't talked to anyone recently but would like to hear from **Tom Wherry '85** and **Steve Bumb '87**.

Glenn F. Alban '88 (7100 North High Street, #102, Worthington, OH 43085; galban@albanandalban.com) Recently took & passed the Ohio real estate title insurance

license test and moved office from downtown Columbus to Worthington, Ohio.

Christopher J. Zazo '90 (1002 Allen St., Dallas, TX 75204-5751; chrizazo@charter.net) Happily divorced and working on new adventures in real estate and construction opportunities. Still keep in touch with **Joe Vereecken, Pat Murphy '89** and **Fritz Wink '89**.

Thomas M. Stephenitch '91 (100 E Campus View Blvd., S te. 25, Columbus, OH 43235; Tom_Stephenitch@nylim.com) Recently moved to Chicago. Am a Director for New York Life Investment Management LLC Retirement Plan Services-Institutional Alliance 2820 N. Greenview Avenue # F Chicago, IL 60657 Tel: (773) 325-9490 Cell: (614) 570-8252 Fax: (773) 325-9491.

Robert G. Windesheim '92 (12189 NW 75 Pl., Parkland, FL 33076; robwind@comcast.net) (H) 954.575.3689 (C) 954.324.6601 Our new son, Bobby, was born in November. Recently moved to South Florida to open up a new business, Emergency Vehicle Supply.

Shawn M. May '94 (5227 River Forest Rd.,

Dublin, OH 43017-8693) New email address: shawnmay_home@yahoo.com

Michael W. Kincaid '94 (2133 Sandover Ct., Upper Arlington, OH 43220; kincaiddds@columbus.rr.com) Cosmetic dentist across from Riverside Hospital (614) 457-8400

Matthew E. Smith '95 (1579 Grandview Ave., Columbus, OH 43212-2457; msmith@healthlinxsearch.com) I am currently living in Grandview Heights, Ohio and working as a Senior Search Consultant with HealthLinx Executive Search for 6 years, working with hospitals on the West Coast on Nursing Administration recruitment and retention. Still getting to spend time with brothers **Chad Turner, Tim Mardas '94** and **Mike Walter '94**, yet losing out to wives and children more and more. ■

Memory Eternal

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **Raymond Miltz '41**. Phi Delta Theta mourns his passing, and extends condolences to his family and friends. ■

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- Photos from Alumni Golf Outing
- News from your Alumni Brothers

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