

## IN THE WORDS OF ALUMNI

### Why Do You Support the Annual Fund?

"Because it provides an opportunity to learn, make friends and grow as young men. It's an experience that you can't place a price on!"

- Mark Farnham '84

"Now that I am in a position to support the fraternity, I gladly do so. In my opinion, if the fraternity did not mean anything to you, then you have no continuing obligation. But if you were one of the lucky ones, then you need to give back, not the same as but greater than the fraternity was transmitted to you."

- Jack Luce '65

## ON THE WEB

Haven't yet registered on our alumni web site? Do so today to see online photo albums, news and event details, alumni updates and much more!

1. Go to [www.ohiozeta.com](http://www.ohiozeta.com).
2. Click on First Time Login.
3. Enter your last name.
4. Select your record.
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Central Ohio Alumni Association of Phi Delta Theta

# BUCKEYE PHI

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## HOUSE CORPORATION REPORT

### Take Action

*With Successful Alumni and Active Chapters, Take the Opportunity to Become Re-Involved with Ohio Zeta*

*By Bruce Rothermund '90*

Greetings from beautiful Columbus. After weathering some interesting wind storms, and a tough start to the Buck's football season, I am happy to inform everyone that all is well in the world of Phi Delta Theta. Our undergraduate brothers are reporting great success in recruitment, philanthropy, operations, academics, facility improvements, and social events. The chapter's performance over the last year and into this quarter should make all Ohio Zeta alumni proud.

***"We could not communicate as regularly as we do, maintain accurate contact information on brothers, provide access to [www.ohiozeta.com](http://www.ohiozeta.com), host tailgates and other events, or support the chapter without YOUR support."***

The Alumni Association and House Corporation can also report successes – financial solvency, active alumni engagement, and another successful 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Phi Open. I want to publicly acknowledge and thank **Craig Grant '91** for his active role in organizing the Phi Open every year. Without his leadership on the Phi Open, we wouldn't have such a great event.

As most of you know, we have kicked off the 2008-09 annual giving year on September 1. I want to thank the 111 donors that contributed more than \$13,000 to the 2007-08 annual fund, and especially recognize **Ned Barthelmas '50** as our top donor. We could not communicate as regularly as we do, maintain accurate contact information on brothers, provide access to [www.ohiozeta.com](http://www.ohiozeta.com),

host events, or support the chapter without YOUR support.

Still, we experienced a drop in giving last year, and need you to make or renew your commitment to support Ohio Zeta. We have a goal to reach more than 155 donors this year (only 10% of our membership), and generate \$17,000 or more through the 2008-09 annual fund.

Aside from our fundraising goals, we just want to hear from you at some point this year. If you value your experience and friendships through Phi Delt, I strongly encourage you to take one of the following ACTIONS to keep our alumni brotherhood strong and active:

- ✓ Submit an alumni update telling us what's new in your life.
- ✓ Register on [www.ohiozeta.com](http://www.ohiozeta.com), so that we can communicate with you more economically.
- ✓ Reconnect with a classmate or pledge brother you haven't spoken with in a year or more.
- ✓ Help us find a "Lost" brother (see page #3).
- ✓ Attend or consider hosting an event with Phi Delt from your era (we can help).
- ✓ Make a donation to Ohio Zeta's 2007-08 annual fund, and encourage one of your pledge brothers to do the same.

Do something today! I look forward to connecting with a number of you throughout the course of this school year. Thank you for your ongoing support, and Go Bucks!

## CHAPTER REPORT

### Ohio Zeta Wins Awards for Outstanding Diversity and Excellent Ritual

#### Chapter Establishes New Philanthropy Event to Benefit ALS

*By Kevin Young, President, Ohio Zeta*

The spring quarter was filled with great success at Phi Delta Theta. To begin, our GPA was a 3.10, which tied to rank 11<sup>th</sup> out of 32 fraternities. This GPA was ahead of both the All Greek Men and All Undergrad Men averages. Next, the spring showed great growth in the Philanthropy department. Led by **Nikhil Verma**, we were able to host the First Annual Phi Delta Theta Home Run Derby. This event raised \$500 for ALS research and should be even better next

year. Also, the spring brought in seven new members. All of these men appear to be showing great promise and will likely hold leadership positions in the future. In addition, Ohio Zeta won an award for Outstanding Diversity Programming at the Ohio State Greek awards, for having a speaker from Teach for America attend our chapter meeting. We also won the Biggers Ritual award at General Convention, an award that is given to the top Phi Delta Theta chapters that practice

excellent ritual.

The men at Ohio Zeta would like to give a special thanks to **Chris Duger** (Bond #2132) for helping us repair and refinish our front porch. In addition, the patio was also restored by a few active brothers this past spring. Finally, we wish to invite all alumni and their families to our Homecoming cookout before the Penn State game from 3:30 to 5:30 at 1942 Iuka. Thanks and we hope to see all of you soon!

## ALUMNI UPDATE

The Class of 1956 holds an annual class reunion, and has celebrated them in places including Columbus, OH; Charleston, SC; Coronado, CA; Sarasota, FL and Las Vegas, NV. They plan to hold the 2009 reunion in Sedona, AZ.

This year, the OSU Phi Deltas and their wives toured campus in an OSU bus and returned to some of the old haunts, including the fraternity house at 1942 Iuka. The USC game that weekend was not

the highlight of the get together but the comradeship couldn't be beat. Several of the brothers had not seen each other for over 50 years.

For more information on next year's reunion feel free to contact **John (Hank) Ruehlin '56** at [ruehlin.associates@att.net](mailto:ruehlin.associates@att.net) or **Joe Kirwin '56** at [mjkirwin@aol.com](mailto:mjkirwin@aol.com).

*Thank you to John Ruehlin for submitting this photo!*



## 2008-09 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank you to the following alumni who have helped us to get a great start to the new giving year, which began September 1! Add your name to the list by making a donation at [www.ohiozeta.com](http://www.ohiozeta.com).

#### **Founder's Circle (\$500 - \$999.99)**

John A. Rolls 1964

#### **1848 Society (\$250 - \$499.99)**

Richard W. McCabe 1953  
Robert L. Rewey Jr. 1961, 1963

#### **1942 Iuka Ave Society (\$194.20)**

Christopher T. Peele 1990

#### **Azure Club (\$100 - \$194.19)**

Kenneth J. Rees Jr. 1948  
Richard K. Desmond 1950  
Richard A. Secrist 1950  
Jack E. Weaver 1950  
William J. Booker 1952  
Robert D. Shoemaker 1952  
A. Jackson Smith 1952  
John G. Sweeney 1952  
Charles K. Humbert 1953  
Robert M. Nelson 1954  
Thomas M. Stockdale 1955  
George N. Jonson 1956  
James E. Hartley 1957

Everett W. Musser 1958  
Thomas A. Holton 1964  
Michael Kollar III 1971  
Keith A. Davis 1976  
J. Brian Mullen 1976  
Paul F. Davidson III 1977  
Richard C. Smythe 1981  
Jeffrey P. Teuscher 1981  
Mark S. Silbaugh 1986  
Steve C. Julian 1990  
Thomas C. Erbeck 1991  
Michael A. Tzagournis 1992  
Kyle S. Ballantyne 1996  
Regan Berry 2004

#### **Argent Club (\$50-\$99.99)**

Yale H. Schalk 1950  
Thomas E. Crawford 1958  
Paul W. Warnick 1961  
John H. Thomas 1962  
Mark E. Farnham 1984  
Anthony J. Phillips 1986  
Steven M. Schranz 2004

#### **Other**

Forbes L. Linkhorn 1953  
James E. Hensal 1967

*Reflects gifts received as of October 13.*

## LOST LIST

### Help Us Find a Lost Brother

We've lost touch with the following alumni and need your help to find them. If you know of their current whereabouts, go to [www.ohiozeta.com](http://www.ohiozeta.com) and update their contact information via the Interactive Lost List on the home page.

Richard Nicola '75  
Bart Smole '75  
Thomas Grubs '75  
Robert Blank '76  
Robert Braun '76  
David Wood '76  
John Cochran '76  
Eric Davis '77  
Scott Taylor '77  
William Cass Jr. '78  
Matthew Davis '78  
James Henshaw '78  
Charles Johnson Jr. '78  
Gregory Lyon '78  
Arnold McBride '78  
Mark Mesec '78  
Andrew Parker '78  
Randall Sroczynski '78  
Mark Starr '78  
John Tolson '78  
James Yankle '78  
Richard Broughton '79  
Pedro Gonzalez '79  
Michael Mink '79  
James Morris '79

Thomas Byrnes '80  
Thomas Fairgrieve '80  
Andrew Fugazzi '80  
William Harpenau '80  
Richard Johnston '80  
Kurt Koett '80  
Kyle Mercer '80  
Steven Custenborder '81  
James Johnson '81  
Steven Parnell '81  
Arthur Pierce III '81  
David Simpson '81  
Timothy Spoerl '81  
Richard Garman Jr. '82  
Jerome Gohman '82  
Lewellyn Holder '82  
Steve Schatz '82  
Daniel Weiner '82  
David Bell '83  
L. Crawford Jr. '83  
John Dundon '83  
John McMullen '83  
Brian Michalec '83  
Gilbert Neal '83  
Kevin Payne '83

David Retford '83  
Scott Sommers '83  
Thomas Withers '83  
Brian Hauck '83  
Michael Byrnes '84  
Raymond McGuirk '84  
Brad Porterfield '84  
Robert Sperry '84  
Howard Lonsdale '84  
Jeffery Stansley '85  
Todd White '85  
Robert Gaddis '86  
Grant Keehn '86  
Daniel Love '86  
Michael Riley '86  
Sean Sweeney '86  
Timothy Thomas '86  
Tim Cellars '87  
Michael Derivan '87  
Robert Fenstermaker '87  
Scott Hazlett '87  
Jason Janoski '87  
Timothy Schlachter '87  
William Wolff '87  
Joseph Griffin '88  
Bradley Jester '88  
Martin Kaczmarck '88  
C. Skaates '88  
Chad Amato '89  
Roy Bartelmay '89  
Michael Meyers '89  
Steven Philabaum '89  
David Vernon '89

Fritz Wink '89  
Adam Fox '90  
Kenneth Garman '90  
Randall Gerber '90  
Robert Graham '90  
Christopher Mills '90  
Christopher Caldwell '91  
David Dubyne '91  
Clinton Metzger '91  
Timothy Stone '91  
Jerry Palmer '91  
Sherman Everett II '92  
James Hill '92  
Daniel Wise '92  
Jason Butcher '93  
Douglas Dunlap '93  
Andrew Eckert '93  
John Glonek '93  
Marc Goldberg '93  
James Mitchell '93  
Joseph Sauk '93  
Douglas Beh '94  
Jonathon Calland '94  
David DuPuy '94  
Michael Ruckel '94  
Michael Walter '94  
Matthew Weidner '94  
Andrew M. Awkrin '95  
Scott Beale '95  
Gary Holzhausen '95  
Jon Meyers '95  
Carlos Ralton '95  
Harry Smith '95

Kyle Vallentye '95  
David Zimmerman Jr. '95  
Christopher Duger '96  
Jason Granieri '96  
Theodore Mandes '96  
Ryan Schoels '96  
James Ahrens '97  
Clayton Hall '97  
Jason Granieri '98  
John Kern '98  
C. Mason III '98  
John Romans '98  
Nicholas Rozanski '98  
Bill Shaw '98  
Robert Bean Jr. '99  
Jonathan Groff '99  
Ralph Lyon '99  
Mark Stoessel '99  
Patrick K. Shea '00  
Matthew Griffin '00  
Ronald A. Hennen '01  
Craig Defilipo '02  
Ryan Zeppernick '02  
Kevin Carnell '02  
David Robison '02  
Isiah Brooks '02  
Scott Morris '03  
Marcin Welch '04  
Scott McCarthy '05  
Scott LesChander '06  
Brian Navarre '06  
Michael Eagan '07  
Ben Snyder '07

Visit [www.ohiozeta.com](http://www.ohiozeta.com) for a full listing of our 260+ lost brothers.

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual PDT Golf Classic

A special thanks to all Ohio Zeta brothers who attended the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual PDT Golf Classic on August 2. Here are a few photos from the day's activities. Visit the online photo albums at [www.ohiozeta.com](http://www.ohiozeta.com) for many more pictures.

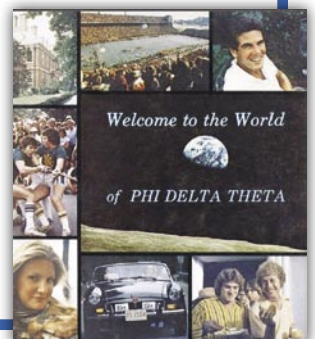


## ON THE WEB

### Rushing in the Memories

Thank you to **Keith Davis '76**, **Tom Oswald '71**, **Joe Kirwin '52**, **Patrick Hylant '70** and **J. Roemer '70** for submitting rush brochures from their eras as part of our memorabilia contest! Their names will be entered for a chance to win a reunion for their pledge class at The Varsity Club. Stay tuned to [www.ohiozeta.com](http://www.ohiozeta.com) to see who wins!

Visit [www.ohiozeta.com](http://www.ohiozeta.com) to download the rush brochures and for instructions on how to submit your own. Deadline for submissions is November 8.





## ALUMNI UPDATES

### '60s

#### John Luce Jr. '65

(4020 E. Maple Tree Dr., Anaheim, CA 92807-3412 United States; jack@jackluce.net) I am living in Orange County, CA, and am a member of the Orange County OSU alumni club. I still am selling residential real estate. My son just had my second grandson in June and my daughter is expecting in January. I attended the OSU vs. USC football game. It was exciting, for my son graduated from USC, but the outcome of the game could have been better.

### '80s

**Jeff Teuscher '81** (20519 Pembroke, Strongsville, OH 44149-0954; jefft41@aol.com) and **Jack Grega '80** (PO Box 313, Annabella, UT 84711; jackgrega@yahoo.com) congratulate **Jim Kalin '82** on the birth of his first child, Kyd William Kalin. Jim resides in Los Angeles with his wife Heidi. Congratulations from JT and Mahoney, we're surprised it still works at his age!

#### Joe Bechtel '83

(1538 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus, OH 43212; jbechtel@kforce.com) Heidi and I have three children: Adrienne (9), Adelle (7) and Adam (5). As often as possible I try to stay connected with **Rick Day '83, Rick Delaney '82, Buzz Wentz '83, Brian Hauck '83, Scott Sommers '83, Jeff Sturgeon '83** and the many Columbus Phis.

I work for Kforce Professional Staffing where I manage the Ohio region.

We focus on Finance/Accounting and Technology professionals looking for permanent and contract consulting positions. Recent and new grads feel free to contact me for career planning and preparation for the ever challenging job search. Interviewing and resume writing are two critical skills we specialize in!

#### Mark Farnham '84

(183 Potomac Court, Medina, OH 44256-3865; FarnhamJ@aol.com) I run my own insurance agency dealing in group, individual medical and ancillary benefits. My wife Cindy (who I met in high school and dated through

college) and I have been married 23 years and have one son Brian who is 16 years old.

#### J. Craig Mohre '87

(4480 Middle Aspinwall, New Albany, OH 43054; craigmohre@newalbanyfoundation.org) I am president of New Albany Community Foundation and owner of Craig Mohre & Associates, LLC. My wife Lori and I have two daughters: Sarah (16) and Rachel (12).

### '00s

#### Michael Bochnovich '06

(9650 Zig Zag Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242; michael.bochnovich@nmfn.com) I am a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual. The Cincinnati, Ohio Zeta Phi Deltas have started our own annex house down here. It is currently at **Tim Gorman '06's** house. We have many Phis that we hang out with every weekend, including **Greg Smiegel, Tim Gorman, Kevin Hoffman, Lydell Carter, Nick Schwander** and **Mark Dizard**.

*The class of 1956 is still getting together for annual reunions after more than 50 years... see page 2 for the story!*



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**Ohio Zeta Chapter Wins Awards for Diversity and Ritual...Details Inside!**