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ON THE WEB

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ALUMNI REPORT

One Man is No Man

Alumni Association Exists to Promote Connections and Help Ohio Zeta Brothers Stay in Touch

By Bruce Rothermund '90

One man is no man.

This motto of Phi Delta Theta hits home with me this year. With a membership 1,722 strong, The Central Ohio Alumni Association exists to promote a strong brotherhood, build connections throughout the year, and foster friendships that last a lifetime. One man truly is no man; but an organization of many great men is the nexus of our fraternity.

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This is evidenced by our recent annual fundraising results. As you'll read in this issue of *The Buckeye Phi* we celebrated a 74% increase in annual giving last year, raising an outstanding \$20,575. This was thanks in part to an increase in donor participation, with 99 alumni brothers making annual fund donations.

Thanks to this overwhelming support, we are able to achieve our mission and provide opportunities for you to stay connected long after graduation. Our online alumni community, www.ohiozeta.com, is a 24/7 central hub for brothers to reconnect (our new platform makes it easier than ever to share comments and photos with your brothers...check it out!). We also work hard to keep you connected and informed with Ohio Zeta throughout the year through *The Buckeye Phi*, our monthly eLetters, and other publications. And each year, we host several alumni events, like our fall football tailgates

and Phi Delt Open, and support pockets of alumni who wish to plan smaller reunions for their classes or eras.

While support from 99 brothers helped us raise record-breaking totals last year, there are more than 1,700 living alumni members in our alumni association. Imagine if we were able to double our donor participation in 2013-14. Or triple it. The more support we have, the more we are able to do to keep our alumni association thriving.

As we close out the fall semester and approach the holiday season, I look forward to connecting with you as you renew your ties to our brotherhood this year. I am counting on you to join the momentum from last year and make a gift in 2013-14 (see page 2 for instructions). Also, please re-engage with our alumni relations program this year. Check out our new web site, make sure your email address is on file to stay up to date on the latest news and event information, and make plans to join us for the next Phi Delt Open next summer.



The mission of the Central Ohio Alumni Association is to provide opportunities for you to stay connected with fellow Phi Deltas, like through our annual Homecoming tailgate. This year's event was held October 19th when the Buckeyes took on the Iowa Hawkeyes.

ALUMNI UPDATES

George Jonson '56

(44 Sandalwood Terrace, Hamilton, OH 45013; george@gnjlaw.com) I am currently in the process of retiring from the practice of law. I graduated from law school in 1958 and in 1959 received a commission into the U.S. Air Force as a JAG officer. After three years in the USAF, one and a half years in Georgia and the remainder in Columbus at Lockbourne Air Force Base (now Rickenbacker), I came back to Hamilton and have been here ever since. I served 10 years on the Hamilton, Ohio City Council and am now in my 32nd year on the Hamilton City Board of Education.

My wife, Sophia, and I have three

children: Nicholas (OSU class of 1987), Lynne (Miami, class of 1990) and Marjorie (OSU class of 2002).

The last time I saw any of the brothers was at a reunion we had in Columbus several years ago.

We get up to OSU every Saturday home game and go to an occasional away game. I would like to get up and see what changes have been made at 1942 Iuka.

Heber Ullman Jr. '67

(3031 NE 20th Ct., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305) My son, Chase, is an outside

linebacker for the Holy Cross football team where he is a junior this fall.

Jeffrey Dahl '82

(2806 Woodlake Court, Highland Village, TX 75077; dahlmccoy@aol.com) I am currently living in Dallas, Texas and serving as president of Amway Latin America, a job through which I travel between 12 countries in Latin America.

In March, I went sailing with **Mark Shepard '83** in the British Virgin Islands. We had a great time, telling stories about the old Phi Delt days at OSU. Miss the guys... we are all getting old!

ALUMNI REUNIONS

Celebrating the Spirit of "Max"

30+ Phis Come Together to Honor the Memory of Dick Maxwell '64, 50 Years after His Tragic Accident

Thirty-two Phi Delt brothers got together for a reunion in Columbus on April 13, 2013. Organized by **Bruce Heine '68** (who sadly passed away in September 2013), the reunion was held in honor of **Dick Maxwell '64**.

"Max" was an inspirational brother to us all. He suffered a life-changing accident during his college career after breaking his neck during an intramural football game in 1963. Paralyzed from his neck down and confined to a wheelchair as a quadriplegic, Max remained a loyal Phi. He went to all the home football games, attended fraternity parties, dated, and went out with the boys for a few beers from time to time.

Since that tragic injury, Max's story has been one of courage and determination as he went through agonizing hours of rehabilitation and gradually worked himself back into university life, ultimately receiving his degree in business administration on June 7, 1969. That graduation ceremony was a special celebration in itself. Not only did Max graduate on the same day that Vice President Spiro Agnew and television personality Bob Hope received their honorary degrees from Ohio State, but Max's Phi Delt brothers pulled out all the stops to get one of Max's closest friends, **Dale Barker '66**, home from Vietnam to attend the graduation. Several Ohio State Phis wrote a letter to President Nixon explaining the situation. Army brass replied, indicating that Dale would be dis-



charged early to partake in the festivities.

After graduation, Max founded Creative Living, a non-profit organization encouraging independent living for adults with severe physical disabilities by providing wheelchair accessible housing and assistance and by creating a supportive environment for people to learn, work, live and contribute to the community (www.creative-living.com). He also went on to have a long career at Ohio State, most notably through his instrumental effort to make the campus accessible for all students.

Max entered Chapter Grand on April 28, 2011, but his legacy lives on at Ohio Zeta. This recent reunion of more than 30 Phis celebrating the memory and spirit of Max is a true testament to us all of the true meaning of brotherhood and the lifelong bonds that bind us.

Tom Oswald '71 recaps it best. When asked how it felt to reunite with these brothers after so long to celebrate the spirit of such an inspirational Phi, he replied "I think the photo speaks for itself."

This story was compiled from information provided by Tom Oswald '71 and as printed in the November 1969 edition of The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta. Read more about Dick Maxwell and his incredible story at www.ohiozeta.com.

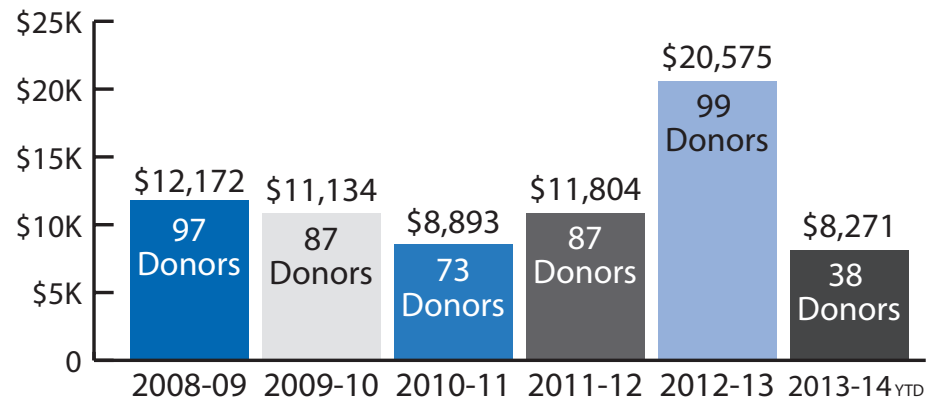
FUNDRAISING UPDATE

A Record-Breaking Annual Giving Year

2012-13 Year Ends with Highest Annual Fund Total Ever, \$20,575

We ended our 2012-13 giving year on August 31 with the highest annual fund total ever, raising \$20,575 toward our annual fund. Ninety-nine alumni made financial contributions, the highest participation level we've seen in five years and an 74% increase in participation from 2012-13. Thanks to this overwhelming support, we are able to continue and make improvements to our alumni communications program. Here's how:

- The support we receive from alumni goes directly back to you in the form of communications, events and other opportunities to help you maintain a lifelong bond to the fraternity and your friends. More support will help us grow and improve these important efforts.
- Alumni giving allows us to support our undergraduate members as they seek the same benefits we enjoyed - leadership and



character development, opportunities for community service and philanthropy, and a support network of lifelong friendships.

- Our legacy is in all our hands. Alumni support goes a long way to assuring that we continue to be here for one another and for future generations of brothers.

Help us continue this great momentum as we kick off our 2013-14 giving year, in which we've already raised \$8,271 in its first three months. Make your gift online at www.ohiozeta.com.

2013-14 DONORS TO DATE

Thank you to the following alumni who have made gifts so far in our 2013-14 giving year, which kicked off September 1. Find a list of our 2012-13 donors, who helped us raise our highest annual fund total EVER, at www.ohiozeta.com.

Ohio Zeta Legacy Society (\$1,000+)

Clark O. Berry 1961
John A. Rolls 1964

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

Richard D. Wood Sr. 1950
Robert L. Rewey Jr. 1963
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Richard W. McCabe 1953
Wellington F. Roemer II 1959
Robert T. Baesel 1970
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David L. Straub 1990

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Argent Club (\$50-\$99.99)

Jay C. Lee 1968
Lawrence S. Battista 1969

Alexander J. Rolletta III 1982
Bradley A. Busby 1986
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William W. Emley Jr. 1996

Reflects gifts received as of November 17, 2013.

Add Your Name to the List

There are three ways to donate:

1. Log on to www.ohiozeta.com.
2. Call 800-975-6699.
3. Mail a check, payable to "Central Ohio Alumni Association" to:

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Ohio State
Alumni Relations Office
PO Box 7007
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

CHAPTER GRAND

The following brothers have recently joined **Bruce Heine '68** in Chapter Grand. Ohio Zeta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

Warren Whitlinger '36 (4/12/12)

Theodore Ashton '47 (6/4/13)

James Grano '69 (2/11/12)

Howard Neff Jr. '70 (3/5/13)

A Tribute to a Legendary Baseball Star and Lifelong Loyal Phi Delt

Bruce Heine '68 entered Chapter Grand on September 11, 2013. He was a member of the 1966 OSU national championship baseball team, starting at second base. He went on to become a charter member of the Buckeye Diamond Club, an organization he would later become president of. He was a driving force and chief fundraiser for Ohio State's baseball facility, Bill Davis Stadium, which opened in 1997. He coached the Warhawks Babe Ruth All-Star team, winning several

state championships, and also coached the Delaware Cows college-age summer team.

Find a link to a great commentary and tribute, as published in *The Columbus Dispatch*, on our web site at www.ohiozeta.com.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Great Moments Forever Captured on Film

New Alumni Web Site Allows Users to Share and Comment on Archived Photos

Did you know that our online community at www.ohiozeta.com now features the opportunity to upload your own pictures to our group photo albums and comment on others? Like this picture submitted by **John Jacobs '84** of his commission into the U.S. Marine Corps on the front porch of the PDT house in June 1984. This picture shows him with brothers, family and friends.

Other brothers: take advantage of the opportunity to upload similar pictures from your own era. We may select them to appear in an upcoming publication and hopefully spark some fun banter and memories among your class.



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