

GOLF ATTENDEES

If you're listed below, you already know how much fun the golf tournament has been in the past... we hope to see you this summer for a rematch!

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 Keith Davis
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 Kunal Patel
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Central Ohio Alumni Association of Phi Delta Theta

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ALUMNI EVENTS

Who's Ready for Golf? 23rd Annual PDT Outing

Registration is now available at ohiozeta.com

We are now about two months away from the 23rd Annual 2014 PDT Outing, which will be held on July 26 at the Golf Club of Dublin. The cost per person is \$95, which includes 18 holes of golf, a dinner buffet, and three drink tickets. We would love to see everyone make an appearance!

Sign ups are now being accepted at ohiozeta.com. Captains—please be sure to include an email address and bring payment with you the day of the event. Please pass this along to other brothers who may be interested.

Questions? Contact Tim Gorman at timdgorman@hotmail.com.



ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

We're Off to a Great Start, but Still Need Your Help

Please Support the Basement Renovation

Seventy-nine alumni brothers have already stepped up and made gifts to the annual fund this year. We thank them for their support and have listed them on page 4. If your name isn't on this list, should it be?

For annual fund year 2013-2014, which began on September 1, we have raised \$15,983, which is great, but we are about \$9,000 shy of reaching our goal of \$25,000.

Our goal may seem ambitious, but it's time that we, as alumni and former residents of the House, step up to help the active chapter.

The chapter recently completed an exterior project to build a new fence around our parking lot. The project was solely funded by the chapter and cost just over \$6,000.

Additionally, we received bids for a basement renovation and were set to complete a basement renovation project costing close to \$8,000. However, this plan was put on hold this semester due to unforeseen expenses. We hope we can complete the basement renovation in the upcoming semester.

It would be a great testament to the strength of our brotherhood if we

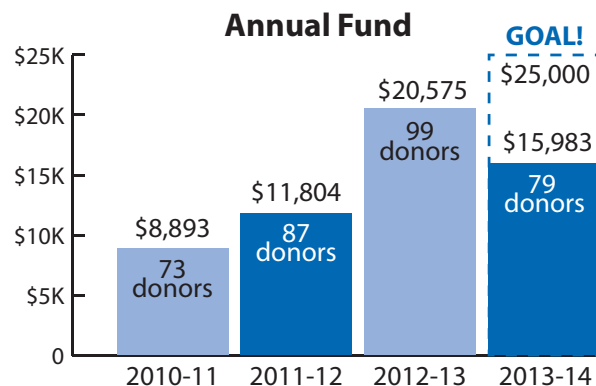
can complete this basement renovation for them, or at least make a significant payment toward the project.

To make a contribution:

Send your check, made payable to the Central Ohio Alumni Association to:
 PDT at Ohio State
 Alumni Relations Processing Center
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 Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

Questions? Contact us at 1-800-598-4050.

Y.I.T.B.,
 Bruce Rothermund
 Alumni Association President



IN YOUR WORDS...

Find Out What Some of Your Brothers Consider to be Their Best Memories

We asked some of your brothers to describe the impact that PDT had on their college experience and their lives since graduating. Here's what some of them shared...

John A. Rolls '64

(jrolls@jrolls.com)

What's a story or event with your fraternity brothers that you find yourself reminiscing about?

The Phi Delt Marching Band. Bunch of members, absurdly dressed, marching around campus playing band instruments.

Herber Ullman Jr. '67

If you could go back in time, what's the one piece of advice you'd give to your college-aged self?

If I knew I could live this long, I would have taken better care of myself!

Rick Pfefferle '70

(RickPfefferle@gmail.com)

What sets your Phi Delta Theta experiences apart from other experiences at Ohio State?

A true sense of camaradery sets the Ohio Zeta experience apart from the day to day campus activity.

Jeffrey B. Randall '91

(jmoses32@msn.com)

What sets your Phi Delta Theta experiences apart from other experiences at Ohio State?

Being associated with a diverse group of people who went on to become successful in their own right.

Which Phi Delta Theta traditions and/or events are most meaningful to you?

Greek Week was always great because of the spirit of completion. Also loved homecoming and inviting alumni to visit the house.

Bob Whalen '91

(njwhalen@optimum.net)

Describe the unique impact that being part of Phi Delta Theta had on your college experience and on your life since you graduated from Ohio State.

Phi Delta Theta helped build my self confidence and gave me the leadership skills that are still impacting my life today. Being part of the Ohio Zeta chapter taught me a

lot about leading others and finding ways of making those around me better, all skills that I use today in running my business and in my social activities.

Do you consider your membership in Phi Delta Theta to be a lifelong commitment or experience?

Yes, the bond built amongst the brothers runs very deep. I will always be available to a fellow Phi and expect that if I needed them, they would stand up for me at any time.

Which Phi Delta Theta traditions and/or events are most meaningful to you?

Formal Monday dinners were always a great experience and added a needed aspect of structure to our college experience.

How would your life be different if Phi Delta Theta had never existed?

I would not be the person I am today. I found a great deal of self confidence and developed skills that have helped me be to successful in life that I would not have gotten without PDT.

Share your memories and stories on our website at www.ohiozeta.com or submit them to alumninews@affinityconnection.com.

ALUMNI Q&A

Jim Gross '63 is a Retired Attorney and Longtime Member of the House Corp.

Jim Gross '63 is a summa cum laude grad and Phi Beta Kappa who earned his law degree from Harvard in 1966. He practiced law in downtown Columbus for more than 40 years before retiring in late 2010. Jim was a long time member of the house corp and has led many committees through the years to assist Ohio Zeta and the fraternity system at Ohio State as a whole.

Thank you to Jim for participating in our Q&A.

What did you learn at PDT that helped you in your professional life?

I learned how to get along with other people in an organizational setting. It was helpful preparation for any kind of business career where you are trying to get other people to help make the organization work.

What advice do you have for undergraduates?

Get involved. If you join a fraternity just to wear a pin, you're missing a large part of the experience. At a school the size of Ohio State, you need a smaller group you can relate to, and a fraternity is a great way to do that. But it's only a great experience if you get involved.

"To get something out of it, you've got to put something into it."

—Jim Gross '63 on the fraternity experience

What are your fondest memories of your time in the chapter?

My most rewarding experience was serving as rush chairman. At that time, we had a summer rush program that ran for four months, so we were organizing events, recruiting members, and selling them on why they ought to be a Phi Delt. When I was in the chapter in the 60s, we had 125 men, so we were recruiting a lot of members but it was very rewarding to see that the program was successful and it gave a real sense of accomplishment.

In my business as a lawyer, one of the things that I most enjoyed was serving on our hiring committee. A lot of being effective in that setting was influenced by the experience I had in the fraternity.

Reconnect with Jim at jhgross5@gmail.com.

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, I came back to Hamilton and have been here ever since. I served 10 years on the Hamilton 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 '87), Lynne (Miami '90) and Marjorie (OSU '02). 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.

So far as my military service, I was stationed at SAC bases and the most exciting thing was getting out to the base on a SAC alert at 3:00a.m. and manning our law books. I did get a lot of courtroom experience during those three years, trying 100 jury trials, and defending and prosecuting criminal offenses.

Phil Cobb '65

(4455 Belfort Ave., Dallas, TX 75205; cobb298@airmail.net) Still living in Dallas, Texas, with my wife Janet, SMU grad. My oldest daughter is married and living in East Brunswick, N.J., and my youngest, just graduated from Yale architecture school and is working in NYC. After 40 years in the restaurant business, I am semi-retired, but my latest venture is helping privatize our local Farmers Market. I got to Toledo in early August for an all-classes high school golf gig as well as a Saturday evening party at Centennial Quarry. I usually get tickets to at least one Bucks game and attend with my older brother **Dave '61**. I am also co-founder and Chairman of the Board of the McKinney Ave Transit Authority Inc., a historic trolley system in downtown/uptown Dallas. We are adding a 1.5 mile loop in downtown next year and expect to carry 600,000 passengers. Visit MATA.org if you wish to know more.

Herber Ullman Jr. '67

(3031 NE 20th Court Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305) My son, Chase, 20 years old, is an outside linebacker for the Holy Cross football team where he is a junior this fall.



Thanks to **Tom Oswald '71** for sharing this photo from an alumni reunion held in Columbus last April. The reunion was organized by **Bruce Heine '68** to honor **Dick Maxwell '64**.

Clay Long '70

(9019 County Road 1950, West Unity, OH 43570; clay-long@hotmail.com) I retired from North Star BlueScope Steel Delta in June 2011. I was a senior electrical technician in the Casting Department where I'd worked for a little over 15 years. I've been happily divorced for many years, but am now engaged to a wonderful lady. One of my most memorable Phi experiences was the 1970 Rose Bowl. We had a wonderful time with brothers Kohler and Higgins even though we lost the game to Stanford. Many great Phis at the USC house made me feel at home and welcomed me back a few months later on a bit of a vacation.

Jeffrey Dahl '82

(2806 Woodlake Court, Highland Village, TX 75077; dahlmccoy@aol.com) President, Amway Latin America. Living in Dallas, Texas, and traveling between 12 countries in Latin America. Last March, went sailing with **Mark Shepard '83** in British Virgin Islands. Great time, telling stories about old Phi Delt days at OSU. Miss the guys...we are all getting old!

Mike Winzeler '85

(16 Golden Hind Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-1896; mwinzel@bright.net) Moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C., in August. Working for family business in Ohio and a start-up, RODO Medical, in California. Skied with **Chris Kopf '84** in Crested Butte, Colo., in February.

Randall Gerber '90

(1675 Roxbury Road, Columbus, OH 43212; Randall.Gerber@RaymondJames.com) I am the founder and principal of Gerber, LLC,

a holistic wealth-management firm working with first-generation entrepreneurs. Having founded the company after graduation, I recently moved it to a century-old glass and door factory in downtown Columbus. I am a member of Entrepreneur's Organization and have been named an outstanding financial advisor by Raymond James Financial Services each year since 1999. I recently presented at Columbus Pecha-Kucha and Leadercast events and was profiled in nationally-circulating REP magazine.

I reside in Upper Arlington with my wife, Emily, and our three children. I still enjoy tailgating at Buckeye games with the motley crew of Phi Delta Theta alums **Tony Phillips '86**, **Brian Bandi '86**, **Glenn Alban '87**, **Chris '93** and **Lou '95 Sauter**, and **Bruce Rothermund '90** (and the occasional guest appearances by **Tim Taylor '89**).

Trent Orzechowski '12

(3224 Pepper Ridge Dr., Maumee, OH 43537; orzechowski.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu) I recently moved to Las Vegas, Nev., to begin the launch of a new company that a brother (**Kevin Shimizu '12**) and I are starting. The company is called Biddez, LLC, and is a unique online auction website that revolves around a concept we have patented. Both Kevin and I moved out to Los Angeles upon graduation to continue working on our website.

We want to know what's new with you for future issues of the Buckeye Phi! Submit your updates (new jobs, marriages, awesome vacations...) for the next issue by emailing your details to content@af-finityconnection.com (mention Ohio Zeta in the subject line).



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HONOR ROLL

Thank you to the following brothers who have supported the efforts of Ohio Zeta so far in 2013-14. Because of brothers like you, we are able to perpetuate the PDT principles of friendship, sound learning, and rectitude for future generations. If your name is missing from this list, and you, too, value your experience in PDT and want to perpetuate those experiences forward for future generations, donate today. Directions on how to send in your gift can be found on the bottom of page 1.

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