

EVENT

Founders' Day
December 26, 2014

SAVE THE DATE! More information to come!

ALUMNI UPDATES

Morgan Boyd Claggett '53, past President of Ohio Zeta, retired early after 25 years at Ralston Purina as vice president of marketing and advertising services, then president of their Checkerboard Foods Division. Following his retirement from Ralston Purina, he spent 20 years consulting for some major national companies, a group of 12 advertising agencies in different cities, including London, and more recently, Enterprise Rent-A-Car. He still sees **Tom Neal '56** occasionally and is happily retired in Palm Beach, Fla. He spends his summers at the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix, Northern Michigan.

We recently learned of the death of Brother **John "Jack" L. Korthals '70**. Jack was the vice president and treasurer of the Broward County Florida OSU Alumni Club. Jack practiced law for 41 years in Pompano Beach, Fla., and is survived by his loving wife, Susan, two sons, one daughter and many other family members and friends. To read Jack's full obituary, go to the news section of our website, www.ohiozeta.com, or go to www.kaliscintee.com and click on "Obituaries." Ohio Zeta mourns his passing and would like to take this opportunity to extend our condolences to Jack's family and friends.

Central Ohio Alumni Association of Phi Delta Theta

BUCKEYE PHI

November 2014

Ohio Zeta Chapter • The Ohio State University

THE BUCKEYES RETURNED HOME!

Did You Go to Homecoming?

Show Us What We Missed!

Ohio State played its annual homecoming game this year on October 18 at Ohio Stadium against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights. Ohio State not only beat Rutgers but crushed them 56-17. It was an experience to behold, and if you like blowouts, this was one of the best you could have seen!

Now here's the big question we're all wondering:

Did you go?

If you didn't, we still need you! Go ahead and send us your old homecoming photos (or any photo at all from your time at college and PDT) to alumninews@affinityconnection.com! We are always looking for new photos and

old photos, even to add to our archive to use for future newsletters and eLetters. We thank you for your time and consideration in trying to find these photos.

If you did go to the game, however, and you are a shutterbug, we would love to see pictures from homecoming weekend! Just send them to alumninews@affinityconnection.com. From there, we might use the pictures for the main banner of the website, or we might just use them in the newsletter or eLetter! Save your memories! Send them in today!

We hope to see some brand new photos from homecoming very soon!

Honoring a Debt That Can Never Be Repaid

On Saturday, Nov. 1, before the kickoff against Illinois, our active chapter hosted the Second Annual Memorial Pig Roast. An early Veterans Day commemoration, the event was created to honor alumni, family and friends who have given their lives in military service. All proceeds from the event will be utilized to complete various house projects including much-needed repairs on the front porch. We take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to those Ohio Zeta Chapter veterans who could not be in attendance. We appreciate you for your service and sacrifice.



This fall, the chapter also held its inaugural Fight Night. A philanthropy event designed to benefit the OSU Wexner Medical Center in their research to understand and find a cure for ALS, Fight Night grossed for \$7,200. Thank you to all who attended and helped make this possible.



For more details on chapter events this fall, see page 2. And start planning for your return to OSU today!

CHAPTER NEWS

Ohio Zeta Receives Silver Star Recognition at 2014 National Convention

We are pleased to announce that this past June at the 80th Biennial Convention at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev., our chapter was recognized as one of 26 Silver Star Chapters. According to the national fraternity, this award “is the second tier of the Chapter Excellence Award. It is granted to those chapters that meet or exceed the majority of the criteria in the application, but may be missing a few items here and there.”

As you read on page 1, the chapter conducted its Second Annual Memorial



Ohio Zeta won this fall's annual Just for Kicks soccer tournament hosted by Tri Delta.

Pig Roast and its first-ever Fight Night this fall. Fight Night proved to be one of our

most successful philanthropy events in a long time. Our philanthropy chairs, **Nick Orsini** and **Donny Haeuptle**, developed this event and were integral in the success of the event. Amateur boxers from the local Columbus area participated in the boxing event, fighting in a series of bouts based on their weight classes. There was a total of eight bouts officiated by USA Boxing and sponsored by Thompson Boxing Club in Columbus. The event was held at Flannigans Dublin with the help of Phi Delt alum, **David Straub '90**, who generously rented out the venue for free and helped make the event run smoothly. We'd also like to thank boxing legend Buster Douglas for training our fighters.

At Ohio Zeta, we are actively trying to increase our scholarships by creating various programs and incentives to brothers to increase their focus on academics and raise their GPAs. With the help of our scholarship chair, **Nick Reem**, these programs have already gone into effect and have proven to be a success. One of the main programs implemented is our

tutoring program which provides brothers with academic help from other brothers in various subjects including math and history. Many brothers have taken advantage of this program and have already begun their path to better academic standing.

Another new initiative developed by our scholarship chair is our team incentive program. There are 10 teams made up of 10 brothers with each team having a similar cumulative GPA. The team with the highest cumulative GPA at the end of semester is given the choice of a prize of approximately \$600. This incentive program not only pushes individual brothers to excel but also pushes the whole team to motivate and help each other become better students. This program integrates the cardinal rules of brotherhood and scholarship which are essential to becoming a better Phi Delt and man. This program, if successful, will be continued for classes to come.

We take this opportunity to thank all alumni who continue to support our active chapter. Please stop by the house when you are in town.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Thank You for Our 52% in Less Than 2 Months!

During your undergraduate years, Phi Delta Theta gave you more than a hangout spot, some good guys to relax with in a house and many parties. PDT gave you some of the best years of your life. PDT fostered you into a studious, caring and extraordinary man with some of the most unforgettable experiences of your entire life. We should, therefore, not devalue the freshly minted PDT brothers from the same experience but take them under wing. We should also not degrade the alumni experience, but expand it. The annual fund is our catalyst to achieve that. This year, we set a goal to reach 120 annual fund donors for the year. To date, less than two months into our giving year, we are at 62 donors. Thank you to all who have given. Remember, through the annual fund, PDT is able to:

Maintain an alumni communications program – Any and all forms of communication we keep with alumni, including this newsletter, have come out of the money from the annual fund. Your contribution to the annual fund permits ongoing communications between the actives and alumni.

Help the undergraduates have a positive experience – We had an unforgettable time at PDT when we were actives. It is an experience that cannot be easily replaced or replicated. Your contribution will

go toward helping the brotherhood fund things like house operating expenses and recruitment.

Host alumni events – The best way to stay connected is to see each other in person. We lived in the same town for four years and saw each other almost *every day*. Post graduation, we may have gone our separate ways, but the best way to rekindle our sense of brotherhood is to have events to reconnect.

Cultivate the brotherhood – All of the points above help connect the active and alumni populations. Our brotherhood is more than a few pledge classes that happen to go to the same meetings. Your money goes toward making connections between pledge classes and making our brotherhood one of the strongest on campus.

The PDT experience does not end at graduation. The growth and enhancement of both alumni and undergraduate programs will prove to be a smart investment for alumni. We are counting on you to help us continue to enrich your life and the undergraduates' lives. Provide the same experience you had today! To make your gift, go to www.ohiozeta.com and click on “Donate” in the upper right-hand corner.

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

We would like to thank and congratulate each donor who made the Honor Roll this fall! Thank you for your generous donation! We want to see your name on the Honor Roll: donate using the donate button on our website (www.ohiozeta.com). Remember: ***ANY AMOUNT COUNTS!***

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

Clark Berry 1961
John A. Rolls 1962

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

Robert L. Rewey Jr. 1961
Robert T. Dunlevey Jr. 1969
Joseph C. Mavec 1987

1848 Society (\$250 - \$499.99)

David S. Cobb 1961
Thomas J. Eyerman 1961
Clark B. Morgan Jr. 1962
John A. Schoedinger 1964
Leland E. Moree III 1981
David M. Hickey 1982
Darren R. Hissong 1983
Glen F. Alban 1987

Steven C. Julian 1989
David Lawrence - Straub 1990

1942 Iuka Ave. Society (\$194.20)

Richard A. Secrist 1950
David L. Call 1951
Charles K. Humbert 1953
David R. Thrasher 1963
John W. Luce Jr. 1965
Keith A. Davis 1976
Jeffrey Allen Dahl 1982
John F. Jacobs 1984
Rodger L. Redd 1986
Chris T. Keller 1987

Azure Club (\$100 - \$194.19)

Herbert Flint Jr. 1952
A. Jackson Smith 1952
Allan J. Spilker 1956

Daniel M. Winzeler 1956
Philip A. Brewer 1958
John Jacob Zettler 1960
Paul W. Warnick 1961
Walter W. Wyatt 1962
Nelson R. Embrey II 1963
Phillip E. Cobb 1965
William T. Roemer 1967
Heber W. Ullman Jr. 1967
Ronald W. Brown 1970
Patrick J. Fahey 1971
Michael Kollar III 1971
Brian J. Darah 1975
Richard J. Moody 1976
Mark A. Mesec 1978
David W. Priestley 1978
Shannon L. Shinaberry 1991
Dennis R. Train 1991

Argent Club (\$50-\$99.99)

Robert C. Eikost Jr. 1952
David M. Campbell 1953
David L. Hull 1961
David T. Milligan 1965
Richard F. James 1968
Jay C. Lee 1968
John M. Pitman 1979
Thomas W. Hulme 1981

Other

John J. Collins 1953
Howard L. Lambert 1963
Carl P. Hirsch Jr. 1964
John W. Hafner III 1977
Jay K. Achenbach 1978
Fritz Thomas Wink 1989
James Arthur Hill 1992
Brett R. VanBourgondien 2007

As of Nov. 11, 2014.

BELONGING

How Long Will You Wait To Say Thanks?

We want to share a story with you. This story comes from a fraternity in the Northeast... a situation that took place in 2013. One brother had a daughter who was facing a very serious genetic illness. The best doctor in the area was in Baltimore, but he had closed his doors to new patients. As often happens, this brother's dilemma was shared by one brother to another and to another. Thanks to the efforts of a particular brother, the doors (literally) opened. This young girl was able to see the specialist she needed and begin her path to healing.

But there is a bit of a sad ending to this story. While the father of the girl did everything he could to thank the fraternity brother who influenced the doctor to reopen his doors, there really wasn't an immediate opportunity to see him face to face; instead, he sent emails and made phone calls. Then, the opportunity presented itself. The chapter was holding its 100th anniversary, and he would certainly be able to offer a sincere handshake and personal message of gratitude. But that was not to be. A week earlier, this dear brother who had done so much for his brother's daughter passed away, and thus the opportunity was forever gone to really share his appreciation. Do you have anything you

need to say to your fraternity brothers before it is too late?

How can you ever replicate the experiences and environment of the Ohio Zeta Chapter? There are things that have happened at the Ohio Zeta house that could not have happened anywhere else. Belonging to Phi Delta Theta at Ohio State means being related to something that is beyond other relationships or affiliations.

So, here are a few things you can do today to make sure that time doesn't run out before you let your brothers know what Ohio Zeta means to you:

- Send us an update to post on our website and in our next *Buckeye Phi*. Send your email to content@affinityconnection.com. You may think, "Yeah, no one really wants to hear that stuff." WRONG! This is how one fraternity brother was able to save the life of his daughter. Think big picture here and send us your news!!
- Help us expand the base of those brothers receiving our communications. Go to the home page and review the list of "lost" brothers — those for whom we are missing physical and email addresses. If you know how we can reach them, please contact us at updatemyinfo@affinityconnection.com.

com. Be sure to reference Phi Delta Theta at Ohio State. (Be assured that this information is utilized only for Phi Delta Theta at Ohio State alumni relations and will never be traded or sold.)

- Call a brother today. Let him know what is happening with you and find out what is happening with him. Make plans to return together for Founders' Day.
- Help us financially support our ability to keep the house running and our alumni returning for events throughout the year. We have set a goal of 120 donors for our 2014-15 Annual Fund giving year. Currently, our Honor Roll shows 62 donors (see list above). Please join them on our Honor Roll by going to www.ohiozeta.com and clicking donate. We want to see your name!

For some of us, our days at Ohio Zeta are years behind us. But in the words of Mary Schmich, those years made us who we are today. "Understand that friends come and go, but with a precious few you should hold on. The older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young."

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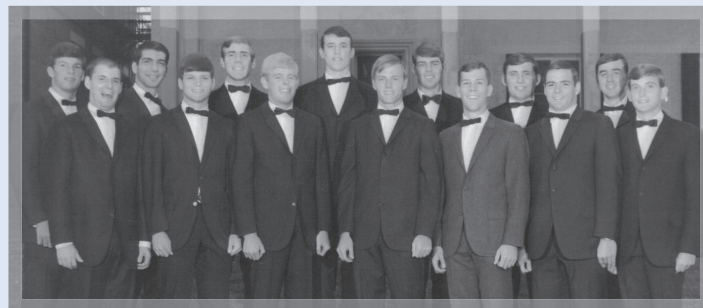
What's New With You?

Do you have great pictures from your era to share? We want you to share your news, stories and photos for our next issue or for publication online!

To make your submissions:

- Upload them to www.ohiozeta.com
- Email them to alumninews@affinityconnection.com (note Phi Delt OSU)
- Mail them to the return address on this newsletter.

We all want to know what you're doing in your life.



STAY CONNECTED

Are you receiving our monthly e-letters and other e-mail communications about events? If not, you may not know what you are missing.

We are missing e-mail addresses for many of our alumni. This fall, you will be contacted by one of your brothers to make sure we have your most up-to-date information.

In the meantime, please feel free to go to the home page of our website, www.ohiozeta.com. Scroll to the bottom where you can find Lost Lists. Click on these links to make sure you are not considered a "lost" member. If you are, please send an e-mail to updatemyinfo@affinityconnection.com with your correct contact information. Be sure to include your grad year and reference PDT Ohio State.

WHERE ARE THEY?

Here is a quick look at what some of our recent alumni are doing in the professional world today:

Ryan Klayman '08 – Certified Six Sigma Black Belt, Solar Turbines, San Diego, Calif.

Chris Foraker '10 – Branch Manager at JB Hunt Transport Services, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Looking for a job? Want to do some networking? Interesting in a plug for your new startup? Ever thought of your Ohio Zeta brothers as a way to advance your professional career?

Send us an email at alumninews@affinityconnection.com to let us know how your PDT brotherhood can help you. We will publish your comments online and in the next issue of the *Buckeye Phi*.