

OSU FOOTBALL

Schedule

9/3 Bowling Green
9/10 Tulsa
9/17 @ Oklahoma
10/1 Rutgers
10/8 Indiana
10/15 @ Wisconsin
10/22 @ Penn State
10/29 Northwestern
11/5 Nebraska
11/12 @ Maryland
11/19 @ Michigan State
11/26 Michigan

OFFICERS

President
Bruce Rothermund

Vice President
Keith Davis

Housing Corp. President
Scott Armstrong

BY THE NUMBERS

Active Alumni: 1511

Lost Alumni: 214 (12.4%)
(no e-mail address)

Valid E-mail Addresses:
957 (55.48%)

Don't Miss Our Online News!

Roughly half of our members are not receiving our monthly on-line newsletters, which include alumni updates, upcoming events, chapter news, photos and more! All e-mail addresses are stored in a secure database and will never be traded or sold. Send us an email at alumninews@affinityconnection.com to start receiving these monthly publications.

There is also a full member database available on our website, www.ohiozeta.com, available to all registered members as well as photo albums and an on-line form to submit alumni updates 24/7.

Central Ohio Alumni Association of Phi Delta Theta

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CHAPTER UPDATE

Chapter House Improvements and Repairs

Summer 2016



The House Corporation has planned for a number of improvements to be made this coming summer to maintain a safe and refreshed facility. The most significant items to be addressed include replacement of individual room doors and hallway fire doors, window repairs, dining room ceiling replacement, hallway and dining room lighting replacement, flooring repairs and parking lot repairs. These improvements, along with the recent renovation of the living room and outdoor patio area coordinated by the Chapter, are necessary to render a facility that will meet the core standards for OSU approved housing. Beginning with the 2016 fall semester, freshman and sophomore students must live in either university dorms or approved fraternity and sorority houses. It is of the utmost importance that we meet these standards as quickly as possible.

We have worked closely with the active Chapter, General Headquarters and University housing representatives during the planning process. The cost for the work will be approximately \$100K, which is being funded by a loan from the fraternity's Palmer Fund. The Chapter is excited about the planned changes and we expect these improvements and repairs will help support the Chapter facility needs for the next several years.

Any support that you can provide to the chapter for these necessary improvements is greatly appreciated. We are currently in position to contribute approximately \$10K to the project from the Alumni Association, which comes directly from your contributions. To make a donation, simply contribute as you have in the past to the Alumni Association, and funds will be directed to the project.

Longer term, subsequent improvements will be necessary to maintain a facility comparable to University and competing fraternity facilities. Consequently, within the next few years we will initiate a master planning process soliciting input from all alumni to determine the best path forward and to mobilize efforts to that end. We believe that will likely result in the need to fund a major renovation/rebuild effort in the 2020-2021 time frame. More to come about that, but for now, we are very pleased with the planned improvements for this Summer. Stop by next Fall to see the updates.

Thanks so much for your continued support of the Alumni Association. It is vital to having a healthy and thriving Fraternity Organization.

Y.I.T.B.,

Bruce Rothermund '90

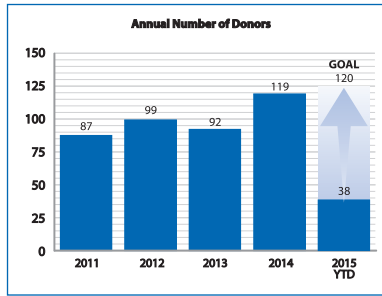
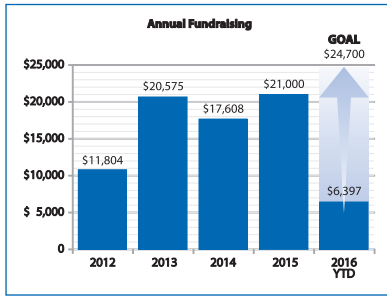
President, The Central Ohio Alumni Association

ANNUAL FUND

Oh, We're Halfway There!

Our annual fund for the 2015-2016 giving year began on September 1 and, so far, we have received 64 donations for a total of \$10,812.40 toward our goal of \$20,000 from 120 donors. We greatly appreciate all donations we have already received and we are a little over halfway to our goal for the current giving year. However, we still have a long way to go over the next four months. Did you know that almost 70% of all alumni have never made a donation back to Zeta Chapter?

Your support is greatly appreciated! For those of you who haven't made your gift yet, we'd like to remind you of the importance of your gift. Strong alumni support is the glue that holds a chapter together and, as we work to secure the future of our chapter, you play a critical



role. Our future rests on your shoulders.

The Phi Delta Theta spirit lives on in all of you. We hope you'll pass the torch by making a gift that will impact future generations of brothers.

It's easy to do, just visit our website at www.ohiozeta.com and click on "Donate" in the

top right hand corner. You can then choose to mail in a check, call our toll-free donation hotline or make a donation online.

We would like to thank our top five all time donors; the late Ned **Barthelmas '51**, **John A. Rolls '64**, the late **Robert Rewey, Jr. '61**, **Mr. John Schoedinger '64** and **Patrick Hylant '70** for their generous donations over the years, as well as the 64 men who contributed so far this giving year:

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

Patrick R. Hylant 1970

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

Richard A. Secrist 1950
Darren R. Hissong 1984

1848 Society (\$250 - \$499.99)

Richard K. Desmond 1950
Richard W. McCabe 1953
James E. Hartley 1957
Nelson R. Embrey II 1963
John A. Schoedinger 1964
Leland E. Moree III 1981
Thomas Russell Young Jr. 1991

1942 Iuka Ave Society (\$194.20)

Robert D. Shoemaker 1952

George N. Jonson 1956
Daniel M. Winzeler 1956
Philip A. Brewer 1958
Frederick J. Blesi 1959
Wellington F. Roemer II 1959
Nicholas S. Zettler 1961
Glenn R. Baker 1963
Ronald G. Bell 1964
Randy Thrasher 1964
Stanley E. McCormack 1971
Keith A. Davis 1976
J. Brian Mullen 1976
Jeffrey Allen Dahl 1982
Rick A. Delaney 1982
John F. Jacobs 1984
Steven Carl Julian 1989
Dennis Robert Train 1991

Azure Club (\$100 - \$194.19)

A Jackson Smith 1952
Morgan Boyd Claggett 1953

John Jacob Zettler 1960
Paul W. Warnick 1961
David Allen Howe 1962
Robert P. Liggett 1962
John H. Thomas 1962
Stanley Timothy Rose 1963
William J. Koenig 1968
Jay C. Lee 1968
William Thomas Roemer 1968
Ronald Wayne Brown 1970
Patrick J. Fahey 1971
James M. List 1972
Timothy E. Hawley 1973
Charles D. Hendrickson 1973
Brian J. Darah 1975
David W. Priestley 1978
James P. Yankle 1978
John Michael Pitman 1979
Marcus D. Presar 1979
Richard R. Karn 1980
Steven L. Custenborder 1981

David C. Lickovitch 1984
Robert G. Sperry 1984
Thomas Charles Foster 1987
David Manning Ross 1989
Shannon Lee Shinaberry 1991
John Matthew Urbancic 1992

Argent Club (\$50-\$99.99)

Thomas A. Holton 1964
Jerry L. Hainen 1965
Tom A. Backhus 1970
G Allen Gano 1973
Thomas W. Hulme 1981
Other
Robert A. Tulk 1948
Jay K. Achenbach 1978

***as of April 28, 2016*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ohio Zeta Chapter would like to wish these brothers a very happy birthday:



G. Aker May 2, 1944
William Booker May 18, 1930
Philip Brewer May 11, 1935
Douglas Brown May 7, 1962

Mark Clark May 26, 1950
Bryant Denk May 12, 1942
Robert Eikost May 29, 1930
Thomas Fairgrieve May 20, 1957
Jeffrey Gibbs May 11, 1948
John Harris May 12, 1949
James Hensal May 7, 1945
James Huber May 16, 1966
Charles Humbert May 22, 1931
Paul Hutchinson May 26, 1987

George Jonson May 12, 1934
William Koenig May 22, 1941
Robert Liggett May 31, 1939
Thomas McFadden May 19, 1945
James McKnight May 26, 1950
David Miller May 27, 1980
Jeffrey Miller May 6, 1959
Benjamin Oster May 6, 1977
Robert Peirce May 26, 1980
Anthony Phillips May 16, 1964

David Priestley May 19, 1956
James Rhodes May 28, 1957
Wellington Roemer May 31, 1937
Richard Secrist May 11, 1927
Thomas Stockdale May 14, 1933
David Lawrence Straub May 23, 1967
Sean Turner May 18, 1976
Bradley Walker May 6, 1984
H. Wilkins May 19, 1958

ALUMNI UPDATES

We recently asked each of you to share what you have been up to along with any exciting news you might have. Several brothers reached out with news of growing families, relocating and career changes. Here's what they had to say:

John Rolls '64

"I completed the house on Edgartown Great Pond, Martha's Vineyard and completed remodeling of the house in Harbour Island, Bahamas. My grandchildren are now 12, 10, 8 and 6. I have two families, one in Augusta GA moving to Detroit and the other in Brookfield CT. One son (45) is a transplant surgeon in GA. The other (40) is a businessman in antique cars in CT. My home for 30 years is in Armonk, NY. Betsy, Bowling Green U, and I reach 50 years in August.

I worked for General Motors, Ford, Monsanto, RCA, United Technologies and Deutsche Bank. I lived in Brussels for three years when I was with Monsanto.

I was OSU Phi Delt (1964 graduate) and Columbia Business School (1968 graduate).

Betsy was born in Perrysburg, OH where she grew up. I was born in Hamilton, ON. I grew up in Mexico City and Cincinnati and became "legal" when I was naturalized in '62.

My hobbies are antique cars and airplanes. Fly Twin Cessna from White Plains airport, 10 minutes from home, to Martha's Vineyard for approximately an hour and North Eleuthera BHS for approximately five hours.

I am now the Chairman of Fuel Cell Energy and am busy losing my money in these terrible markets."

Lawrence Curtis '66

"I continue to travel to remote locations for fine art photography—most recently to Haridwar, India; Mongolia and Dorset County England. My wife, Sharon, and I continue our settlement consulting business on behalf of self-insured clients from our home in the Washington, D.C. suburbs."

Tom Backhus '70

"I am a 1970 Graduate of Ohio State and a member of Phi Delta Theta.

After 33 years, we left the Vail area and moved further back in the mountains to a small, rural valley town called Paonia. Look it up...it's pretty cool!



Tom Backhus and family

Married to my wife Tess for 40 years (last year). We have three girls and four grandsons. Two of the boys got to attend a Fiesta Bowl practice and meet Urban. That was cool too.

I coached college football for 12 years, brokered real estate in Vail since '82, created, owned and operated 4 Eagle Ranch near Vail for 29 years, still broker (sell) real estate in Central Colorado and live in Paonia.

I still feel a special relationship with house brothers from back when, although I'm not real good with staying in touch.

Go Bucks!"

Matthew Webster '91

"I've just launched a new cybersecurity venture, Harbor Technology Group. We are focused on providing cybersecurity risk consulting and strategy to small and mid-sized businesses... an underserved, but highly vulnerable market. This is my 3rd cybersecurity start-up."

Mike Bochnovich '06

"We recently moved to Landen, Ohio in June of 2015. My daughter, Lillian, will be four this year, and my wife, Megan, and I are celebrating our third wedding anniversary this May.

For the most part, life is a lot calmer than the old days at 1942, but we like to BBQ and catch up with old Phis. We typically see **Lydell Carter, Jordan Burke, Josh Neptune, Keith Coleman** and **Greg Smigiel** a few times



Mike Bochnovich and family

a year.

I run a financial practice affiliated with Northwestern Mutual. We focus on financial, retirement, and insurance planning. We are currently looking for a new advisor to join our team in Cincinnati. Please email me michael.bochnovich@nm.com, or view my website www.michaelbochnovich.nm.com."

Chris Zazo '91

In addition to my main businesses in the



roofing and customer experience software industries. I have expanded into the wine business in Napa Valley. Our brands include Hailstone Vineyards and G Wine Cellars. Both brands are small

boutique wineries with local sourcing from some of the best vineyard in the valley. We have a tasting room in downtown Napa called The Wine Thief, so please stop by and say hello! I also own a two BR condo in Yountville, which is available to PDT brothers for reduced fee! Please feel free to contact me for info at czazo@hailstonevineyards.com or visit our website hailstonevineyards.com and Gwinecellars.com.

I'm still living in Dallas - if you come through drop me a line!



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ARMED FORCES

Thank You for Your Service

In honor of Armed Forces Day on May 21, we would like to thank the following brothers for their service:

Maj. Robert Anderson, USMC
Communications Officer

Sean Carano, USMC Communications
Officer

Zachary Eppert, Army SATCOM

Maj. Robert Gaddis, Army

Stuart Kincaid, Army

General Maurice Padden, USAF

Wilson Porter, USN Pilot

Todd White, USN

Ssg Tom Oswald, USAR



John J. Zettler, USAF Europe

“I was an airman with the 7121 Tactical Fighter Squadron stationed in Northern France during the Berlin Crisis in 1961-1962. We were deployed to Wheeler AFB in Libya for gunnery during this period. I was an armorer on an alert crew. We armed and maintained weapon systems on F84F Thunderstreaks fighter planes of the 166 Tactical Fighter Squadron.”

Randy Thrasher, USN

“I served as an officer in the US Navy from Aug. 1964 to Aug. 1967 on the USS Tulare AKA 112, home ported in San Diego.”

Michael McCabe, Army

“I spent two years in the army during the Korean war. For most of my tour of duty I was a corporal and was stationed at the Port of Embarkation in New Orleans.”

1st Lt. Chuck Miller, Army

“Due to a low lottery number, I participated in ROTC during college. After graduating from OSU in June of '71, I served for two years which was during the Vietnam War era. I was fortunate to have fulfilled my obligation here in the states. Since leaving the military, I have made my home in the San Francisco Bay Area.”

If you are a member of the armed forces but are not on this list, or if your information is not up-to-date, email us at alumninews@affinityconnection to let us know!

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Buckeye Football and Basketball: Pick Your Own Seats!

According to the OSU sports website, this football season will be the first opportunity for season ticket holders to select their own seats! Are you planning on coming back home to Columbus to cheer on the Buckeyes? Why not meet up with your Brothers?

Football: The 2016 Seat Selection Process will allow full season ticket holders to select their seat locations through an online process which will occur after all season ticket orders have been processed. Seat selection windows will be assigned based on the donor priority point system. Once you have selected your seats for the 2016 season, you will be guaranteed those seats for four seasons (2016-2019), as long as you continue to make qualifying gifts (if applicable) and ticket payments by the payment deadlines.



Men's Basketball: Season ticket holders will be able to upgrade/move their season ticket locations during early September. Seat selection windows will begin in early September after all orders have been processed and will be determined based on consecutive years of men's basketball season ticket purchases.

Season ticket holders will have the capability to compare multiple seat locations and become familiar with the web-based program in the time leading up to their appointed selection time. This technology has been used recently by other peer institutions and will display real-time data on what seat locations are available for selection.

Which games are you coming back for? Visit our website at www.ohiozeta.com and let your brothers know!