



THETA DELTA DRAGON

Beta Theta Pi at The Ohio State University • Fall 2016



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Theta Delta Needs Your Support to Reach Our \$5 Million Fundraising Goal

Brothers, Help Us Today with a Pledge to This Necessary Project

Earlier this summer, a number of Theta Delta alumni had the opportunity to witness the demolition of our Chapter House. Many were excited to see that our project is in progress. We've made a lot of progress already. Even though the house is still under construction, and will be through the rest of this fall semester and into the spring, we've been amazed by the transformation that has already taken place.

PROJECT PROGRESSES ON TIME

We're moving right along. We completed the most important part of the project, both physically and metaphorically, when we laid the foundation. Our project manager is doing a great job and the project is on time so far. *The Campaign for Theta Delta* also continues to move forward. However, with both projects we have a lot of work left to do, and our job has really only just begun.

PARTICIPATION RATE NEEDS TO IMPROVE

We are extremely thankful for the response of 95 generous donors, which represents 7% of our total active alumni. However, we need the support of every Theta Delta if we are going to raise the remaining \$2.7 million needed to reach our \$5 million fundraising goal. The average Greek fundraising campaign has 25% participation among alumni, and our campaign has less than 10%. We want this to be a collaborative effort across all generations, and we know we can improve our participation rate. To those who have not yet made a gift, we strongly encourage your thoughtful consideration of this project. Participation is our main focus now, and gifts of all levels are much appreciated.

This campaign is vital to our success and your help is needed immediately so that we may reach our goal as quickly as possible. The facts to the right might help in the consideration of your own level of support.

- Pledges may be stretched over a five-year giving period, if desired. Many brothers have taken advantage of this opportunity to maximize their giving potential.
- All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500 to the campaign will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the new Chapter House.

WE KNOW WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER

We knew this was a big goal when we set out to accomplish this project. But we also know the power of brotherhood. We know the alumni of Theta Delta are great men and if we band together, we can accomplish great things together. Our new colony members were recruited knowing the Men of Principle initiative is the only way they will succeed and they had to buy-in to that ideal from day one. They are a terrific group of young men and they are excited about the future of Beta at Ohio State. This is a new Fraternity, with excellent members who believe in the new Theta Delta. They and the advisors are investing much time into making this a great colony and Chapter. But we don't want great; we want extraordinary.

In order for Theta Delta to be extraordinary, we must provide our members with a new and functional home that meets their needs. We need you to invest in this vision with us. A pledge today shows our members that you are with them and that you support them. As Theta Delta alumni, we must stand together to show others what we can do in the face of adversity. We are a team; let's show them what a true brotherhood and team can do. Today, we're asking you to join us in this capital campaign. Our Theta Delta is more than worthy of your investment.

Yours in *_kai_*,

Dominic Bagnoli '85
Campaign Chairman

David Wright '67
Honorary Chairman

SEND YOUR GIFT TODAY TO SUPPORT THETA DELTA

Add Your Name to Our Growing List of Donors

We sincerely thank the following brothers for their dedication to *A Return to Principles: The Campaign for Theta Delta*. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of the Theta Delta Chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our campaign goal and complete this major project.

Three Stars Circle (\$500,000 and above)

Anonymous
Anonymous

165 Circle (\$250,000 to \$499,999)

Ralph W. Talmage '71

Wooglin Circle (\$100,000 to \$249,999)

David W. Wright '67
In honor of the
Class of '67
Larry Abbott '70
Dominic Bagnoli '85
Steve Jeney '85

kai Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Nelson French '48

Dragon Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Theta Delta
Undergraduate Chapter
David R. Rudy, M.D., M.P.H. '56
Terry Taylor '62
Joseph A. Chinnici Jr. '64

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Roger L. Albrecht '68
In memory of
James W. "Wally" Phillips '44
John D. Beam '68
In memory of
James A. Beam '30
Roderick I. Gregory '79
Daniel R. Pickett '80
Dan Irwin III '85
Art Kovesdy '85
Nonelle Family Gift
Richard Nonelle Jr. '85
Michael Nonelle '89
Gregory J. Andrews '86
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Ronald Warwar '87
In memory of
Daniel Brower

Inglenook Society
(\$15,000 to \$24,999)
James B. Findley '54
Larry R. Plum '68
Anthony Iacovetta '78

Wreath of Gold Society
(\$10,000 to \$14,999)
Dr. John D. Jacob '60
In memory of
Don Hollenback '51 and
John Ramseyer '59
George R. Barry '61
Rick Schwieterman '72
Alan Veatch '79
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Beta Spirit Club
(\$5,000 to \$9,999)
James C. Gorman '49
John O. Hopkins Sr. '57
Carl F. Weiffenbach '57

All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500 to the campaign, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the Chapter House. All donors contributing a minimum of \$1,000 will be recognized in campaign publications. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661. Thank you!

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of September 7, 2016

Goal
\$5 million

Total Commitments
\$2,305,143

Total Donors
98

William H. Zimmer '52
Kenneth K. Feinthel '55
Ronald Bell '56
John D. Poffenberger '57
William J. Kennelly '58
Theodore W. Rudy '59
Thomas F. Wall Jr. '60
Robert W. Butler '62
In honor of
W. Bruce Butler '66
W. Bruce Butler '66
Richard L. Springer, D.V.M. '66
Donn G. Ellerbrock '70
William Goepfert '72
Geoffrey Presson '73
Steven Cover '74
In honor of
Robert A. Cover
David Grieshop '85
Christopher S. Jeney '89
Todd Stefanini '05

Theta Delta Brotherhood Club (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Joann Grimes
In memory of
Robert L. Grimes '53
Richard C. Pickett '48
In memory of
John Hughes '47
James C. Brown '52

Theta Delta 2016 Spring Roundup

Our annual Theta Delta Spring Roundup last April at Scioto Country Club was a huge success. More than 100 Theta Delta attended, including several members from the undergraduate colony. **Tom Wheeler '68**, chairman of the FCC, was our keynote speaker for the evening. Tom spoke of his past as a Theta Delta undergraduate and about current events surrounding his agency. We also awarded scholarships to many deserving undergraduates and presented Fraternal Fifties to alumni. Those who attended also had the chance to hear an update on the new house construction. Thank you to everyone who came out; we hope to see you all again next year.



Rik Nonelle '85 Paves the Way for Theta Delta's Future



If **Rik Nonelle '85** traced his Beta membership back to where it all began, the path would lead to his sister. Liz was a member of Pi Beta Phi at Ohio State and was a Beta sweetheart. She married Theta Delta alumnus **David Klein '82**, who is now a plastic surgeon and Rik's brother-in-law. The connections and exposure to Beta started for Rik before he was even out of high school, but the decision to join ultimately was his own. The combination of culture, members, and tradition made the choice easy for Rik.

"Being in a fraternity creates a bond you can't get anywhere else," Rik said. "Some of my closest friends today are the guys I met in Beta. Living with so many people for three years doesn't really allow it to end any other way than lifelong friendship. The memories and experiences we shared are cemented in us. You can't get that type of relationship just anywhere."

It's natural then that Rik would want to allow the next generation of Betas the same opportunities he had. His commitment to *The Campaign for Theta Delta* is for exactly that reason. "In a fraternity, a code of ethics, integrity, and honesty come into play. It gives us as young adults a mini slice of our future lives and gives us the ability to work with many men with completely different personalities. Through numerous activities and actions, our personality traits develop and we become who we will be after college. My decision to give back is also paying it forward. When I stepped into the house at 18, I entered a house that was built and paid for by former Betas, so when the chance to do the same for the next crop of young men came along, I was happy to do my part."

"It doesn't matter if you give a large amount or a small amount as long as you give something. I doubt there are many alumni who can't attribute some of their success to Beta. My younger brother, **Mike '89**, had an equally great experience, so together we wanted to pay back the organization that made it possible. We owe a lot to Theta Delta, so it's our way of saying thank you, as well as keeping the chapter strong."

Rik lives in Cincinnati with his wife, Kimberly, and their two shar-peis. For 22 years, he has owned and operated Window Genie, the country's leader in home services. Window Genie is located in more than 120 cities around the country and were ranked #170 in *Entrepreneur Magazine's* 2016 Franchise 500 list. Rik is a car guy, so when he's not working he enjoys collecting as many unique cars as he can. He also enjoys traveling, riding road bikes, and playing a little golf. You can contact Rik at rik@windowgenie.com.

UNDERGRADUATES KEEP THEIR EYES TO THE FUTURE

High Morale from Alumni Support Encourages Theta Delta to Succeed

In the midst of all the excitement that surrounds Theta Delta, I think it is important to reflect on where we are today and where we came from.

THETA DELTA GROWS IN MEMBERSHIP AND PRIDE

Two short years ago, the long and laborious process of recolonizing our great Chapter began. Few things came easy, but with the help of the General Fraternity and a devoted alumni base, we quickly grew our membership to 59 undergraduates, where it stands today. We soon found our niche in the large Greek community at Ohio State, excelling in the classroom and the community. We continue to rank in GPA and log more than 500 service hours every semester. We also deepen our relationships with our fellow fraternal organizations and campus community, hosting events and placing men in key leadership positions in several university organizations.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR BETA THETA PI

As we look to the future, it is hard not to be overcome with excitement. On its way is a beautiful new home for our Chapter; a home that we believe will serve as a not-so-subtle

reminder that Theta Delta is, and always will be, a force for good and positive change on campus. We also continue our efforts in growing our membership and relationships within the community, always striving to improve upon our GPA and impact on those around us.

THANK YOU, ALUMNI

Our alumni serve as the cornerstone of our success, and because of that we look for ways to connect and strengthen ties with you. Look to receive invitations to Chapter-hosted events in the coming months, as we will host both philanthropy and Homecoming events this fall. Additionally, we always welcome and encourage alumni to join us for our Chapter meetings.

The future at Theta Delta is incredibly bright. With the continued support of our alumni and hard work of our members, we will soon reclaim our status as the best Greek organization on campus.

Fraternally,
Jeff Ruick '17
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Beta members at the Chapter's barbecue philanthropy event last spring. Top row, from left: Brian Kammer '16, Blaise Kimmel '17, Matt Burns '18, Scott Richard '17, Derek Plautz '17, and Jason Wang '18. Middle row: Logan Fleischer '18, Alex Kopman '18, Greg Riley '17, Michael Mosholder '18, Aaron Trombley '17, Grant Oehler '17, Steven Repas '17, Dominic Bagnoli '18, Giuseppe diBiase '17, Brian Spitznale '18, and Gary Haddle '17. Bottom row: Dylan Shanks '16, Ryan Stephens '16, and Anthony Calautti '17.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Chapter Celestial

William E. Drier '55 entered Chapter Celestial on June 21. He followed Ohio State sports and cheered on the Buckeyes until the end. Bill was a family man who would be found on the weekends at the Hall of Fame Swim Club cheering his son to the Olympic Trials or out fishing on the family boat. He loved his antique wooden Chris Crafts and became a prized collector. He enjoyed the yacht club and the serenity of Lake Dora, and his beautiful home on boat house row. Bill will be remembered for his joie de vivre, sincere kindness, and humor. He is survived by his wife, Maryellen; children, David and Dinah; grandson, Devon; and two stepdaughters.

Alumni News

Ron J. McCormick '58 reports that he tries to remain fit, healthy, and involved. He enjoys salmon and steelhead fishing, and travels with his wife, Carol. They have five children, and enjoy visiting them, their grandchildren, and great-grandson. Ron and Carol live in Grants Pass, Ore.

John "King" Stratton '59 moved to Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Ga., and built a new house on a five-acre lot on Lake Oconee. He and his wife, Judith, live within 90 minutes of one daughter and two grandsons in Atlanta, and a day's drive of their other daughter and son and three other grandchildren in Louisville. E-mail: jkingstratton@yahoo.com

Kenneth Frick '65 lives in Grasonville, Md. He sailed south with his wife of 40-plus years in 2005 and cruised the Caribbean for nine years on their 41-foot sailboat. E-mail: mkfrick@gmail.com

Alan M. Fisher, M.D. '66 and his wife, Marlene, celebrated their 49th anniversary this year. They have two beautiful children and two adorable grandchildren. Together they enjoy kayaking, camping, traveling in their RV, hiking, and exercising. Alan and Marlene live in Ridgefield, Wash. E-mail: amfisher102@mac.com

Thomas T. Fox, M.D. '67 and his wife of 43 years, Jane, live in Dublin, Ohio, and have three children, Tom, Lori, and Tony, and 10 grandchildren. He practiced radiology for 35 years, retiring in 2010. E-mail: foxjv@aol.com

Joe O. Richer '69 and his wife, Susan, live in Maumee, Ohio, and have two daughters, Jennifer and Erin, and six grandchildren. "We have lots of sporting events to attend! Summer weekends are spent at the lake house in Michigan (sorry!), and we continue to follow our football Buckeyes!" E-mail: jricher@bex.net

Peter D. Braun '81 lives in Louisville, Colo., with his wife, Megan, and son, Oliver. He enjoys the Colorado lifestyle by playing tennis, skiing, hiking, and biking. Peter is on the board of directors of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, and was a "celebrity" on "Dancing with the Boulder Stars." E-mail: p.braun@ubs.com

Scott C. Ward '01 is a sales engineer at One Line Power Systems Inc. He and his wife, Shannon, moved from San Francisco to San Jose in 2015 with their children, Addison and Liam. E-mail: scottwards@hotmail.com



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