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Theta Chi Alum to Run for PSU BOT

Chris Bartnik '91 has begun the process to gain the nomination to the Penn State Board of Trustees.

Go to www.thetachiomega.com to read why Chris is running, and to find out how you can help get him elected.

Penn State Football 2013 Schedule

8/31	Syracuse (East Rutherford, N.J.)
9/7	EASTERN MICHIGAN
9/14	CENTRAL FLORIDA
9/21	KENT STATE
10/5	at Indiana
10/12	MICHIGAN
10/26	at Ohio State
11/2	ILLINOIS
11/9	at Minnesota
11/16	PURDUE
11/23	NEBRASKA
11/30	at Wisconsin



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SAVE THE DATE
October 19, 2013
A once in a lifetime Theta Chi event for alumni and families.
Details this spring...

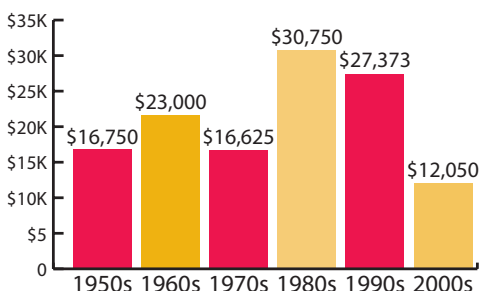
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Decade Challenge—Update and Progress Report

The Theta Chi for Life Campaign has Reached 25% of our Goal

In 2012, we kicked off the DECADE CHALLENGE; asking each decade to raise at least \$100,000. Since then, more than \$125,000 has been pledged. We have already installed the new windows and we intend to renovate the porch this summer.

Here is where each decade stands to date:



Pledges can be paid over three years (or five if it will increase your pledge) and can be paid annually, bi-annually, or quarterly. You can also set up monthly payments through your bank.

Your multi-year contribution can make a significant impact—if you can give \$50.00 a month for the next 36 months, you can make a \$1,800 pledge. If you can give \$50 a month for the next 60 months, that would be a \$3,000 pledge!

Please consider what you can give and make a pledge. **We need every alumnus to get involved, at whatever level is possible, to make this campaign a success.**

If you have questions about the campaign, you can reach our campaign chair **Rich Maltz '90** at oxomega@psualum.com or at 917-539-4096.

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ALUMNI WORK WEEKEND

Preserving Our 80-Year-Old House

Join Us for Alumni Work Weekend on March 23

When you think back to your time as a brother, one thing common theme, no matter what year you graduated is the house at 523 South Allen St. This ever-present symbol of Theta Chi at Penn State is starting to show her age. Let's face it—an 80-year-old house accumulates it's fair share of dings and dents, especially one that has 40 college students living and playing in it.

Our past work weekends have been very successful and we've been able to keep up with needed improvements in the house. Building on that, we plan to restore the pool room (also known as the card room, depending on when you graduated). This is an opportunity to give back to Theta Chi, and the house, for all the

good times you had there as an undergraduate. Our work will also help keep the house in its best shape so brothers can have those same memories for years to come.

This year, the Alumni Work Weekend is scheduled for **March 23**. While this is a great time to improve the house and relive your college days with fellow alumni, it's also an opportunity to work alongside and get to know active brothers.

More information about the work weekend can be found on our website at www.thetachiomega.com. We look forward to seeing you.

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Capital Campaign Pledges—Bucking the Trends and Doing It Omega’s Way!

For those of you who have been involved with fundraising efforts for Penn State, your church, local YMCA, or any other organization, you know that 80% of the money is raised from 20% of the group.

We have never settled for the “status quo” at Omega Chapter and we aren’t starting now.

We want and need the participation of all alumni to reach our campaign goals. We want you to give what you can to help make this renovation a reality and, in the true spirit of Theta Chi, we want to do this TOGETHER.

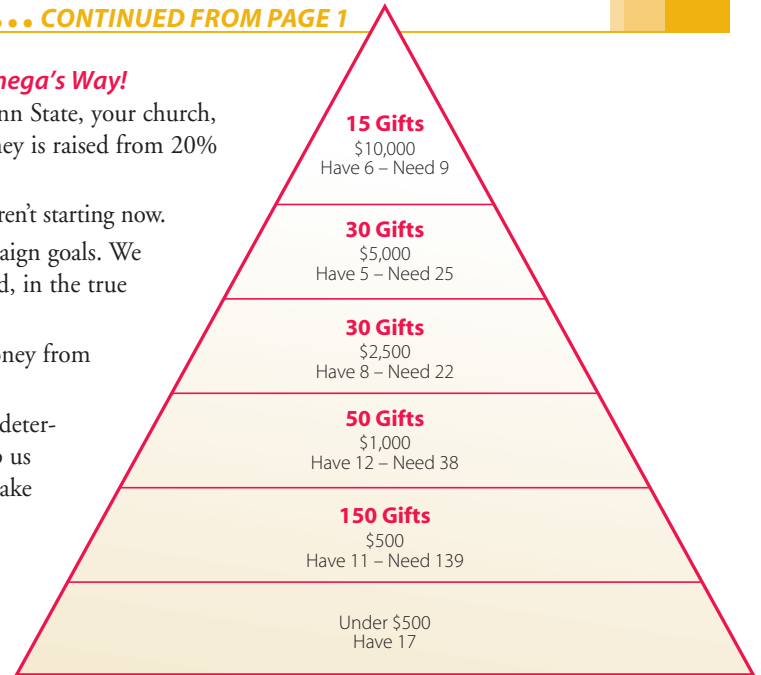
So, we are bucking the trend and are hoping to raise 80% of our money from 80% of the group OR MORE!

See pyramid to the right with payment schedules below to help you determine at what level you might be able to make your pledge. You can help us complete the pyramid by making your gift and encouraging others to make theirs.

In 2013, we will be sending monthly updates on the progress of the Decade Challenge and the pyramid, so please add your name to the honor roll and make your pledge today.

You can do so by completing the enclosed form and returning it in the envelope provided or by going to our website and downloading the form.

We need the help of every brother and we hope you will come to the aid of the house NOW! Future generations of Omega brothers will thank you for it!



Campaign Total	\$500,000
Total New Pledges Needed:	233
Total Pledged (as of 2.13.13):	\$126,048

Pledge Payment Schedule over 3-Year Pledge Period

Pledge Amount	Yearly Payment	Bi-Yearly Payment	Quarterly Payment	Monthly Payment
\$10,000	\$3,333.33	\$1,666.67	\$833.33	\$277.78
\$5,000	\$1,666.67	\$833.33	\$416.67	\$138.89
\$2,500	\$833.33	\$416.67	\$208.33	\$69.44
\$1,000	\$333.33	\$166.67	\$83.33	\$27.78
\$500	\$166.67	\$83.33	\$41.67	\$13.89

THON 2013

Theta Chi’s Dance for a Cure in THON 2013

THON 2013 Earns \$12.3 Million for the Four Diamonds Fund

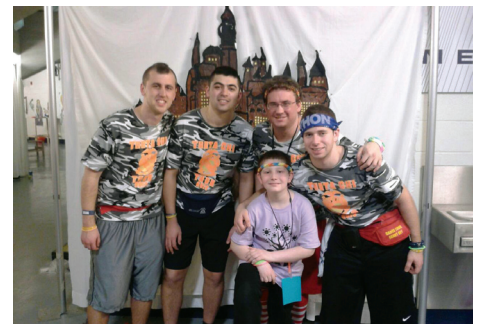
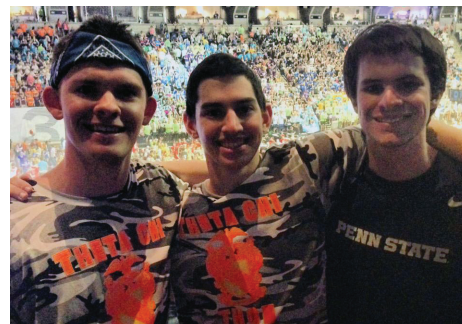
Four Theta Chis joined the fight against pediatric cancer by dancing in this year’s THON. **Zach Meharey, Ian Brodsky, Julien Hohman** and **David Stoltzfus** remained standing and awake for 46 straight hours, all

in the name of finding a cure for families like the Bobby’s, Theta Chi’s THON family.

This year, the chapter raised \$30,788.83 despite having to cancel one canning trip. As a whole, THON 2013 raised over \$12.3

million, shattering last year’s total (\$10.6 million) and placing the total Four Diamonds Fund donation over \$100 million.

Below: L to R: David Stoltzfus, Zach Meharey, AJ Bobby, Julien Hohman and Ian Brodsky



Tom Morton '53 Shares His Memories of Being a Theta Chi and Ex-GI

Why did you join Theta Chi over other fraternities?

You have to understand in those days there were ex-GIs. They were different. I was one, too. I think it was the half of the brothers in Theta Chi who were vets who I saw as a stable group that I cared to join.

What is your most memorable moment about being an undergrad member of Theta Chi?

I cannot see one moment. I remember the whole experience as rewarding and enjoyable.

What's the best advice you've ever received, and from whom?

Best advice was from my dad when things got tough and I was considering moving from engineering to something less "challenging." He

said "Don't." I didn't. And he was right.

What's your greatest personal challenge to date and how did you overcome it?

My professional life has been full of small challenges. I don't see any of them as overwhelming to the point I need mention them here. The likely reason is that my good wife of 59 1/2 years has supported and helped me over any bumps in the road.

What role does leadership play in a man's life?

I really never looked for leadership. When in a position of any authority, I simply used

it to the best of my ability.

If you were walking onto the Penn State campus as a young freshman, what advice would you give to the younger you?

Beware the "liberal thinkers." They will destroy you and your country. Our universities (yes, Penn State) are full of them and young inexperienced students are vulnerable. Learn science or profession, but beware the hidden or obvious politics they will likely project.



L to R: William Shomberg '53, Tom Morton '53, Richard Johnson and Richard Fronko '54 visiting the Grand Canyon on their way to the National Convention in Los Angeles – 1952.

Reconnect with Tom at mortonte@windstream.net

ALUMNI UPDATES

Bob Kennedy '50

(208 Marple Rd., Broomall, PA 19008, rckdwbk@verizon.net) Best wishes to all brothers, with special kudos to those graduating in the late '40s to early '50s after serving in any branch of the U.S. military during World War II.

Gary Riser '64

(972C West Outer Dr., Oak Ridge, TN 37830-8607; gariser@aol.com) I lost my wife Marcia nearly four years ago to breast cancer and got remarried on August 11, 2012. We had a pretty big shindig after the weddin' ceremony... moonshine cherries, peach cobbler, a blue grass band, and a regular one. Sorry none of you could make it. You all come down and

see us, you hear. I still have some moonshine cherries hidden away, I'll be glad to share.

Ed Messmer '70

(2950 Mount Wilkinson Pkwy SE, Unit 513, Atlanta, GA 30339; edmessmer@gmail.com) After working too long, I retired this year from Mohawk Industries where I was SVP, Sales Operations. While we're presently living in Atlanta, Linda and I will soon move into the retirement home we built in St. James Plantation, NC. We'll spend the cold months in North Carolina and the warm time of the year at our log cabin in Saugatuck, MI. We've enjoyed the last three years in Atlanta. One of the extra benefits was getting together with

Mike Velmer '71 and playing golf on the weekends, despite his attempts to shave strokes. I have great memories from the days in the house with great guys, lots of laughs, football weekends, wales tails, limerick songs, etc.

A few times were strange... Kevin holding Phi Sig accountable at gun point, the infamous Omega Soul Brothers riot incident, and the night the Philly boys kicked our butts. Among the best memories: with only 14 actives left in the house, we recruited a pledge class of 25 great guys in 1969 (no other fraternity was even close), allowing us to keep the house going so that we could hand down what we valued to future generations!

Jay Hoffman '75 Reflects on His Time in the Omega Basement

(12232 Redgold Run, Carmel, IN, 46032; jayhoffman@aol.com) I am principal/owner of JH Enterprises, a healthcare transition management company, celebrating nearly 10 years of service to the healthcare industry. I can't believe it's been more than 35 years since the Omega days! Best wishes to all my brothers!

What song best defines your college experience? "Stormy Monday," as

performed by the Allman Brothers.

Why did you join Theta Chi over other fraternities? Comradery and similar social values.

How did Omega help make you into the man you are today? Did a lot of growing up during my 3+ years in the house—some of my fondest memories are still from the Omega days!

What is your most memorable moment about being an undergrad member of Omega? Hanging at the bar in the basement!

Tell us about a brother who was a mentor or went beyond the call of duty to help you. Brother Bubba! R.I.P.

Reconnect with Jay at jayhoffman@aol.com

GOLF OPEN

The 32nd Annual Theta Chi Open will be held on May 3 at the Shoregate Country Club near Sea Isle City, NJ. First tee time is at 11:00 a.m. with a post game banquet provided by Local Smoke, which has catered our event in the past and specializes in barbecue food fests.

Those who are interested in attending should contact **Mike Perkins '76** at mperkins@hmausa.com.

Alumni at last year's Golf Open.



OLD PHOTO ALBUM

Take a Trip Down Memory Lane at thetachioomega.com

We've loaded our website with thousands of photos from the good days...THON, bowl trips, Founders' Day activities, you name it! Photos are organized by year, so you can easily find your brothers—and maybe yourself.

You can also upload your own photos to the site or find instructions for mailing them to us. So dust off your old albums and relive your Theta Chi days!



Above: Pledge trip 1975; Middle: Orange Bowl 2006; Right: far left: Toga Party, 1956.

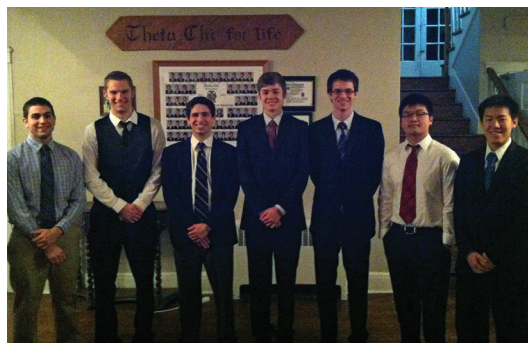


CHAPTER UPDATE

Spring 2013 Rush Leads to the Addition of Seven New Brothers

Penn State's spring 2013 rush, which came to a close in late January, was another successful recruitment opportunity for Omega Chapter. We welcomed seven new pledges, including an international student from Indonesia.

Among our current members, we are proud to have two outstanding legacies: **Ian Maxwell**, our current president, and **Nick Stadlander**. Ian and Nick's fathers were both members of the Eta Pi Chapter at East Stroudsburg University.



AWARDS

Kevin Trippel won the Living Ritual Award at the Penn State Greek Column Awards. The Living Ritual Awards were created by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to recognize members of fraternities and sororities who, by their actions and involvement in the community, represent the values embodied by their ritual on a daily basis.

