

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Remembering a Brother

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of:

William Zubyk Jr. '81

We have been honored to call this man our brother. Theta Chi's extended worldwide family offers its condolences to the family and friends of our departed brother.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Homecoming 2015

Saturday, October 10

Corporation meeting and elections at the Theta Chi Chapter House.

More details will be announced later at

www.thetachiomega.com/events

For now, mark the date on your calendars!

SPRING INITIATES

Theta Chi Welcomes 8 New Brothers

We are proud to announce the following young men have been initiated into the brotherhood of Theta Chi. Congratulations to:

- Matt Birkbeck**
- Tim Gregory**
- Steve Hatten**
- Neel Parikh**
- Oduwa Pat-Osagie**
- Milton Rahman**
- Giovanni Rindone**
- Chris Silverwood**

Note: We are now accepting nominations for the **Alumni Board**. To nominate yourself or a fellow brother please email davidhartwich@gmail.com with the name and phone number of that brother, or mail to David Hartwich, 126 Olde Orchard Dr., Bridgeville, PA 15017.



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THON 2015

Omega Chapter Contributes in Fight Against Pediatric Cancers



L to R: Brothers Bradley Nichols and AJ Bobby with Thon Child Pat Hilling

Over the years, Theta Chi brothers have built reputations as resilient dancers at the grueling, two-day dance marathon known as THON. And as the annual 46-hour, no-sleeping, no-sitting dance marathon came to a wrap in February, Theta Chi's Sam Kulp was still standing.

Chosen as Omega Chapter's dancer, Kulp, along with A.J. Bobby, his sisters and with the support of the rest of the brothers, THON staff and Tapestry Dance Company helped raise \$53,284.51 for the Four Diamonds Fund.

In total, nine brothers lent helping hands on THON committees. They were: **Ryan Campbell**, Rules and Regulations; **Sam**



L to R: Alex Constable, Jason Jonas, Sam Kulp and Brandon Roberts at THON 2015

Shively, Public Relations Captain; **Alejandro Buxo**, OPPerations LT; **Stephen Sanford**, OPPerations, Faculty and Staff Outreach; **Ryan Gattoni**, Rules and Regulations Event Safety; **Frank Donato**, Rules and Regulations; **John Lin**, OPPerations Canning Coordinator; and **Joe Saylor**, Dancer Relations Theme Hour Chair.

Overall, THON was a massive success again as \$13,026,653.23 was raised for the Four Diamonds Fund in the

ongoing effort to help combat pediatric cancers.

Congrats to everyone for all your time, effort and hard work!

WORK WEEKEND

Annual Cleanup Yields Results



Brother John Lin helps out with raking duties



Brothers Ryan Campbell, Connor DeKranis, Ryan Gattoni, Alex Constable prepare to spread mulch.

There's something about a fresh pile of mulch that signifies a job well done.

It also makes red bricks pop. Take a drive down South Allen Street and see for yourself. There, Theta Chi's stately manor got an exterior facelift and interior scrub-down in mid-April thanks to a handful of brothers who picked up shovels and rakes and turned in a weekend's worth of work to improve the property's overall aesthetic.

Blessed with good weather – temperatures reached into the 60s and the sun provided plenty of work light – brothers tackled numerous outdoor chores. At 9 a.m., brothers donned their work attire – most wore sweats and hoodies while others opted for the more utilitarian bib overalls – and split into groups. Soon thereafter, the rakes and shovels could be heard scraping and clawing at the earth over the next several hours.

Outside work included a spring cleaning of the planting beds and any remaining leaves and debris

from the fall were removed from the side lot. Four yards of mulch was then spread over the planting beds. The side porch was cleaned and organized, sunken paving bricks were repaired and all trash and old bikes were removed.

Inside work was concentrated on the first floor. The living room and library carpets were cleaned. The mail room and coat room were cleaned and re-organized removing all old accumulation of lost coats, unclaimed mail and other miscellaneous clutter. A few other small repairs were completed, including the re-installation of some doorway trim that had fallen off.

Cleanup efforts continued into the week as the actives fully tidied up the first floor in preparation for Parent's Weekend and Blue-White Weekend.

Thank you to all who participated on Saturday, with a special thank you to Brothers **John McElwee '47**, **Rich Maltz '90**, **James Stuhltrager '89** and **Jeff Damcott '91** for their donations.

CAPITAL RENOVATIONS UPDATE

Work Ongoing at Chapter House With Plenty More to Be Done

By Jeffrey Damcott '91

The renovations at the chapter house are ongoing as the Board continues to work toward improving the living conditions for the actives.

We anticipate the completion of some of the smaller projects in the architectural review this summer. The first item is the refinishing of the bar floor. Timing logistics prevented us from completing this between semesters, but we will now be able to use the summer house closure to have a commercial floor installed.

The bathroom off of the laundry room in the basement will receive an aesthetic facelift. Estimates are being gathered to repair and repaint the cornice, moldings and trim on the exterior of the house. The exterior painting

The scope . . . makes this a challenge.

project could be finished this summer, but there is still much work to be done and your donations will only help.

The following long-term tasks still need to be completed:

- Replace stair landing French door
- Replace and upgrade electrical systems in the basement, first and second floors
- Renovate all second floor bedrooms
- Repair/replace roof structure over kitchen door
- Renovate first floor

- Convert bedroom off the pool room to meet ADA requirements
- Repair and refinish all floors and staircases
- Achieve full ADA compliance

Also this summer, the board will take inventory of the house. Using the results, we will plan to replace some of the equipment inside the house as some of it is aging.

Omega Chapter has invested close to \$100,000 in just the past three years. We are continuing to work on a plan to make these needed repairs in a cost-efficient manner. The scope of a few of the items and the code requirements make this a challenge. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and crucial to our longevity at Penn State.

GREEK WEEK

Omega Chapter Rises to the Top

The quad of Theta Chi, Sigma Kappa, Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Lambda Phi came in first place in the 2015 Greek Week competition. They received a \$500 donation to GI Theta Chi program for their efforts.

Brother Sean Curry competed in the Greek Pageant as one of the five selected Fraternity representatives.

The chapter came in second place in the Greek Week Volleyball tournament and also participated in the kickball tournament.

Congrats to the brothers on their hard work!



Above: Sean Curry during the Toga Competition



Above Right: Members of Theta Chi, ATO and DLP share a moment after kickball



Right: Luis Roman winds up during the kickball tournament

HONOR ROLL

Help Us Get Closer To Our \$20,000 Goal As Giving Year Nears the Midway Point

Thank you to the following brothers who have supported our annual fund so far this giving year, which started on January 1, 2015. We've set a goal to reach \$20,000 and 100 donors. So far, we've raised \$3,295 with 34 donors. We are \$16,705 away from our goal and 66 donors shy of our target with six months left. We're counting on you to help us reach our goal!

To make your donation, visit www.thetachiomega.com/annual-fund-donations/.

Snake & Sword Society (\$250-\$522.99)

Joseph Jackson, 1950
Dr. Mark M. Burroughs, P.E.,
1963
Reed Goodwin, 1991

1856 Society (\$185.60)

John V. Coleman, 1961
Kenneth Slaby, 1972
David Noll, 1986

Red Carnation Club (\$100-\$185.59)

George Chapman Jr., 1947
Walter White, 1948
Joseph Crudo, 1955
George E. Walker, 1958
David Heitzenroder, 1964

Richard McLean, 1968
Hugh McClure, 1972
Matthew Mankus, 1973
Anthony D'Ippolito, 1983
Owen R. Fishman, 1985
Philip J. Katchur, 1988
Richard Maltz, 1990
Ned Filipovitz, 1996

Omega Supporters (\$50-\$99.99)

William Grun, 1947
David Miller, 1953
Ian Ramsay, 1961
George Hoffman Jr., 1975
David Douglas, 1976
Robert A. Hoffman, 1976
Victor Howe, 1977
J. Tristan Stancato, 1980

Michael R. Hetrick, 1995
Michael Crawford, 2007
Mr. Edward Wallace, 2012

Other (Up to \$49.99)

James Forsythe, 1956
Samuel F. Mastrorocco, 1957
Edwin Rhoads, 1958
Daniel C. L. Wood, 1983

*Reflects gifts received by
April 10th, 2015.*

FIRST TIME DONORS

We would like to thank all of our first time donors this year who have decided to step up and give for their first time to the annual fund!

Thank you for your support
and for making your voices heard!

Catherine Scavello
Eugene Raup '52
Edwin Rhoads '58
James Wood '61
Rod N. Raynovich '64
James Scattergood Jr. '65
Gerald Kistler '76
Robert A. Coleman '78
Mr. Brian Douglass '99
Jacob Kerr '10
Mr. Edward Wallace '12
Bryan Powell '12
Mr. Brent Homcha '12

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Inside:

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ALUMNI UPDATES**Theta Chi brothers continue to see results personally and professionally**

Richard L. Hill '59 (5822 Raphael Dr., Huntington Beach, Calif. 92649; owlhb2@gmail.com)

I am going on a cruise of the Hawaiian Islands in August.

Richard R. Jones '60 (208 North Elm St., Manchester, Conn. 06042; comdrdick@aol.com)

I am back working for the state of Connecticut in environmental protection-boating education. I arrange classes and instructors teaching boating safety. I am waiting for warm weather to captain launches for the Mystic Seaport Museum. I am an active Lions Club president, Power Squadron treasurer and my weekends are spent driving to duck decoy shows along the East Coast and meeting up with Brothers Larry Reader '57 and John Coleman '61. Other than that, I am just taking it easy.

Thomas W. Hankey '65 (4004 Belspring Rd., Chester, Va. 23831; thomaswhankey1@verizon.net)

I got married on March 15, 2014 to Linda Young. We reside at my house in Chester, Va. I am a 1965 graduate from Penn State with a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering and will be attending the 50th anniversary in June.

Gregory L. Schlegel '73 (15 Cardinal Way, Flemington, N.J. 08822; schlegel@nac.net)
Still going strong!

I'm a principal with a computer software company doing complex modeling and the founder of The Supply Chain Risk

Management Consortium providing services to mitigate and manage risk.

I also teach risk management in two MBA university programs at Lehigh and Villanova. I still do a lot of global travel. I'm actually still utilizing many of the methodologies acquired in QBA and Comp Sci. (now called Supply Chain) at State! I just published my first book: *Supply Chain Risk Management: An Emerging Discipline* and have been happily married for 35 years to Philly sweetheart, Mariann.

Paul D. Faircloth '81 (29979 West Mill Run, Milton, Del. 19968; paul.faircloth@state.de.us)

As I get older, the milestones keep flying by.

My lovely wife Keri and I will celebrate our 29th wedding anniversary on April 26. I still marvel that she's put up with me all this time! We are coming up with ideas for our next "just the two of us" excursion.

The clan is all doing well. Nick is 24 and in Staunton, Va., for the time being growing an organic garden for the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. The work is the second part of a two-year fellowship with the Allegheny Mountain Institute.

Chris is in his junior year at the University of Delaware working on a mechanical engineering degree and is a section leader in the Blue Hen Marching Band. I sheepishly admit that I haven't seen the Blue Band for a number of years but my brother-in-law has seen both and gives great props to the Blue Hens. Their show this fall was the music from "Tommy".

Hannah is a high school junior beginning to look seriously at colleges. She's heavily involved with the theater program at Cape Henlopen High School. She's also been very involved with the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, planning and participating in a three-day program for UM Youth that attracts 4,000 students each year.

Michael Crawford '07 (126 Scenic Rd., Bedford, Pa. 15522; mcc212@gmail.com)

I'm employed at Clansburg Medical Associates.

David G. Hartwich '09 (126 Olde Orchard Dr., Bridgeville, Pa. 15017; davidhartwich@gmail.com)

I got married to Jesse, my high school sweetheart on November 8th, 2014. We live in Bridgeville, Pa. Jesse works for Dick's Sporting Goods as a copywriter in the product development department. I am working as a research engineer at Harbison Walker International.

John T. Boston '14 (612 Henry Ave., Warminster, Pa. 18974; jtbholyhill@gmail.com)

I will be taking on a greater role as a sales representative for Dow AgroSciences and I am moving from South Dakota to Rochester, N.Y. to take over an open sales territory.

What have you been up to lately? Update brothers on your status or spread some news by sending your updates to:
alumninews@affinityconnection.com