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THANKSGIVING DINNER

Wednesday Evening
November 26, 2008
Chapter House 6 p.m.

FOUNDERS DAY

February 28, 2009
Quaker Square Hotel
Downtown Akron

5th ANNUAL HITWC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday June 20, 2009
Sable Creek GC

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GLINSEK RECEIVES AWARD

Gerald Glinsek ('59) was honored as the 2008 recipient of the Akron Bar Association Professionalism Award at a dinner banquet among colleagues, friends, brothers and family. The award is presented annually to a local attorney in recognition of lifelong professional integrity. Very few attorneys represent that principle as well or as humbly as Jerry Glinsek.

The evening ceremony was held at the Sheraton in Cuyahoga Falls on October 23rd. At the banquet, Jerry was memorialized by speakers including the Honorable Linda Tuci Teodosio, Wendy Creveling, Geoffrey Eicher('80), Robert Higham, and the keynote speaker Honorable Bill Spicer('61).

Creveling talked at length about Jerry's charity work, integrity, and devotion to community. She addressed everything from the marathons he's ran for charity, to the 128 pints of blood he has donated to the Red Cross, and many others community organizations he has been committed to. Eicher spoke to the guidance Jerry has relayed to many brothers of Phi Kappa Tau. He spoke of the effect Jerry has had on his own life and many others lives through Jerry's ability to just patiently sit, listening and subtly provide guidance that led them in directions they never thought possible, making them strive further then they had ever dreamed. Eicher credits Jerry for him becoming a lawyer and...



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AKRON PHI KAPPA TAU GOLF OUTING RAISES OVER \$12,000 FOR FLYING HORSE FARMS

FHF founders David and Jenni Belford matched fundraising total, bringing net result over \$24,000!

The 4th Annual Hole In The Wall Classic Charity Golf Scramble was held Saturday, August 30th at Sable Creek Golf Course in Hartville, OH. The Event was an overwhelming success. On a beautiful, sunny day, 145 golfers and more than 20 volunteers came together to

raise funds for Flying Horse Farms, the newest, future Hole In the Wall Camp (HITWC) located in Mt. Gilead, Ohio. Outing participants enjoyed a great day of sun and fun, which included lunch, golf and a steak dinner afterwards. In addition, each golfer received a "goodie bag" full of snacks, golf items, valuable gift certificates and discount coupons all donated by our sponsors. The day ended with a Silent Auction, where golfers enjoyed bidding on items donated by many local retailers and golf courses.



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BLISS AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Graduate Council is now accepting nominations for the Alpha Phi Chapter Ray C. Bliss Outstanding Alumni Award. RAY C. BLISS (1908-1981), known nationally as a consummate political strategist and organizer, was the Summit County and National Republican Party Chairman. During his tenure as National Chairman (1965-1969) following the Goldwater debacle of 1964, he was given credit for the revitalization and later successes of the National Republican Party. As an alumnus, Mr. Bliss was a loyal Phi Tau and an Alpha Phi supporter. An example of his devotion and sense of brotherhood was his willingness to place brothers in important positions within the local party organization. A further demonstration was the establishment of the scholarship fund for Political Science majors attending The University of Akron. In 1977, he was the recipient of The Borradaile Award, given by the Phi Kappa Tau National Fraternity for outstanding achievement.

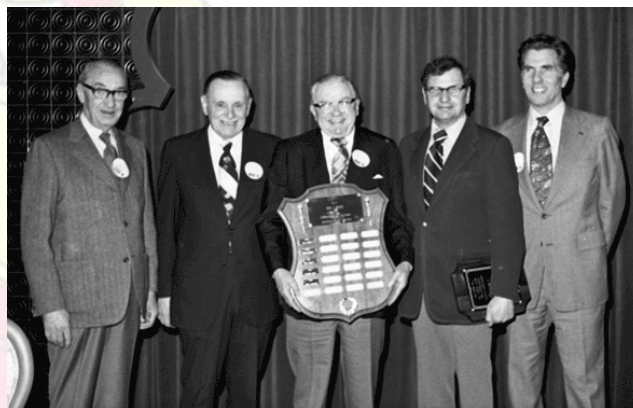
To honor Bliss and other prestigious Alpha Phi alumni, the RAY C. BLISS AWARD was established in 1969 by our chapter. Each year an alumnus who has demonstrated outstanding achievement is presented with the Award at our annual Founder's Day banquet. Winners of the Award have included Mayors, Magistrates, and business and community leaders who have in the mold of Ray C. Bliss, made significant and successful contributions to their communities and nation. More information about the award and last years recipient can be viewed at our website;

http://www.akronphitau.com/bliss_history.html .

Nominations are being accepted until January 10th at which point the nominees will be reviewed by the Ray C. Bliss Award panel. The award panel consists of past Bliss Award recipients, BOG and Graduate Council Officers. The 2009 Recipient which will be presented at the 2009 Founder's Day banquet on Saturday, February 28th.

Please submit all credentials for nominations in writing by January 10th to Spanky Raymond, Alumni Relations Chairman, via email or mail:

Spanky Raymond
Ray C. Bliss Nomination
2513 Greenview Dr
Uniontown, OH 44685
sraymond@neo.rr.com



Byron Larabee, Dr. Carl Krill, Ray C. Bliss, John Ballard, & Bill Ruhlin (left to right)

*The First 5 Ray C. Bliss Outstanding Alumni Award Recipients
photo © 1979 by Bob Pairan*

Article written by Spanky Raymond & Bob Pairan

PAST RAY C. BLISS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI RECIPIENTS

Year	Name	Year	Name	Year	Name
1969	Ray C. Bliss	1982	Judge William Spicer	1995	Alex Arshinkoff
1970	Byron Larabee	1983	Sen. Roy Ray	1996	Tim Ochsenhirt
1971	Bill Ruhlin	1984	Tom Saywer	1997	Jim Laria
1972	Dr. Carl Krill	1985	Nick Andreef	1998	Ronald Schleede
1973	John Ballard	1986	Otto Schellin	1999	Michael McNulty
1974	George Boss	1987	Tim Davis	2000	Don Varian, Jr
1975	Gene Waddell	1988	Rev. Don Powers	2002	Greg Zemla
1976	Judge McFadden	1989	Jerry Glinsek	2003	Bob Leatherman
1977	Judge Reese	1990	Ralph Maher	2004	Jim Lytle
1978	Morris Jobe	1991	John Blickle	2005	Scott Meyer
1979	E.C. Brown	1992	Bill Costigan	2006	Geoff Eicher
1980	Bill Bond	1993	Don Coughlin	2007	Robert Heffern
1981	George Wilson	1994	Terry Renninger	2008	John Conti

HEILMEIER ELECTED NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT 58TH PHI KAPPA TAU NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 58th annual Phi Kappa Tau National convention was held August 6-10, 2008 in Louisville, Kentucky. At Convention, members elect national officers, determine National Constitution / Statue changes, and make recommendations on the policies and operations of the National Fraternity. Although anyone from a chapter is welcome to attend, only two voting delegates per chapter are allowed—one from both the Resident and the Graduate Councils.

During the convention session on Friday August 8, Greg Heilmeier (Bethany '86), was elected the 2008-10 National Vice President after undergraduate and graduate delegates cast their votes. This means Greg Heilmeier will be National President in 2010-2012. Greg works for The Tasty Pure Food Company in Akron and has contributed greatly to our chapter by not only serving on our Alpha Phi BOG but also donating food for many of our annual events. Greg will unfortunately have to step from the Alpha Phi BOG due to being elected to the national ranks. Greg resides in Cuyahoga Falls.

The event was attended by Nick Krolickowski ('06), Sal Anzalone ('07) and Brett Hancock ('06). All three attended different seminars which will benefit the chapter in areas of recruitment, ritual and overall chapter operations.

Alpha Phi also received the Academic Excellence Award for continued success in the classroom and for having top grades for IFC for the third consecutive semester. They also received a Certificate of Merit for raising more than \$5,000 in philanthropic donations for The Hole in the Wall Camps. This award would not have been possible without the tremendous success of the 2007 Hole in the Wall Classic.

Saturday evening's Brotherhood Dinner brought the week to a close. Master of Ceremonies, John Green (Nebraska Wesleyan '60), introduced Keynote speaker, Gen. Carl E. Mundy (Auburn '55), who spoke about what it takes to be a great leader. The coveted Maxwell Trophy was then presented to the chapter that best exemplifies what it means to be a Phi Tau daily. Delta, Kappa, Alpha Delta, and Zeta Alpha were chosen as finalists in the selection process, whom only one chapter could receive the trophy. Kappa Chapter at Kentucky was awarded the trophy.

Written by Nick Krolickowski



Heilmeier speaking to brothers in attendance during the Brotherhood Dinner at the 58th annual Phi Kappa Tau



Nick Krolickowski, Heilmeier and Sal Anzalone spend time during the Brotherhood Dinner at the 58th annual Phi Kappa Tau National Convention.



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ACTIVE CHAPTER EARNS LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The active chapter received several awards at the 2007 Greek Leadership Awards Ceremony which was held this past April. The chapter received the Best Academic Program and Most Improved GPA awards as a result of placing first among all University of Akron Fraternities in academics for the Spring and Fall 2007 semesters. Due to continuous efforts in raising money for the Hole in the Wall Camps through the annual Bowl-a-Thon and Volleyball Tournament and continued support toward the philanthropies of other chapters, we received the Philanthropy Award. These successes combined with many other successes that our chapter had in 2007, has earned us the Most Improved Chapter Award. Finally, Brother Jeff Harraman ('05) who served as our active chapter president in 2007, earned the 2007 Chapter President of the Year Award. As always, we would like to thank you, our alumni for your continued support of Phi Kappa Tau. Your dedication to our chapter in all that you do helps us to achieve honors such as these.

Written by Nick Krolkowski, Vice President



CHAPTER HELPS SEND KIDS TO CAMP

The active chapter plans to end the 2008 school year sending a big check to The Hole in the Wall Camps. The year was highlighted by many events, one lasting a week long.

The fourth annual volleyball tournament capped off their inaugural "Beach Week." Held April 21-25, 2008. There was no lack of creativity by having a water balloon fight and cookout. Greg Heilmeyer (Bethany '86,) and The Tasty Pure Food Company donated 300 hotdogs for the event. The fourth annual volleyball tournament drew participants from seven greek organizations. The fraternities and sororities also entered a beach blanket coloring



contest to be voted on with coins by all participants and spectators. Several alumni were in attendance to support the event.

Mother Nature tried to ruin the chapter's 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The Phi Tau courts were flooded on September 13 causing the tournament to be moved back one week. No team missed out on the event with the move and the future is bright for The Steve Regula 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament.

The final push will be the third annual Bowl-A-Thon held at the bowling alley inside the University of Akron Student Union on November 20, 2008. A

goal of \$1,500 will be difficult to reach but the actives look forward to the challenge. If you would like to sponsor a bowler or the chapter please remit check to Charles Zitko ('07) at 380 E. Buchtel Ave. Akron, OH 44314. Zitko can also be reached at (440) 567-8338. All donations, even late donations, will be included for the event.

Proceeds from the Bowl-A-Thon will add onto the \$738.00 already raised in 2008. No dates have been set for 2009 events.

Written by Matt Pisanelli ('06), Philanthropy Chairman

GLINSEK (CONT'D)

much of the success he has achieved from his profession. Higham, life time friend and legal partner, spoke of how Jerry had help him through ever aspect of his life including giving him leads for almost every job he had obtained. He stressed how he was one of many such people that Jerry has helped excel over the years.

The Honorable Bill Spicer ('61) spoke at length about Jerry's life, many including Phi Tau. He spoke of the 40 plus years of committed service to our fraternity starting with becoming president of the active chapter in 1961, the year in which Alpha Phi was the nations Best Chapter with over 100+ members strong. He talked of how he served on the alumni board after graduating until eventually becoming the Chapter Advisor for which he served from 1982-2006. And since 2006, Jerry has continued to serve on the Board of Governors as a member at large. He spoke of how Jerry had received the R.C. Bliss Award, National Advisor Award recipient, and the National President Citation, the highest accomplishment for a member of Phi Kappa Tau.

Beyond his service and accomplishments, Judge Spicer spent much time speaking of H.O. DeGraff, "Doc", and his three virtues of being a man of distinction; hard work; and service to community, family, and charity. Judge Spicer applied the "DeGraff" test to Jerry and his life's work, relating an extensive list of accomplishment to each virtue. Spicer concluded his heart felt comparison by saying "Doc would have been humbled and proud".

There were many other Phi Tau brothers in attendance including Bob Heffern, Vice-President of Akron Legal News, who published a very nice commemorative program detailing more of Jerry's life. The program details many of his accomplishments as well as the happenstance path Jerry took to becoming a lawyer starting with his training as an auto mechanic, employment as an auto repair shop manager, and time in the Army and Reserves. A full version of the program can be found on our website at <http://www.akronphitau.com/glinsek.html>.

Glowing red, with embarrassment from being spoken so highly of, Jerry accepted the award and addressed the room. Jerry's speech truly exemplified his character and humility as he spoke of all those that helped him throughout his life from introducing every one of his family members to his fellow colleagues that taught him life lessons and help shaped him. Not one mention of any of his commitment to community and philanthropy or his many achievements, but rather praise for all those that have surrounded him on his life's journey. We are all truly honored and blessed to know such a man of distinction.

Written by Spanky Raymond '94

QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

We have been working this semester again as usual on grades and recruitment. We hope to keep our grades up as we received first last semester. For grades we are making sure that anyone who had recent problems with grades are getting the help they need and are turning in grade checks. We have one chapter grade check coming up soon.

We have three new members who are very promising and have the potential to run this chapter someday. They are Cody Simon, Ken Palmer-Goldberg, and Cameron Klempay. We worked on getting more guys during recruitment, but there were some factors that held us back; some of the guys were just here to party and others were not what you call Phi Tau quality, we have some guys lined up for next semester. Parents Night was October 11th, we cooked out and we didn't do parents night like the past ones, rather it was a meet and greet and no awards were given out.

We participated in Greek week, but unfortunately we did not do so well, due to some underlying circumstances. The organization of the whole program was nonexistent, we were not given specific times when some of the events were and then were disqualified. There were a few times as well that we felt that Greek Week was rigged, but no real proof. We did better in flag football this year, but still did not manage to make it to the playoffs.

Brent Kaiser '05, Chapter President



“ONE OF THE BEST FOUNDERS DAYS IN YEARS!”

That was a quote that many alumni made after attending this year's 2008 Founders Day Banquet held at The Quaker Square Inn at The University of Akron. This year's event provided many lasting memories.

Flying Horse Farms Camp Director, Patrick Smith, attended this year's event to receive a check from the 2007 Hole in the Wall Classic, a golf scramble held annually at Sable Creek Golf Course in Hartville. Smith expressed great gratitude for all the hard work everyone put into the outing.



After the Akron Fraternal Home Holding meeting many awards were handed out. John Conti ('69) was named the 2008 Ray C. Bliss Award winner. Conti has served on City Council since 1991 and been involved with many other organizations. Before having the chance himself, Joel Siegfried spoke on Conti's behalf and told the true story of the man behind the Bliss Award. Conti then spoke of the special bond of our brotherhood, our continuing commitment to community service, and God.

The banquet was brought to a close with every brother in arms singing The Brotherhood Song. For a full list of awards visit www.akronphitau.com.



Mike Wyne ('01) presents Patrick Smith with a check to Flying Horse Farms, the newest Hole in the Wall camp in Mt' Gilead, Ohio.

Written by Mike Wyne '01

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1970...OR 79... OR 75

One of the more quiet traditions over the past few years has been the Founders Day after party at the Alpha Phi house. Many stories have been shared during this time over the years, and many new stories have formed from these nights. Just because we say goodbye at Quaker Square, does not mean we want to say goodnight, but rather "Have a safe ride back to the house, we'll see you in a few, with a few more (beers that is)."

The active chapter is always eager to learn what it was like when brothers before them were in school. It is also a time when the present is tied to the past and future. There are always multiple veteran alumni such as Jerry Glinsek, Bob Pairan, or John Maurer in attendance. Do you remember the first time you were in the house when a "legendary" alumni stopped by? How did you feel at your first alumni event? This is a time to loosen the ties and tell stories of the good old days.



This is the time when new members and new associates can see that Phi Tau is bigger than the guys in the house, meetings on Sunday night, and this dinner we call Founders Day. Come share your experience with the actives, but make sure you force your pledge brothers to return to 380 E. Buchtel Ave. to have another drink. The 2009 Founder's Day will feature a reunion of the 1970's. It's amazing how much you remember when you go back into the chapter room. Call your pledge brothers and make sure they are attending this year's event.

Many folks stay way until the very early hours of Sunday (some sticking around as late as 8 AM). The reception at the house following the dinner has continued to be an integral part of Founder's Day and attendees must remember that the evening isn't over once we leave the banquet hall. In fact, the night is just beginning!

Jim Smith '85

“BUELLER...BUELLER...BUELLER?”

Many of you know that we initiated a calling campaign at the beginning of the year to track down our many lost alumni contacts. While we got a good start, unfortunately the process came to a halt after Founders Day. If you have not gotten a call from one of our Alumni Council members, don't worry, we will be kicking that off again soon. **We want to hear from you! What have you been up to?** We also want to validate your information to ensure that you are receiving this newsletter. It costs us a great deal to mail the newsletter and we aren't sure that they are even reaching our alumni.

Along with this we are always trying to go green. One vital piece of information we need is valid email addresses. If you are not on the distribution list for emails, please, please provide it to us. There is a lot of good info sent out through email in between issues of the Phi Taukeur newsletters. Additionally, emails help us drastically reduce our postage cost for this newsletter distribution. We will continue to mail hard copies to those that prefer but email is important for those last minute notices and news announcements.

There are many ways you can get us your information. We have representatives from a few era's that have stepped up and are willing to help so you can send them all your updated contact information, your funny messages or goofy pictures for our website. Here's who to contact:

2000-2008: Mike Rizzo, (330) 352-2196 or mr.michael.rizzo@gmail.com

1990-1999: Spanky Raymond, (330) 351-3120 or sraymond@osavage.com

1980-1989: John Maurer, (330) 807-9339 or john.maurer@ge.com

1970-1979: Bob Pairan, (330) 929-4597 or rpairan@neo.rr.com

1938-1969: Mike Wyne, (330) 801-0435 or pktmike1906@yahoo.com

We appreciate all your help in bringing this together. If you know someone has moved or changed phone numbers, please pass that information along to us on their behalf.

We are brothers now and ever. Until the day we die. And when that time comes rollin...round, and we bid our last good bye. There is one thing sure and certain, let us bow our heads in awe. We'll meet again in heaven...sure, in the name of Phi Kappa Tau

-Phi Kappa Tau Brotherhood Song

2009 FOUNDER'S DAY BANQUET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
Quaker Square Crowne Plaza

Downtown Akron

Cocktails: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Awards Ceremony: 7:15 pm

After Party: ≈ 9:00 pm

70's REUNION

CALLING ALL 70's ALUMNI

Besides our considerable regular attendance, this year's Founder's Day will feature a class reunion for the 1970's. Arrangements will be made to organize a 70's dinner the night before Friday, Feb 27. Help us spread the word and get your brothers rallied.

After Party at the ΦKT House immediately proceeding banquet, approximately 9pm. Beverages & snacks provided by Graduate Council. You need to attend the FD banquet, or at the least you must stop by the house for this legendary after party. Stories abound as the beverages imbibe. An alumni must! *More to come in next newsletter.*

GOLF TOURNAMENT (CON'T)



Spanky Raymond, the tournament chairman, holds up a goodie bag jammed packed with over \$65 worth of merchandise (including an Irwin tool bag, Golf Galaxy discount coupons, Bravo gift certificates, marinade from Newman's Own, Hickory Harvest snacks, golf items, and more) that every golfer received as they registered for the outing.



Destiny Bailey, 13, from Stow, Ohio had heart surgery at age 8. She has attended HITWC for the last two years. When asked what was the best thing about the camp, she replied... "The camp gave me more confidence."



Thanks to the generous contributions from more than 70 sponsors and the outing participants, the day's events generated upward of \$12,000 for Flying Horse Farms, more than doubling last year's total. Flying Horse Farms camp founders, David and Jenni Belford, matched 100% of the dollars raised to bring the total over \$24,000!

The Alumni of the Alpha Phi Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau at the University of Akron who organized and hosted the event, were both proud and humbled by the generosity of the sponsors and participants. Spanky Raymond, the tournament chairman said "We are thrilled with this year's results and the growth of this event in such a short time. We have been passionately involved with the international HITWC for years. Now with the formation of the new Ohio camp, we have focused our attention towards raising funds and bringing awareness to Flying Horse Farms and making this camp in our backyard, a reality. We praise and appreciate all of the sponsors, participants, donors, volunteers, and alumni that helped make this the largest charity golf outing ever hosted and organized by the Akron Phi Kappa Tau Alumni."

As the Midwest's first HITWC, Flying Horse Farms will open to serve children with serious illness throughout Ohio and surrounding states in the spring of 2010. More information about Flying Horse Farms can be found at www.flyinghorsefarms.org. For more information on Akron Phi Kappa Tau and the 4th annual HITWC golf outing photos visit www.akronphitau.com.



PHI KAPPA TAU & HOLE IN THE WALL CAMPS



Paul Newman (Ohio University '43), founded The Hole in the Wall Camps (HITWC) in 1988. He realized that luck can sometimes play a dirty hand to those least deserving... and there are many who can make a major difference to those facing great challenges. The Hole in the Wall Camps were developed to provide children, ages 7 to 17, who battle serious and life threatening illnesses with the opportunity to have a normal summer camp experience. Thousands of children come to camp every year, free of charge, for one week. They forget about their illnesses and simply get a chance to be a kid. In the words of Brother Newman: "Camp is a place where kids can kick back and raise a little hell." The Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity adopted The Hole in the Wall Camps as their national charity in 1995. Since that time, several hundred thousand dollars have been donated to the camps and hundreds of men have volunteered as cabin counselors, activity specialists, unit leaders, and other camp staff.



ΦKT 2007-08 Academic Year

Phi Kappa Tau chapters nationally raised \$110,170.09 for HITWC during the 2007-08 academic year

- ★ 48 chapters donated through the Phi Kappa Tau Foundation this year
- ★ The average gift was \$1,343.54
- ★ 1 chapter raised more than \$10,000
- ★ 4 chapters raised more than \$5,000
- ★ 9 chapters raised between \$3,000 and \$5,000
- ★ 14 chapters raised between \$1,000 and \$3,000
- ★ University of Akron ΦKT was the 5th highest donating chapter with \$6,681.54 during the 2007-08 academic year
- ★ ΦKT has raised a total of over **\$800,000** for HITWC over 13 years

WHY FLYING HORSE FARMS?

We have been passionately involved with the international HITWC for years. Now with the formation of the new Ohio camp, we have focused our attention towards supporting and making Flying Horse Farms a reality. With more than 34,000 children diagnosed with serious illnesses in this state alone, the need is overwhelming, and we feel compelled to do all we can to raise awareness. As the Midwest's only Hole in the Wall Camp, Flying Horse Farms will open to serve children with serious illness throughout Ohio and surrounding states in 2010. This year-round camp will provide a fun, safe and supportive environment all free of charge. The camp slogan, "unbridle the laughter," goes to the heart of the camp and what it will achieve.

Your help is desperately needed. FHF is breaking ground to build the camp starting this spring. Although many major contributors have stepped up, the cost in creating Flying Horse Farms with all the required medical equipment is a tall order. With over half the necessary funds secured, the camp desperately needs further support. Over the past few years, our alumni have proven to be more than compassionate in supporting the HITWC. With a camp coming to our own backyard, we hope that our enthusiasm is matched by alumni support.

Donation forms can be found on our site at www.akronphitau.com/fhf_form.pdf or you can donate directly thru the FHF website at www.flyinghorsefarms.org/give.php. Please note that you are an Akron Phi Tau with your contribution. All donations made by our alumni over the next 3 years will be credited towards naming rights at the camp. Our goal is to raise enough to have a cabin or other building named after the Akron Phi Kappa Tau Chapter.

ALLERGIC REACTION ALMOST WIPES OUT RAFFLE

The Sokol Club in Barberton, Ohio was host to yet another fun filled Phi Tau Reverse Raffle this past January. The Graduate Council worked diligently to not only sell tickets, but also prepare the food for this year's event.

With over 70 alumni, actives, family and friends in attendance, John Maurer ('83) still found a way to steal the show by forgetting his allergy to shellfish and eating a plateful of Shrimp Primavera Alfredo. Plenty of alcohol quickly flushed all the effecting culprit saving John, as he is still with us. Master of Ceremonies, John Underation ('92) did not let this accident ruin the evening. JU ran the event flawlessly and fun was had by all in attendance.

With the help of many volunteers, Underation read every name and number that came out of the tumbler. The evening ended with a five way split of the prize money. The Graduate Council raised over \$2,000 to help pay back many of the alumni loans used to build the brick patio and back yard renovations.

Written by Mike Rizzo '02



John Maurer, aka Mouse, wearing his native mating attire and looking for trouble.

ASCENDING BUT NOT AT THE PINNACLE YET GRADUATE COUNCIL REPORT

A special thank you is needed for the entire Alpha Phi Graduate Council. In an attempt to become the envy of not only all Phi Tau alumni associations, but all greek alumni associations, our hard work and perseverance is paying off. Everyone brings different aspects and strengths that make our Graduate Council as strong as it is.

Our goals have not changed! We are committed to reconnecting with ALL of our alumni and STAYING connected with them. It is still a work in progress, and we are always looking for motivated individuals to help us with our mission. There are many roles that remain vacant. We have recently filled the Chapter Advisor position and Homeholding Treasurer, respectively. We aspire to greatness and expanding the role of the graduate council. If interested in contributing, in any manner, please contact us. We have many, many great ideas and not enough resources to get them accomplished. A few of the top projects facing us for the next coming months are the calling campaign, brick patio completion, new website development, Founder's Day and the 2009 Golf Outing.

I promise you, you will not want to miss out on any of the exciting things that are happening with our Alumni Council and our outstanding fraternity, PHI KAPPA TAU, now and in the future! Our endeavors are not only rewarding but loads of fun.

Mike Wyne, Graduate Council President

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GRADUATE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President: Mike Wyne
Secretary: Ryan Haddox
Eric Gorham
Ryan Von Ahn
Sean Sellitto

Vice President: Spanky Raymond
Present: Mike Rizzo
John Underation
Shawn Ferguson
Sergeant At Arms: Mike "the Muscle" Rechel (not really but the title fits)

Treasurer: Chris Vovak
Website: Bob Pairan
Jim Smith
John Maurer



WE ARE NOT PAST DUE!

AKRON FRATERNAL HOME HOLDING REPORT

After temporarily taking over as treasurer of Akron Fraternal Home Holding, Brother Bill Allen ('69) has caught our house up to date on all bills and we currently have no past due taxes. Spanky Raymond ('94) has agreed to take over as treasurer of Home Holding. We are diligently working to establish a transparent accounting system and get the house finances organized. The financial status of the house is currently sound and we are well on the way to a bright future, thanks to active chapter recruiting and increased house occupancy. We hope to build a small surplus over the next year and put home holding in a better financial position than we have been in many years.

Brother Allen has also upgraded security features on all windows downstairs and in the study room. Lights have been installed around the entire perimeter of our house to further deter theft, vandalism and provide more safety. A larger, more permanent "No Parking" sign is being constructed at the entrance of the parking lot.



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ADVISOR LEAVES BIG SHOES TO FILL

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT

Eric Gorham ('01) has accepted the nomination for Chapter Advisor. Board of Governors will vote on his nomination and forward our recommendation to Domain Director, Keven Prather (Idaho, '80). Chapter Advisor has been vacant since the retirement of Jerry Glinsek ('59) in 2006 and was temporarily being filled by myself. Other positions are still available for any brothers interested in assisting B.O.G. We can use more help.

The active chapter continues to make strides forward. As another semester has gone by, and again they placed first among Greek organizations for grades with a 3.14 GPA. They are planning events to raise money for The Hole in the Wall Camps. Greek Week was October 13th through 19th. Resident council members are looking forward to participating in many events.

I hope all alumni are well and having a wonderful year!

Jim Pekarek ('00), BOG Chairman
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 (330) 990-2837



BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

Chairman: Jim Pekarek
 Risk Management: Ted McQuain
 Greg Heilmeier
 Mike "Jellyroll" Harkness

Chapter Advisor: Eric Gorham
 Faculty Advisor: Greg Landis
 Member at Large: Jerry Glinsek

BRICK PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW

Brothers, this is your chance to support your chapter and create a wonderful living remembrance of your times as an undergraduate in Phi Kappa Tau! What started out as a vision from the late Rick Vomacka many years ago is now a gathering place for all who visit the Alpha Phi house. The memorial patio has been finished for over a year and is used daily. Your brick will be placed in the Memorial Patio by the grill with the 59 other brothers who have cemented their names in Alpha Phi history. With the top tier almost filled, be sure to complete the form below and return it TODAY !



Above. Sample of a memorial brick in the patio.
 Left. Picture from the 2007 patio dedication BBQ Cook-out Party hosted by the Graduate Council. The brick patio holds the many attending actives, alumni and families. Limestone blocks shown in front of stone grill/fireplace.

BRICK ORDER FORM – Maximum of 3 lines, 14 characters per line. Lines will be centered, as above.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Pledge Year: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

ORDER INFORMATION:

_____ engraved limestone block \$250
 (Φ, K, or T) or Dedication stone
 _____ total bricks ordered at \$65 each

PAYMENT METHOD:

My check for \$_____ is enclosed.
 Make checks payable to:
Phi Kappa Tau - Graduate Council

ENGRAVING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please inscribe my brick as follows (up to 14 characters/spaces per line). Engraving can include name, pledge/initiation year, an office held, or any other way you would like to leave your mark. For non-members it can include the connection to the Chapter. Questions? Feel Free To Call:

Mike Rizzo, (330) 352-2196 **OR** Mike Wyne, (330) 801-0435
mr.michael.rizzo@gmail.com pktmike1906@yahoo.com

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:

Chris Vovak
 Graduate Council Treasurer
 4290 Scarlet Oak Dr.
 Copley, OH 44321

ALPHA PHI ALUMNI DUES

As was decided at Founder’s Day 2007, alumni dues will be due annually on January 1st. These dues are essential for the Graduate Council to continue to function in keeping alumni informed, performing house improvements, organizing & hosting events, and other endeavors such as the current website development. One of the Councils’ largest ongoing expenses is the publication and mailing of the Phi Tauker. Each quarterly publication of the Phi Tauker newsletter costs over \$300 to print and distribute. Postage alone exceeds \$250 per mailing. We are making concerted efforts to grow our email database to help reduce this cost, but we currently lack valid email addresses for over 80% of our alumni. Alumni dues also assist with house improvements like the new retaining walls to the rear steps and the brick patio which went vastly over budget. Beyond the newsletter and house improvement, dues will be used to put on events for our beloved alumni such as last year’s Patio Dedication BBQ. We hope to reach a point where we can host a couple first class alumni events each year. We want to give you the best experience possible and keep strong our ties. Hopefully you have a better idea of what these dues go towards, and we hope you will be more willing to participate in this plan and the activities to come. Thank you brothers, because it is our esteemed alumni that makes being a Phi Tau such a special honor!

HELP SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS!

THE ALPHA PHI GRADUATE COUNCIL

2008 ALPHA PHI ALUMNI DUES

THIS IS A BILL. PLEASE CUT OFF & RETURN

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

RETURN TO :

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<i>Issued</i>	<i>Due</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Balance</i>
01/01/08	9/1/08	Alumni Dues	\$25.00	\$25.00
		Additional Contribution		\$
		Total Enclosed		\$

Please Make Checks Payable To: Phi Kappa Tau – Graduate Council

Questions? Feel Free To Contact Chris Vovak, (330) 701-8020, chrisvovak@yahoo.com

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Thursday November 20, 2008:	Bowl-A-Thon
Wednesday November 26, 2008:	Alumni Thanksgiving Dinner-6 p.m. Chapter House
Friday December 5, 2008:	Last Day of Classes
Thursday December 25, 2008:	Merry Christmas!
Thursday January 1, 2009:	Happy New Year!
Monday January 12, 2009:	Spring Semester Begins
Saturday February 7, 2009:	Phi Kappa Tau Leaders Conference-Akron, Ohio Contact Jeff Rivard (Central Michigan '65) for more info. jrivard@wpga.org
Saturday February 28, 2009:	Founders Day-Quaker Square Inn at The University of Akron
Saturday June 20, 2009:	5th Annual Hole in the Wall Classic-Sable Creek Golf Course
Thursday July 15, 2009-	Leadership Academy-The Fraternity's premiere individualized
Saturday July 19, 2009:	leadership development event, held biennially at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.
Saturday September 19, 2009:	Zips Inaugural Game @ Infocision Stadium. Tailgate Party at Alpha Phi House - will include tickets to game. More info to come!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

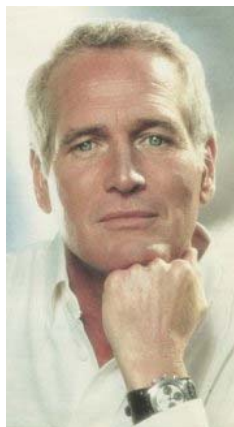
- ★ Greg Heilmier was elected National Vice President, and will be the next National President of Phi Kappa Tau.
- ★ Bonzo (honorary Φ KT) Goes Ape on Big Day in Akron-Beacon Journal
Bonzo Article can be read at <http://www.ohio.com/news/28382579.html>
- ★ John Ciarlariello moved from Florida back to Barberton.
- ★ Ron Levi moved from Colorado to Iowa.
- ★ Steven King '85 and wife had their first baby, Maximilian Jacob, on March 11th.
- ★ Ted and wife Nikki McQuain had their second baby, Brock on October 12th.
- ★ Jon & Roni Morgan had their 5th child – Jack Aaron, on Sep. 6th.
- ★ Brian & Jessica Harkness had their 6th child – Kallahan Elliot, on Sep. 17th. 7lbs, 5oz, 20”
- ★ Steve Castor had a baby, Elisha, in early February.
- ★ Dennis Bradshaw & Stephanie had a son, Thomas Joseph Bradshaw, born August 31, 2008. 7 lb-7 oz, 20”
- ★ Barry Frey received his Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Capital Univ. last December. He also received 2 awards from The Ohio State University/Medical Center.
- ★ David Timms now works for Perez & Morris in Columbus as of August 4th.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

The existing website has continued to grow under the supervision of Bob Pairan. A big thanks goes out to Bob for all his hard work and efforts with maintaining the website. The new site development initiated in the spring of 2008 stalled with the golf outing efforts. The new site development will commence shortly as assistance has been brought in with the addition of Ryan VonAhn to the graduate council. The new site will include everything that Bob has done with the current site but also have several enhancements like discussion boards, secure log ins, calendar of upcoming, user interface, account information, and easier navigation. We will be working diligently over the next couple months to the site launched in January '09. Please check out the site if you haven't been to it lately;

www.akronphitau.com

SOCIETY MOURNS DEATH OF ACTOR, PHILANTHROPIST



Paul Leonard Newman, 83, one of the most warmly admired and universally loved figures in motion pictures and philanthropy, died Friday, Sept. 26, after a long battle with cancer at his farmhouse home in Westport.

Newman was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Jan. 26, 1925. His father, Arthur Sr., and mother, Theresa, raised him and his brother in Shaker Heights. Newman attended Shaker Heights High School, but on his 18th birthday, he enlisted in the Navy and later served as radioman/gunner on a torpedo plane in the Pacific during World War II. He had been rejected as a candidate for pilot training when a flight physical revealed that he was color blind.

Discharged in 1946, PL attended Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, on a football scholarship. While pursuing an economics major and acting in play after play, Newman managed to earn money by opening a student Laundromat, where he tempted customers by offering free beer for every load of dirty wash they brought in. He graduated in 1949 and spent a season doing summer stock in Williams Bay, Wis., where he met and married his first wife, actress Jackie Witte, with whom he had three children: Susan, Stephanie and son, Scott, who later died in his twenties.

Following the death of his father in 1950, Newman returned home to help manage the family sporting goods store. After 18 months, he turned the business over to his brother, moved east to study at the Yale Drama School, and later landed roles in numerous live television shows in New York, including an adaptation of Ernest Hemingway's "The Battler," written by A.E. Hotchner.

Over the next decades, Newman starred in more than 50 films including: "The Rack," "The Long Hot Summer" (with wife Joanne) for which he was named Best Actor at the Cannes film festival, "The Left Handed Gun" and many more.

In 1975, he came in second at the 24 hours of Le Mans, considered by many to be the most auspicious auto race in the world. He won four "Sports Car Club of America National Championships," and at age 70, he was listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as being the oldest driver to win a professionally sanctioned race - 1995's 24 hours of Daytona. He raced his Corvette regularly in the GT1 Series. 2007 was his last season of active driving, when he and his No. 82 car won two races at Lime Rock Park.

But despite all challenges, victories and awards, Newman derived his deepest satisfaction privately, from his quiet work in philanthropy. He used his influence to advance many social causes. He accomplished this with an uncanny ability to break new ground.

In 1982, he founded Newman's Own, which was one of the first food companies to use all natural products, and later pioneered with his daughter Nell an organic line. Today, Newman's Own is a multi-million dollar a year food business whose proceeds are donated to thousands of charities around the world through Newman's Own Foundation, a total which now exceeds \$250 million.

Particularly close to his heart are the "Hole-in-the-Wall Camps" for children with life-threatening health conditions. One day, over 20 years ago, while sitting in a rowboat on a little woodland lake, then full of snapping turtles, and surrounded by the Connecticut woods, he envisioned an old Western town like the one in "Butch Cassidy" stretched along the shore. But its facades would hide not only "roughing it" accommodations for children who would come for two weeks, strictly for summer fun, but all the modern equipment that health emergencies might require, and a top cadre of medical personnel in western costume.

Survivors include his wife, Joanne Woodward; his five children: Susan, Stephanie, Nell, Melissa (Lissy) and Clea; two grandchildren: Peter and Henry Elkind; sons-in-law: Raphe, Kurt and Gary; and his brother, Arthur Newman.

Courtesy of Jeff Sanderson, of Chasen & Company.



ΦΚΤ ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Wednesday, November 26th

6:00pm @ The ΦΚΤ House

380 East Buchtel Avenue, Akron Ohio

R.S.V.P. Garrett Stratton at gsstratton@gmail.com or (216) 702-6092.

Yes, this fabulous yearly tradition is here again. If you have never attended this event, it is a truly wonderful experience. Includes a delicious Thanksgiving dinner (as good as grandmas), a post-dinner tradition for all to say what they are grateful for, and a superb after party of camaraderie where young and old bond through stories of times past and present. Guest and family members are more than welcome for this free Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Active Chapter.

If you would like to bring anything, a pie or bottle of wine has been tradition.

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