



ALPHA PHI ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

The Phi Tauker

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WINTER 2009

SAVE THE DATE

FOUNDERS DAY
Sat. March 21, 2009
Quaker Square Hotel
Downtown Akron
**5th Annual HITWC
Golf Tournament**
Saturday June 20, 2009
Sable Creek GC
**Inaugural Game @
Infocision Stadium**
Tailgate Party at the
Alpha Phi House
Saturday September
19, 2009
**See Full Calendar of
Events on Page 7**

PHABULOUS PHIL WINS RAY C. BLISS AWARD



Phil Ridgeway

Husband...leader...entrepreneur...brother. Phil Ridgeway joined Phi Kappa Tau in the fall of 1974 while attending The University of Akron. While at Akron, Ridgeway became a professional musician and entertainer, performing in groups such as *The Flashbacks*, *Class of '57*, *Phil 'N the Blanks*, and most recently *The Phil and Sparky Show*- Ohio's original six-piece, two-man show band!

Pegged as the "Mad Musical Barber of East Liberty," Ridgeway is the Owner, Proprietor and Head Honcho of Phabulous Phil's Barber and Beauty Shop in Green, Ohio. Ridgeway has been styling hair since 1992, and has been an owner/operator of his own shop since 1995.

Ridgeway believes in making a difference. He is a member of many organizations including the Turkeyfoot Sportsman's Club and the Akron Yacht Club. He is involved in the Friday Night Fish Fry at the Tadmor Shrine, where he serves on the director's staff and is a 32nd Degree Mason. Phil volunteers at the Interval Brotherhood Home and Jesus Said Ministries, where he provides free haircuts for IBH residents and for the homeless. He also provides free home hair styles for the infirm. Ridgeway also helps his wife Susan petition residents throughout the City of Green where she is a councilperson.

Phil and Susan currently live in Green with two dogs; Dickie and Le Beau, Blue and Gold Macaw, Wendel and six chickens. They have three children, Sonja (30), Mike (29) and his wife Christiana and Sam (26). **See page 3 for more on Founders Day 2009.** Mike Rizzo ('02), mr.michael.rizzo@gmail.com

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INFOCISION STADIUM & SUMMA FIELD

Inaugural game, Saturday September 19, 2009 versus Indiana. Pre-game tailgate party and post-game reception at the chapter house. All you need to do is show up.



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GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE

Thanksgiving started early for many alumni, family and friends this past year. The annual dinner has become a wonderful tradition started during the mid 1990s. On Thanksgiving Eve, the chapter house is filled wall to wall with brothers and their families as we give thanks to all of the many blessings bestowed upon our lives.

This year was no exception. The active chapter provided quite a feast that included three turkeys. Home Holding President, Bill Allen, ('69) assisted by deep frying one of the birds.

While there were many prominent alumni in attendance, Jason Robinson again won the ever coveted award of farthest distance traveled (Charlotte, NC). National Vice President Greg Heilmeier (Bethany, '86) and his father Jim (Kent, '49) were both in attendance along with Mike Dovilla (Baldwin-Wallace, '94) from our National Fraternity.



New Sweetheart Stacy Lynne accepts flowers from the active chapter.

There was a nice turnout from 1990s era alumni, however the 1980s and 1970s were not represented very well. "I'll throw the challenge out to any other decade," said Spanky Raymond ('92). "80's brothers did not represent."

Tradition Continued with the serenading of a new chapter sweetheart, Stacie Lynne. Lynne was then presented with flowers chapter president Brent Kaiser. The fall pledge class donated a flagpole as their class project, and a class paddle was also submitted. The festivities went on until the wee hours of the morning.

Unfortunately, there was no active versus alumni football game the day after at Central Hower field. On a separate note, we urge Bob Leatherman, or any other alumni that lives farther than J-Rob to attend thanksgiving dinner next year just so he can stop winning.

Mike Rizzo ('02)



President Brent Kaiser addresses the room at Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday November 26, 2008.



The Heilmeiers enjoying Thanksgiving Dinner. Jim, Bill and Greg are all members of Phi Tau.

LOST BROTHERS, TRACKING DOWN THE PAST

Many of you know that we initiated a calling campaign last year. We have started another round of calls and will be finished by founders day. Please visit The Link at www.phikappatau.org and sign up for new information about our national fraternity as well as our local chapter at www.akronphitau.com. We have representatives from a few era's that have stepped up and are willing to provide you with their email address so you can send them all your funny messages and goofy pictures. We do need help with a few decades still. Here is the list:

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FOUNDER'S DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009



QUAKER SQUARE INN @THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

Quaker Square Inn at The University of Akron Hotel

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Banquet Itinerary

- 5:30 P.M. Cocktail Hour, Cash Bar
- 6:30 P.M. Buffet Dinner
- 7:15 P.M. Akron Fraternal Home Holding Report
Board of Governors Report
Graduate Council Report
Active Chapter Report
- 8:00 P.M. Ray C. Bliss Winner
Harmon O. DeGraff Award
Gerald Glinsek Award
Brotherhood Song
- 9:00P.M. Reception at Alpha Phi Chapter House



Dinner Selections

Lemon chicken Salmon Roasted Redskin Potatoes Steamed Vegetable Medley

All payments MUST be postmarked prior to March 10, 2009 for Prepayment

- I will attend. My check for \$50 (pre-pay) is enclosed. \$65 at the door. \$ _____
- I am interested in attending the 70's Reunion. Please contact me.
- I would like to pay my 2009 alumni dues. \$25 is enclosed. \$ _____
- I would like to be a Program Sponsor. (Check Sponsor Levels Below) \$ _____
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 - Ray C. Bliss Patron \$50 1906 Patron \$19.06 Contribution \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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

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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 \$250 to distribute in postage alone. Print cost have been minimal to none until recent but are now quite substantial, see Extra, Extra... article on page 7. We are making concerted efforts to grow our email database to help reduce this cost, but we currently lack valid email addresses for over 70% 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 CHAPTER GRADUATE COUNCIL



2009 ALPHA PHI ALUMNI DUES

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Additional Contribution				\$
Total Enclosed				\$

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

CHAPTER RECEIVES REGIONAL DISTINCTION

Another year has gone by and the chapter continues to obtain success. Just receiving information from Greek Life, the chapter maintains their first place status with academics. This is a great achievement! That makes three consecutive years of first place! Due to all of the recent accomplishments, The University of Akron will host a Leaders Conference established by our national fraternity. Leaders Conference is February 7, 2009. All chapters from our region will attend including chapters from Michigan and Indiana. Active members are eager to display our chapter and The University of Akron to all of our Phi Tau brothers. Once again, I am proud of our chapter and their accomplishments. These young men will succeed in life.

Jim Pekarek ('00), BOG Chairman

MR. FIX-IT

Eric ('06) and I have been keeping all repairs up to date in the chapter house; including the urinal in the supply closet, upstairs toilet and caulking the downstairs windows. We are almost at full capacity with 12 men living in the house.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Founders Day.

Bill Allen ('69), Homeholding President

ACTIVE CHAPTER CONTINUES STREAK

This semester we clinched number one in grades over all fraternities for the 4th straight semester. We had our annual bowl-a-thon in which we raised approximately \$1404.00. Thanksgiving dinner was the biggest turnout in recent years. This semester we were champions in the University of Akron's Volleyball intramural league. We also did various community service activities such as Make a Difference Day and The Akron Road Runner Marathon. Our chapter participated in other chapters' philanthropy events such as Alpha Gamma Delta's Lip Jam and Alpha Delta Pi's Pi-Teching. Our current Vice President and I attended the university's annual Greek Leadership Retreat, where we met people involved in our Greek community and learned ways to better both ourselves and Alpha Phi. We hope to continue this list of great accomplishments this semester and for many semesters to come.

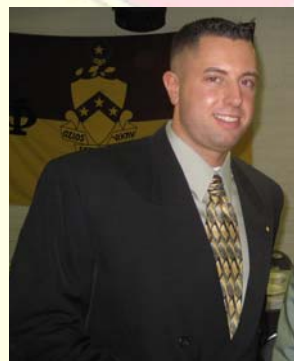
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MORE ALUMNI EVENTS ARE THE GOAL

What a year 2008 was for our Alpha Phi Chapter! It all started with the always eventful Reverse Raffle, followed up by one of the best Founder's Days we have had for a long time, and finally wrapping up with our continually growing Hole in the Wall Classic Charity Golf Outing. We look forward to even better 2009! None of this would be possible though without the tremendous efforts put forth by the men I work with from the Alumni Council.

As I keep stating, 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. 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.

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. I am truly excited for this upcoming year, so please join us in our pursuit in becoming one of the best alumni organizations around!

Mike Wyne, Graduate Council President

Graduate Council

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		Matt Siciliano

Remember The Bug Stuff, Dale, Desserts, The Flashbacks, Flame, Formals, Townhouse, Founders Days, The Apple, and Turtle Race!

It's a 70's REUNION man!

Relive those days of Phi Tau fun at this year's Founders Day. Bob Pairan will bring his great collection of 500 plus Phi Tau photos that he took during the 1970s for projection at Founders Day March 21, 2009, Quaker Square Inn @ The University of Akron. If anyone is interested in getting together on Friday the 20th, please email Bob at bob@eBusinessTactics.com.


Unfortunately we have lost track of many of the brothers from the 1970's and could use your help. Bob Pairan will personally email all 1970's brothers about a location on our site with an excel spreadsheet with our most current 1970's information.



Besides our considerable regular attendance, this year's Founder's Day will feature a class reunion for the 1970's. Arrangements have been made for a 70's reunion dinner the night before Friday, Mar 20. We have made reservations with private rooms at several locations, including Tangiers, Papa Joes, Spaghetti Warehouse downtown, or contact us if you have an alternate suggestion. We will let those attending choose the location of dinner. We are positive the location isn't as important as the camaraderie that will commence. Please help us spread the word and get your brothers rallied. Check the box on the registration form if you are interested in attending the reunion dinner. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Written by **Bob Pairan & Spanky Raymond**

CALENDER OF EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Friday January 16, 2009	Happy Birthday Jerry G! 
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 14, 2009	Happy Valentines Day from Spanky Raymond
Saturday March 21, 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!!

John & Marival Ciarlariello, ('92) welcomed daughter Alessandra on Nov 18, 2008

Mike Wyne, ('01) - There was a confirmed sighting of Mike waving a Steelers Terrible Towel at the AFC Championship Game. The Brown's Brotherhood has officially revoked his membership.

Mike Rizzo, ('02) is searching for investors/partners for business opportunities. (330) 352-2196

CHAPTER ETERNAL

John Petrou ('42) - Deceased May 2007

Frank Kelspies ('38) - Deceased 2008

Roger Taylor ('48) - Deceased Fall 2008

Edward Wolf ('38) - Deceased December 2008

Walter McLean ('38) - Deceased 2008

Our prayers are with their friends and family.

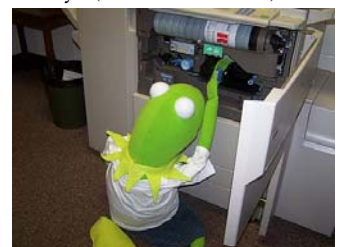
EXTRA, EXTRA... PRINT PRESS GOES DOWN!

As many of you probably noticed, our Fall newsletter was distributed very late and in stages. In fact, some of you may be getting yours with this issue, our apologies if this is the case. Previous publications of our newsletter were divided amongst Graduate Council members, one in particular, and copies were donated. Due to the growth of our newsletters and recent alumni employment changes, we were unable to obtain free copies. This forced us to a convoluted chronicle of finding alternate means of publication.

The Graduate Council purchased a used Minolta CF3102 color copier for \$950. We were very pleased with the purchase since the cheapest price we obtained for reproduction of the past newsletter was in excess of \$1100. After a very storied relocation of said "heavy as heck" copier, we were up and running. After producing half of the newsletters required with our "new" copier, its' imaging unit took a crap. This lead to further delays in the Fall newsletter distribution as none of the graduate council members really know much about copiers and their repairs. None the less, the graduate council is now the proud owner of a color copier and future distributions of the newsletter should be more timely. (Knock on wood)

If there are any alumni out there that know anything about copiers, we still need help installing the drivers and networking it to our computer. Currently we are only able to make copies. Getting the copier networked will yield a better looking publication as we will be able to print directly to the copier verses make reproductions of a reproduction. Please contact us if you can help us out.

Written by **Spanky Raymond**, (330) 351-3120, sraymond@neo.rr.com



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