

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni in Action
September 7

Homecoming
October 13
vs. Wisconsin

We have group tickets blocked for the Homecoming game! To get yours:

1. Go to www.purduesports.com
2. Place cursor over "Tickets" then click on "Buy Tickets" in the drop down menu
3. Click "Football" in the left menu
4. Enter the group code PHIDELT
5. Continue through the prompts to complete the sale.

23rd Phi Open
August 10, 2013

CHAPTER GRAND

We have recently learned of the passing of the following brothers...

Douglas Lemaster '43
Elroy Heidke '45
William Baker '49
Ralph Lafuze '54
Richard Merriman '54
Harrison Smitson Jr. '55
Stanley Fletcher Jr. '59
Frederick Burke '60
Mark Jagers '87

RECRUITMENT

Our goal this year is to exceed 50 guys living in the house. We came close last year with 46 living in during the fall semester.

If you know of any incoming freshman at Purdue, please contact our recruitment chairman, Jack Burke, at jvburke26@gmail.com with their full names and contact information.

The Purdue Phi

Indiana Theta Chapter ♦ Phi Delta Theta Fraternity
Purdue University ♦ West Lafayette, Indiana
www.purdue-phi.net ♦ September 2012



CONVENTION REPORT

Indiana Theta Gains Well-Deserved Recognition

Brothers Gain Recognition at National Convention as PDT's Second Most Improved Chapter

There is no doubt that success builds on itself, and our chapter is a great example of this effect. It has been obvious to all of us at 503 State Street that the house has made tremendous strides over the past two years. It is now becoming obvious to outsiders as well, with Indiana Theta receiving recognition from the university, the community and Phi Delta Theta Headquarters.

At National Convention, Indiana Theta received recognition as the second most improved chapter amongst 170 active chapters. We also received citations of outstanding performance in the areas of community service and recruiting.

Our grades are improving too. Our house GPA for the spring semester rose to a 2.738, an increase from a 2.48 during the spring 2011 semester and 2.61 in the fall 2011 semester.

The 2.738 ranks us 10th out of 43 fraternities on campus. This is obviously much better than when we stood at 37th out of 43 fraternities just a year ago.

Big kudos to Campus Cooks, our food contractor, who helped out with this year's all new Grand Prix cart. We qualified 6th in qualifications, but ended up placing 17th after a collision and mechanical failure.



COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

Purdue Phis Increase Presence On Campus and In Community

Brothers Host in Fundraiser for ALS and Travel to Key West for Habitat for Humanity

Our chapter is making strides to make a difference on campus and in the community. Brothers organized its first annual Strikes and SteALS event with two days of activities to raise funds and awareness to benefit the ALS Foundation. The event was such a success that we're planning this year's Strikes and SteALS at the Armory on September 21. Alumni are invited to attend and/or to donate to our effort to become an Iron Phi chapter. To do this we must raise \$10,000 for ALS research. If you would like to make a contribution, visit www.ironphi.org and click on "Indiana Theta" under the donate tab.

The philanthropy buzz stretched outside

the state of Indiana this year, as seven Purdue Phis went to Key West for a Habitat for Humanity trip. The goal of the project was to help renovate an 87-year-old woman's house that had been run down over the years. After days of throwing out trash, painting and fixing some plumbing issues, the house looked brand new.

Purdue Phis participated in Zeta Tau Alpha's Big Man on Campus competition. **Andre Ramseur** led a team of 15 brothers in a dance that had everyone in Elliott Hall on their feet, and helped us gain a third place finish. This was a great way to get our name out to the public and let everyone know that Phi Deltas are back.

Phi Delt Provides Plenty of Opportunities to Stay Connected as an Alum

Brothers from Seven Decades Gather for 22nd Phi Open

By Andy Beasley '91

On Saturday, August 11th, 127 Phis gathered at Purdue for the 22nd Phi Open golf tournament. Purdue Phi Delta Theta alumni from seven decades played, including **Keith Marshall** from the Class of 1946. Thank you to everyone who participated and/or sponsored this event. It was a fun weekend and we raised about \$5,000 for the house.

The brothers scrambled around the Ackerman Hills Course with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start and finished up at Harry's around 6:00 p.m. for the 19th hole. Slow play was encouraged on the 19th hole! The golf

was mostly bad but the laughs were frequent. Congratulations to the winning group of **Tim Johnson '93, Mike Murphy '92, Rusty Zay '93** and **Steve Nystedt '92** (aka "Road Crew").

If there is a fraternity brother you have not spoken with a long time, pick up the phone, give him a call and see if the 23rd Phi Open is a good opportunity to reconnect. Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 10th, 2013 for the 23rd Phi Open at Purdue. For more information contact me at beasgolf@gmail.com.



Nick Armstrong '87, Rick Vavul '87 and Keith Hoffman '88

- SCHOLARSHIP -

Hayes Family Funds Two Annual Scholarships for Deserving Actives

By Gary Batesole '77

After a very successful Phi Open attended by 127 brothers, most of the "golfers" (and I use that term lightly) gathered at "Harry's" for some adult beverages. After the prizes were awarded, **Rick Hayes '83** made an announcement about a scholarship that he and his wife Jennifer will be funding on an annual basis. It is named the "Anna L. Hayes Murphy Scholarship" in memory of Rick's mother. Anna Hayes Murphy was

President and Treasurer of Indiana Theta's Mother's Club for several years in the early 1980s. She was also a 35-year member of the John Purdue Club and a member of Purdue's President's Council.

Two scholarships will be awarded annually through the Indiana Theta Mother's Club, each in the amount of \$250. The first one will be given in the spring for the Phikeia with the highest

GPA of the full term, and the second will be given in the fall for the most improved GPA for an Active living in the Phi Lodge.

We would like to thank Rick and Jennifer for their generous donations and for supporting our Chapter at 503 State Street.



Celebrating Our Roots at Founders' Day 2012

Thank you to the brothers who came back to the Phi Lodge on April 14 to celebrate Founders' Day. Alumni and actives enjoyed a formal dinner in the dining room and a speech by **Pepper Burruss '76**, head athletic trainer for the Green Bay Packers. Gold and Silver Legion awards were also presented. It was a wonderful time to connect with alumni of various eras and to engage with the current membership.

ALUMNI UPDATES

'50s

Gene Bahls '51

(128 Moss Pointe Drive, McDonough, GA 30253; gnlbahls@aol.com) Well guys, it's good to say that being with family here in GA is a good thing. But being away from the Midwest and friends for years is a hard thing. Fortunately, I know that 503 State

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Street is still there and in good hands is a powerful feeling of continuity. Is that a word? You know what I mean if you are over 65 or 82 as I am. I now have a new house and neighborhood in a foreign land, Georgia, USA. God bless and keep you strong.

'60s

George Collier '61

(1024 University Blvd., Durant, OK 74701; george2jr39@yahoo.com) If Troop can say hello, so can I. At 73, I am still teaching (just to keep the grey matter operating). I teach online-only graduate classes once a year –

one even had a student residing in China in it. Moreover, I conducted the class while taking photographs in the Canadian Rockies! Education has really champed in 50 years. Keep on keepin' on, all you grey heads.

Philip Trego '65

(8903 Huntington Pointe Dr., Sarasota, FL 34238; pftrego@comcast.net) I had lunch with pledge brother **Harry Schacter** this past January. I also had an overnight visit from **Rob Davis** at our home in Sarasota in late February. Great visits.

IN THE WORDS OF OUR BROTHERS

Phi Delt Connections Last Long After Graduation, Thanks to a Chance Meeting

*Thank you to **Hobe Burgan '59** for the following submission...*

"I have lived in Oklahoma City since 1969. In 1971, there was an article about me in the Sunday paper, and guess who called? **Stan Fletcher '59!**

Neither one of us knew that the other lived in Oklahoma City. Stan went to work

for American Potash Company, I believe right out of school. American Potash was purchased by The Kerr-McGee Corporation which was headquartered here.

Stan and I had some fun times while he

was here in OKC. He was the same old Strap that we all knew from school. Unfortunately, he got transferred to the Kansas City area and we lost touch. He passed away in October 2010."

How are you staying connected with Purdue Phi in your alumni years? Share your stories at www.purdue-phi.net.

VISIT OF SUPPORT

Strengthening Connections at Annual Super Bowl Reunion

*By **Bob Bouggy '79***

This was our fourth year of getting together for a "Super Bowl weekend" at the home of Brother **Tom Anderson '80** and his wife Betsy.

This year we had 11 brothers there plus Tom. We use the Super Bowl as an excuse for our reunion. The real reason we get together is because Tom (TA) suffers from ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. He is unable to travel, so we all go to his home in Dallas. Brothers came from Phoenix, Philadelphia, Georgia and all over the Midwest.

We have regained or actually strengthened our close friendships through

arranging this annual get together. We spend the whole weekend at TA's house retelling many old stories and generally having a great time. This year many of the colorful songs were resurrected. Of course, the irony is that we started our gathering after finding out that one of our brothers had this disease so closely associated with Phi Delta Theta. I think that TA has the most fun

and his wife tells us that he looks forward to our visits.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Preserving the Best Moments in History, Like Bumbo's Raiders Before the Big Keg Race

While we can't go back and relive our PDT days, we can relive the memories through our photo archives.

In this photo, The Bumbo's Raiders pose before the big Keg Race from Champaign, Ill to West Lafayette in the late '70s. From left to right: **John Freeland '79**, **Tom Tremain '79**, **Jack Renforth '77**, **Jeff Reising '77** and **Bill Morehouse**.

Help us to preserve the best moments from your era that have been captured on film. Upload your pictures at www.purdue-phi.net, email them to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com, or mail them to the return address on this newsletter.



One Small Step: Brothers Honor Neil Armstrong's Memory

Members of Indiana Theta marched to Neil Armstrong Hall for a candlelit vigil to honor the astronaut, who died Saturday, August 26.

The event began on the front lawn of the fraternity house, where Actives listened to a short eulogy by Nick Sinopoli.

Find a link to full write up from the Purdue Expo-ment and more pictures from the vigil, and share your own memories of Neil, at www.purdue-phi.net.



"Kudos to all of you! Neil was my pledge father in the 1954 fall term, his last year at Purdue. I believe we were the only two in the house enrolled in Aeronautical Engineering at the time! After I graduated and was working in St. Louis for McDonnell Aircraft (they produced the Mercury and Gemini spacecraft), I reconnected with Neil in 1970 when he was at NASA HQ. What a guy... he even remembered me! Merely knowing the "First Man" was indeed a very special honor in my lifetime! Now, from Heaven above, he has a truly wonderful view of his moon and planet Earth!"

- Pete Beardsley '59

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