

## UPCOMING EVENT

### Grand Prix April 13th

The team can always use donations this time of year. Mail donations to 503 West State Street West Lafayette, IN 47906 Attn. Grand Prix

## NEW PHIKEIA CLASS



The Spring Class brings 16 new faces to the phi lodge. They are currently doing well in their transition to the house and will make great brothers after initiation.

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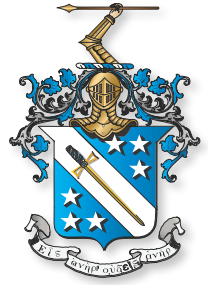
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# The Purdue Phi

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## A HEARTFELT CALL TO ACTION

### Alum's Sons Move Him to Give More

Dear Indiana Theta Brothers,  
I'm writing to you today to pass along the recent experiences of my twin son's who are currently freshman in college. While they both were accepted into Purdue Engineering and are fans and cheer for the Boilers, they chose not to go into engineering and much to my chagrin they chose not to attend Purdue. While these two stories are not technically about Indiana Theta but about Phi Delta Theta chapters at other campuses, it has hit close to home as we look to raise money for our renovations.

I know I am not alone when I say, my time at the Phi Lodge and the lifelong friendships I made there, are one of the cornerstones of my life. Even though we are separated by distance, I've always donated to the house and I was already planning to make a donation for this rebuilding effort. But after going through this experience, I plan to dig a lot deeper into my pocket than I initially thought, so as to take advantage of the incredible generous matching gifts of Brother Bowen and the anonymous donor.

My son Dean chose to go to The University of Michigan (boo/hiss). During our visits to Ann Arbor, we saw a beautiful house on a hill with a big front yard (sound familiar?) just off campus. So while I wasn't going to get a Boilermaker I was feeling pretty good that I would at least get a Phikeia. As time was approaching for his departure I tried figuring out who to contact to get his name on the list for rush, I was having a hard time finding someone. When Dean got to campus, on his own accord, he immediately looked into the house. Much to my disappointment, he reported back that the chapter had been kicked off campus at the end of last year. What was the exact cause of their punishment, I'm not completely sure, but it seems to focus around hazing and other incidents. Phi Psi's now occupies that house.

In the end Dean chose a house that while old had recently undergone a gut rehab. It is a



beautiful facility ironically right near the Union and on State Street (again, sound familiar?). They have one of the highest,

if not number one GPA on campus and are very impressive young men. There is no doubt, that it is the quality of the facilities and location of the house that attracted my son and others to join that fraternity.

My other son James is attending The University of Illinois in Champaign (a family tradition on my wife's side, so I can't really be too upset about that one) and is currently going through rush. The Phi Delt Chapter there is also in a great location and is very impressive from the outside, unfortunately according to him, the inside is a much different situation. Again, I felt very confident that he would join the house. I contacted the rush chairman and got a great impression from him. He immediately reached out and James has rushed there. He really likes the brothers, the house has a good reputation and he just received a bid, what could go wrong? Well... he is also looking at one other house and I would say the BIG differentiator is the living conditions at the Phi Lodge, so now I am not so sure.

Two fine young men, "A" students, Eagle Scouts, captains of their high school sports teams, legacy Phi Delta Theta material and now joining other fraternities? I think you can see from these stories and the portrait that they paint, the increased concern I now have for our beloved Phi Lodge. It's the legacy of our great house (there is no other on Earth like it) we need to uphold, and the Phikeia Pledge we all took "I will strive in all ways to transmit the Fraternity to those who may follow, not only not less, but greater than in it was transmitted to me.", so I'm digging a little deeper and I hope you will too. **Therefore, I am increasing my pledge from \$1,000 to \$5,000.**

Yours in the Bond,

**Stephen Melonides "1701"**

## 2-FOR-1 FUNDRAISER UPDATE

### Anonymous 2-for-1 Donor Un-Masked!

Our Anonymous Donor has decided to reveal himself so that it might help convince those who know him to donate to our 2-For-1 Fundraiser. Our old friend, Russ Wurster, has teamed up with our other great alumnus, Bob Bowen, to offer his \$100,000 match to Bob's \$100,000 match.

As of March first, we have surpassed the half-way mark of our goal of the remaining Alumni donating their total match of an additional \$100,000 for a total of \$300,000. While we have gone over the half-way point of our goal in a short three months, we still have a long way to go. We have received over 200 donations from \$100 to \$20,000. If you think a small donation is not appreciated, you are wrong. \$100 (or more) turns into at least \$300. Every little (or big) bit counts! In today's world of higher education, Purdue



and all the newer apartment buildings being built, are all offering room suites to in-coming freshmen. This is what we are competing with. If we are to remain a stable and influential fraternity on campus, we must adapt to the type of housing the kids are expecting today. By upgrading our

residential rooms now, as well as the already completed renovations of the common areas, we will immediately become one of the most desired locations for fraternity living on campus. They will have to catch up to us, not the other way around.

We have already scheduled five additional rooms to be renovated in the next year. That leaves 5 rooms for the summer of 2020 and the final 4 rooms for the summer of 2021.

Will you take "One Small Step" for your fraternity in order for us to immediately recruit the highest quality students to the Phi Lodge? Your donation will help future Purdue students experience the Phi Delt life during their time at college, and beyond, like you have.

Yours in the Bond,

**Gary Batesole**

## 2018-19 HONOR ROLL

*Congratulations to the following brothers who have already shown their support for Indiana Theta this year!  
Please join them in supporting Phi Delta Theta by making your contribution today!*

#### Life Donors

Robert Holloway 1948  
Russell Wurster 1957  
James Wurster 1959  
Robert Bowen 1961

#### Indiana Theta Legacy Circle (\$1,000+)

Bill Edmundson 1962  
Paul Troup, III 1963  
Brian Reichart 1972  
Dr. Jay Ihlenfeld 1974  
Terry King (IK) 1976  
Timothy Quigley (IK) 1976  
Gary Batesole (IK) 1977  
Tom Tremain 1979  
Peter Bosworth (IK) 1980  
Bradley Dickinson (IK) 1980  
David Garrett 1984  
Steven Yapp 1984  
Thomas Baryl 1988  
Stephen Melonides 1988  
Jacques DesMarteau 1990  
Michael Fritton 1990  
Adam Decker 1991  
John Helliwell 1993  
David Farnham 1998  
Matthew McGrady 2002  
Daniel Koutsis 2003

#### 503 State Street Society (\$500-\$999.99)

James Thompson 1956  
Edward Jordan 1959  
L. Robert Lowe, Jr. 1959

George Collier, Jr. 1961  
Darryl Holst 1969  
Robert Taylor 1969  
Eric Belke 1975  
Gary Jackson 1975  
Jeffrey Reising 1977  
Robert Bouggy 1979  
True Morse 1979  
William Heston, III 1981  
Randy Asmus 1982  
Phillip Spencer 1987  
Matthew Phillips 1990  
Larry Risk 1991  
Jeffrey R. Baldwin 1992  
Matthew Hartnett 1992  
Stephen Nystedt 1992  
Robert King, Jr. 1994  
Trent Steed 1999

#### Founders Circle (\$300-\$499.99)

Ronald Snyder 1956  
Erich Smith 1971  
P. Steven Slonaker 1975  
Eric Von Grimmenstein 1977  
Thomas Martino 1979  
William T. Bourke 1981  
Robert Hofmann 1983  
Josef A. Lorenz 1985  
Kurt Voskuhl 1985  
David Daniel 1986  
Andrew Beauchamp 1990  
Christopher C. Schrader 1991  
Dr. Bradley Orris 1996  
Brian Pikul 2001

#### The 1848 Society (\$200-\$299.99)

James Love 1950  
Jack J. Earl 1953  
Philip F. Trego 1965  
Terry Culp 1969  
Stuart Ledingham 1971  
Thomas Luken 1972  
William Green (IK) 1976  
Curt Linson 1981  
Thomas Hill 1984  
Hugh Mickel 1984  
John Quinlan 1984  
Stephen Foutty 1986  
Larry Taylor 1986  
John W. Jenson 1987  
Daniel Elisha 1988  
Troy Field 1992  
Michael Murphy 1992  
Jonathan Graboway 1999  
Ian Reynell 2000  
Paul Bloodgood

#### Azure Club (\$100-\$199.99)

Thomas C. Costin 1948  
John McBride 1950  
Ronald Pierce 1955  
Charles Litle 1956  
Douglas Bridges 1957  
Robert Ferriday, III 1960  
James Leverenz 1960  
C. Posthauer 1960  
William D. Bender 1962  
Floyd Allen 1964

Russell Hausman 1964  
Robert J. Corcoran 1966  
Col. Douglas Joyce 1967  
USAF, (Ret)  
Col. USAF (Ret)  
Michael Miller 1967  
Charles Brayton 1968  
James Gage 1969  
Donald Green 1969  
Forest Ritz, II 1970  
J. Williamson 1970  
Michael Busald 1972  
Paul Robinson, Jr. 1973  
Richard Thane 1973  
Larry Nicholson 1974  
Thomas Chronister 1975  
Mark C. Kingen 1979  
Fritz Schumann 1979  
Randall Clark 1981  
Todd O. Baker 1984  
David Mulcahey 1984  
Michael Pahud 1984  
Thomas Rechin 1984  
Richard Vavul 1987  
James Emmons 1991  
Steven Samplinski 1992  
Gregory Sbrocco 1992  
Tim Johnson, Sr. 1993  
Keith Huehls 1994  
Nicholas Partin 1998  
Juan Reyes 1999  
Adam Stanczak 1999  
Matthew Mulligan 2000  
Jonathan Theophilus 2001

Jacob Fetters 2002  
Steve Rozycki 2011  
John Partin

#### Argent Club (\$50-\$99.99)

Von Ballew 1950  
Edward McCallum 1956  
Edward E. Farley 1959  
William Reed 1959  
Joe Stewart 1959  
Richard Haug 1965  
William Pickart 1967  
Kim Martin 1968  
Gregory Miley 1976  
David Hill 1986  
Frank Calamusa 1987  
Timothy Porter 1987  
John Haering 1988  
Patrick Byrne 1999  
James Knepper 2007

#### Other (Up to \$49.99)

James Staples 1953  
Richard Leill 1956  
Michael Alber 1984  
Rex Spencer 2005  
Randy Young  
Ray Young

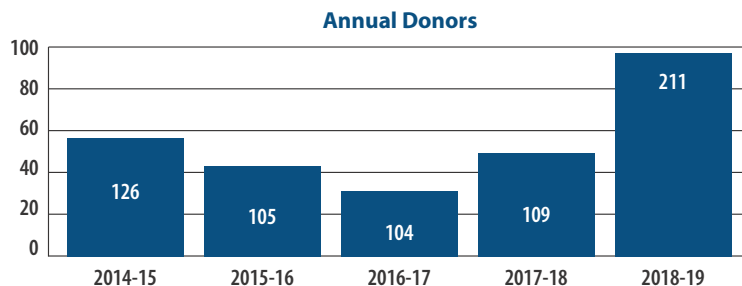
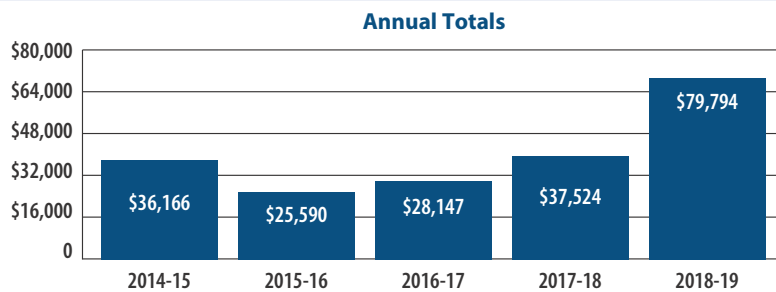
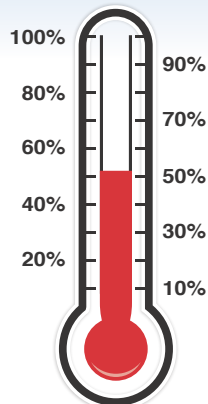
# ANNUAL UPDATE – A CALL TO ACTION

## Help Us Make the 2018-19 Giving Year Strong!

Our 2018/19 giving year, which began September 1st, is now half over, with \$79,794 collected from 211 brothers. Our goal this year is very high because we are trying to raise \$25,000 for our annual alumni fund, \$25,000 for the Andy Beasley Fund and \$100,000 for our “2-for-1 Matching Fund”.

Our 2018-19 giving year goal is for \$150,000.00. Last year only 126 out of 1,491 alumni chose to make a voluntary gift. Although we have already met one-half of our goal—we can do better with your help. **Who will be next to join our 2018-2019 Honor Roll?**

**GOAL: \$150,000**



*“PDT brothers are uniquely close, and I can count on that at any time for any reason. My financial support for the chapter is simply my way of saying Thanks.”*

### Giving Online is Easy!

You can donate online by simply going to our website, [purdue-phi.net](http://purdue-phi.net) and selecting the Donate button at the top of the page. Donations can also be made through our toll-free Donation Hotline at **1-800-975-6699**, or by sending a check made payable to **Phi Delta Theta—Indiana Theta Chapter** to:

Phi Delta Theta  
Purdue University  
Alumni Relations Processing Center  
P.O. Box 7007  
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

Our college days came and went, but the real Indiana Theta experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift **Today!**

*“The Delt House was big part of my overall Purdue experience, and giving back is important.”*



**To Get Current News, Share Memories, See the Honor Roll, AND TO DONATE!**  
Visit Our Website:  
[www.purdue-phi.net](http://www.purdue-phi.net)

## 29TH PHI OPEN



### Make plans to join our 29th Phi Open

**Saturday, August 10, 2018 11:00 a.m. at Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex**

Please join us for a great day of fun. This will be a four-man scramble with a shotgun start played over the Ackerman-Allen

course. If you would like help organizing a foursome, or have other questions, please call Mike Fritton at **317-698-4172** or email [mfritton@somersetcpas.com](mailto:mfritton@somersetcpas.com). Singles, pairs and threesomes can easily be combined with other players. This from chapters other than Purdue are welcome. We will again have prizes for the low scorers, high scorers, long-drivers and pin-seekers. Hole sponsorships are \$100 per hole. Any donations to help offset costs are appreciated. It all goes to the house!

#### Schedule of Activities:

11 a.m. ~ Lunch at the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex Pavilion

1 p.m. ~ Shotgun Start

5:30 p.m. ~ Harry’s Chocolate Shop~ Awards and 19th Hole

Cost: \$90 per person if received before July 1st or \$100 per person after July 1st (including the day of the event). Cost includes greens fee, cart, lunch and prizes. Make checks payable to: **“Phi Delta Theta”** Please go to our website, [purdue-phi.net](http://purdue-phi.net), to register!

#### Lodging Options:

Please note the Purdue Union Hotel will be closed due to construction

Four Points by Sheraton - **765-743-2100** or [www.fourpointswestlafayette.com](http://www.fourpointswestlafayette.com)

Hilton Garden Inn - Wabash Landing - **765-743-2100** or [www.hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com](http://www.hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com)

Hampton Inn and Suites – **765-269-8000** or [www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com](http://www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com)





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**INDIANA THETA—A BOND UNBROKEN**

**Thoughts on Why We Give**

“When I meet a brother, unseen or without contact over many years, the connection is still felt.”

Have you ever asked yourself why you give—if you give, that is? If the statisticians are right, only one brother in ten is likely to give back regularly once they put on their cap and gown.

There are lots of good reasons to give, of course. Do you believe in affording the next generation of young men the same experience you had with Indiana Theta? Maybe something good happened to you just by being together in that house, sharing those experiences that helped make you who you are now.

We wanted to find out more about why people give, so we surveyed Phi Delta Theta members from various chapters around the country about why they have given and continue to give back to our organization. Here's what they said:

“I thoroughly enjoyed my college years spent as a member of Phi Delta Theta and continue many of my friendships made as a direct result of that membership. When I meet a brother, unseen or without contact over many years, the connection is still felt.”

“For my 10-year reunion, I caught up with a very broad range of people but spent most of my time with my wife and the guys that were from my fraternity class.”

“I am thankful for my fraternity experience and realize that it was only possible because of the investment of time and money from many previous members who built and maintained the facility and the culture. For this, I feel a responsibility to contribute to the continuation of Phi Delta Theta on-campus.”

“The last bachelor party that I went to at age 32 included 5 guys that were all from my fraternity.”

“Some of my fondest memories of my college experience are of my brothers and the times that we had together at the house. Contributing to the Annual Fund is a way of staying in touch with those days and providing, in some small way, a chance for the current brothers to have that same experience.”

“For my 30th birthday, we threw a party at the Phi Delta Theta house.”

“Phi Delta Theta was a major factor in my being able to graduate and teaching me how to act as a responsible adult. Through the fraternity and the many campus activities I was involved with, I made life-long friends. After 50+ years, our pledge class has regular reunions, so we are brothers beyond our college years. The best four years of my life!”

Is there a lesson in these responses? Certainly a common theme is connection—undimmed by time or distance—a bond unbroken.

