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## INSTALLATION RECAP

### Nearly 70 Actives, Alumni and Friends Gather to Celebrate Installation of Alpha Eta Chapter

#### Ceremony Marks Beginning of a New Chapter in Alpha Eta History

By Nick Geitner, Undergraduate President

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 the Alpha Eta Chapter gathered to celebrate her installation. In attendance were 67 active brothers, alumni spanning the last 52 years, Denison University faculty and staff, and friends of Beta. Addresses were given by alumnus **Tyler Blair '07**, **Nick Geitner '09**, and a keynote address from Ryan Hilperts, a friend of Beta that has supported Alpha Eta since her re-colonization in 2004.

This installation ceremony and banquet marked not the end of a process, but the beginning of a new chapter in Alpha Eta history. The road ahead is a long but very exciting one, and the support of Alpha Eta

alumni will always be appreciated as the chapter works to write this new chapter in history.



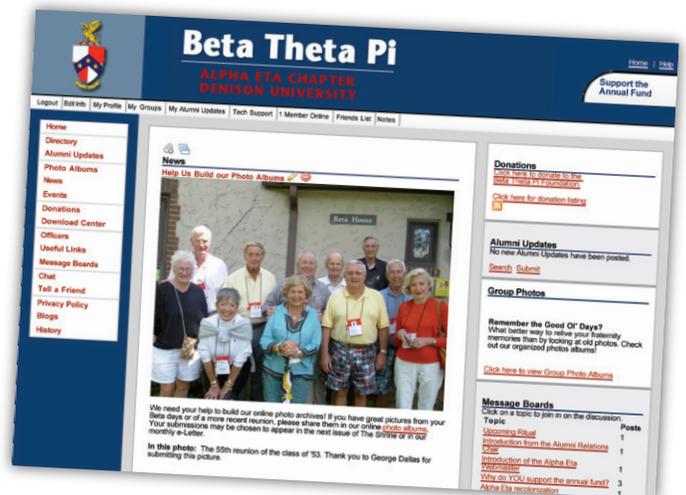
## ON THE WEB

### Have You Been to our New Alumni Web Site?

*If Not, Log On Today for the Latest Alpha Eta News, Event Details and Much More*

We recently launched a brand new web site exclusively for Alpha Eta alumni! Visit [www.betadenison.com](http://www.betadenison.com) to read up on the latest chapter and alumni news, browse the online photo albums, read updates from alumni brothers, search for friends in the directory, and much more!

If you haven't yet registered on the site, you'll need to follow the "first-time login" instructions on the home page to receive your username and password. You'll need your Member ID for the first time login, which can be found above your name and address on the outside of this newsletter.



# ANNUAL FUND

## Why Do You Support the Annual Fund?

"I support the annual fund because of the lasting relationships I have with my fraternity brothers at Denison. I also want to see our fraternity gain the 'respect and honor' it had in the past. I believe my life has been guided by some of the strengths I received as a Beta at Denison."

- George Dallas '53

"Alpha Eta meant so much to me as an active that I would like to help keep the chapter going. We always have a big turnout at our 1953 class reunions because we want to renew those old friendships, if only for a brief few days."

- Edward Weber '53

"I learned the meaning of brotherhood by joining Beta, and after 50 years, I still share time with my Beta brothers. The idea of 'fraternalism' was a great lesson during my days at Denison. I had great joy in seeing our young Beta brothers earn back the right to have a Beta chapter at Denison. Their efforts and sacrifices over these last five years represent one of the most significant actions by the Alpha Eta Chapter. I am glad I am an Alpha Eta Beta!"

- Joseph Ternavan '57

"The Beta brothers with whom I lived were central in my social life, and with whom I shared both successes and hardships. Those

relationships have endured throughout the years. Also, Alpha Eta was a second home for me, and if that fraternal experience can be shared by some young man, then the support has been more than worthwhile."

- David B. Jones '57

"I support the annual fund as thanks for four great years in the Beta house. Great learning experience and a big part of my college experience. They helped me in my business life as well as developing leadership skills. I would like to give back to future Betas."

- Barry Porter '59

# ANNUAL FUND

## 2008-09 Honor Roll of Donors

Thank you to the following alumni who have contributed to our 2008-09 annual fund. Add your name to the list by making a donation! You can do so by calling 800-975-6699 or online at [www.betadenison.com](http://www.betadenison.com).

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*Reflects gifts received as of November 15, 2008.*

## ON THE WEB

### Help Us to Build our Online Photo Albums

We need your help to build our online photo archives! If you have great pictures from your Beta days or of a more recent reunion, please share them in our online photo albums at [www.betadenison.com](http://www.betadenison.com). Your submissions may be chosen to appear in the next issue of *The Shrine* or in our monthly e-Letter.

**In this photo: The 55th reunion of the class of '53. Thank you to George Dallas '53 for submitting this picture.**



## '50s

### George Dallas Jr. '53

(29918 Rolling Ridge Dr., Agoura Hills, CA 91301-4427; gmdallas@charter.net) My time now is taken up with family, church and golf. Three of my four adult children, along with their children, live within a few minutes of our home in Agoura Hills, CA. My 92-year-old step-father now resides with us, after living his entire life in southern Ohio. I recently retired, after 30 years, from singing in a barbershop society chapter, as well as a comedy quartet, for the past 17 years. I intend to stay as healthy as possible, golf as much as my body allows and spend more quality time with my family.

### Dale Wolfe '54

(36 Bainton Rd., West Hartford, CT 06117-2809; sdwolfe32@aol.com) I know you have been diligently working to restore Alpha Eta to the Denison Campus. All of the alums are supporting your efforts and your journey through good times and bad, ups and downs, were rewarded in 2008 at Dallas, TX. History is in the making and you are part of it. Being a Beta at Denison was terrific. The experience was an important part of my education and shaping of my life. You will find the same to be true in your experience. I encourage you to make the most of your Beta opportunity and keep the Beta spirit moving ahead at Denison and beyond. We are proud of what you have done and will continue to do.

### David Jones '57

(9 Grayvir Drive, Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, FL 33037 US; djwesota@aol.com) Our pledge class gets together every fall in Napa Valley.

### Charles Fischer '57

(75 Dunfries Ter., San Rafael, CA 94901-2415) After the very impressive visit we had

with the men of the Alpha Eta a year ago at our reunion, I became very enthusiastic about the restoration of the chapter.

### John Taylor Jr. '57

(321 Glenridge Rd., Dayton, OH 45429-1631; jtaylor@kurz-kasch.com) Congratulations to all of you for making it happen! I wish I could be there to celebrate with you. Please keep the Beta traditions of fellowship, leadership and scholarship alive at Alpha Eta and Denison. The overall experience will give you a lifetime of pleasant memories of your days "on the hill." After 50 years, I'm still grateful.

### Kenneth Rohl '57

(P.O. Box 4338, Ketchum, ID 83340-4338; kenr@rohllhome.com) Alpha Eta was a dynamic influence on me personally, and the friendships that were born at Denison embellish my life 50 years later. Glad I'm a Beta!

### Don Brown '58

(10 Center St., Chargin Falls, OH 44022-3168; dpb4174@aol.com) I have met several of the Betas at our Alpha Eta colony. While they may not be the athletes (jocks) that we were when we were at Denison, they impressed me as being serious students who were leaders on the Denison campus. They have excellent academic records and are enthusiastic about their experience in Beta Theta Pi.

### Barry S. Porter '59

(385 Oliver Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45215-2614; porterbear81@aol.com) I am retired but still involved in business and political life. I am the mayor of the community in which I live, a city of 8,000 people. I am also involved with various corporate boards and have been consulting and involved in some start-ups. Fifty-two years ago, I became a member of

Alpha Eta. It was a special day in my life and has provided me with many great experiences over the years. I want to encourage all of the young Denison men who have banded together to return Alpha Eta to its proper home. I support their efforts and am proud of their accomplishments.

### Joseph Loschiavo '59

(1937 W. Wood Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85029-1657) It has been years since my time at Denison and from my Beta brothers in body but not in spirit.

### Peter Halliday '59

(299 Ferry Landing Rd., Sanibel, FL 33957-7443; pbjhalliday@aol.com) We are celebrating our 50th college and wedding anniversary next year. Hope to see classmates and fraternity brothers May 28 to 31, 2009.

## '60s

### John B. Ragatz '62

(3004 S. Cornell Cir., Englewood, CO 80113-3074; johnragatz@yahoo.com) I am retired. My passions include flyfishing, mountain climbing, snow skiing, travel and volunteer work abroad! I am the developer/owner of the Mount Kilimanjaro View Lodge in Tanzania, East Africa. Check it out at [www.mtkilimanjaroviewlodge.com](http://www.mtkilimanjaroviewlodge.com). We welcome guest climbers and beach combers to Zanzibar to experience the African culture and help support the local Chagger tribe.

### Gerald W. Wischmeyer '63

(6704 S. Detroit Cir., Littleton, CO 80122-1820; gwisch@webtv.net) Thanks in good measure to the relentless perseverance of **Bob Dold '60**, Alpha Eta is now once again a chapter in good standing on the Denison campus. Bob was our worthy leader when I was a freshman.

## '00s

### Scott Halliday '87

(6925 Kindler Dr, New Albany, OH 43054-9062; shalliday@comiii.com) I was inducted into the Varsity D Athletic Hall of Fame at Denison Homecoming.

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# CHAPTER REPORT

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Alpha Eta hosted the first annual King of the Wing. King of the Wing is a chicken wing eating competition and is a philanthropy event in support of the Center for Disability Services, an organization that supports mentally

challenged citizens in Licking County. The event was extremely successful and resulted in a \$410 cash donation to CDS. The hope is that this event is the start of a long-standing tradition on Denison's campus.

In other chapter news, our spring 2008

GPA was a 3.14. This fall, we pledged two new members, **Jason Swanson '11**, from Cincinnati, OH and **Kevin Rodda '11**, from Wooster, OH. This spring, we hope to pledge 15 new men.



*Alpha Eta brothers at the first annual King of the Wing philanthropy event.*



*This pledge class still gets together more than 50 years after they first met! See inside to find out who they are.*



*After 4 years as a colony, Alpha Eta is re-chartered! Read Inside for Details of our Nov. 4 Installation Ceremony...*

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