

UPCOMING EVENT

Denison Big Red Weekend
September 28-30

GET INVOLVED!

We are looking for volunteers to get involved with our alumni board, especially local brothers in the greater Columbus area. Your participation is a great way to give back to Alpha Eta, meet with our undergraduates and enrich your alumni experience.

We are also in need of brothers to help generate content for our web site, by staying in touch with others from their era and collecting their updates, memories and photos for publication.

If you are interested, contact **Bob Dold '60** at r.dold@rosepestcontrol.com or our alumni relations office at content@affinityconnection.com (mention Beta Denison).

CHAPTER NEWS

Beta Has Top Grades in IFC

Congratulations to our undergraduate brothers for having the highest GPA among IFC fraternities for the fifth semester in a row! Brothers achieved a 3.416 GPA for the fall 2011 semester.

IN MEMORY

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

Daniel M. Heekin II '67
Richard C. Norton '76

The Shrine

The Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at Denison University • Granville, Ohio

ALUMNI REPORT

General Convention Gives a New Perspective

Betas Spanning Generations of Graduation Offer Insight on the Scope of the Fraternity's Lifelong Membership

By Cullen Marshall '13

I have gained an appreciation for the breadth of our fraternity from leadership development opportunities offered by the General Fraternity including the Wooden Institute and the Chapter Presidents Leadership Academy. Through these, I have been able to meet like-minded scholars, athletes and leaders from around the country, connecting through our shared heritage.

As expected, at this year's General Convention in Chicago, I was able to experience this unique bonding yet again. I was also able to gain a new perspective of the breadth of Beta across the USA and Canada, as well as gaze back in time. Never before have I had such an opportunity to connect with the Betas of old and hear their stories that bear so much resemblance to mine.

The dedication and commitment these alumni have made to Beta was certainly inspiring. There were dozens of men who have been Betas for over 40 years and have attended almost as many conventions. Their



Alpha Eta President Cullen Marshall (l) and Senator Luger (3rd from left) with chapter presidents at Convention.

passion and purpose helped me gain an understanding of the scope and importance of my membership. My interactions include getting to meet both Senator **Richard Luger '54** and Congressman **Robert Dold '91**. Significantly, we decided to break new ground for fraternities across the nation and adopt a minimum average GPA for our chapters equal to each undergraduate institution's "All-Men's" GPA average. This testifies to the value that our undergraduate members place on scholarship and leadership within in the fraternal community and our academic institutions.

Email Crisis! We're Missing Email Addresses for 84% of Our Brothers

You may be missing out on important Beta communications! Each month, the The Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association sends an eLetter with the latest Alpha Eta news, information and event details to all alumni on our distribution list. Ensure you're receiving your copy of these emails by verifying your email address today!

We currently have active email addresses for just 16% of our living alumni. If your email

address is one of the 84% we're missing, please update it online at www.betadenison.com or by emailing our alumni relations office with your full name, grad year and "Beta Denison" to feedback@affinityconnection.com.

The more email addresses we have, the more money we can save on paper and postage to keep you in the loop throughout the year. Thanks for helping us to stay connected with you more frequently and cost effectively!

'50s

Roger Owen '50

(1024 Nancy Cir., Winter Springs, FL 32708; rogerowenrealty@yahoo.com) Well hold your hats and shout for joy. On June 9, 2012, at 81-years-old and five years as a widower, I got married to a charming widow named Kathy, age 71. She is cute, blond, smart and loves guess who? You will meet her at the next class reunion or maybe on one of our stops through your town.

John Adams '53

(8546 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22102; jadams@hunton.com) Most every day I commute in the morning from my Mclean home to my law firm's D.C. office, leaving in early afternoon as I'm involved in various local civic and environmental groups in northern Virginia. My wife Barbara is a practicing psychotherapist in Mclean, and in October we will journey via the TransCanada Railway from Toronto through Banff, Lake Louise (where in younger years we skied) and Jasper to attend in Vancouver an international psychotherapist convention, returning after

touring Vancouver Island and Seattle. Our three daughters and five grandchildren live in Virginia within 100 miles from us, so we see them quite often - either in our homes or at our summer place on the lower Potomac River where it enters the Chesapeake Bay.

As for leadership skills I developed at Beta, I believe the most important is to become a good listener and unwittingly I had many good mentors during my years in Alpha Eta. My best to all.

Beta Makes an Impact Worldwide

Dr. Peter H. Armacost '57 retired on June 30 after a decade of distinguished service as the Director of Forman Christian College, Lahore (FCC). During the many ceremonial events in honor of Dr. Armacost, he was hailed as the "Architect of the Renaissance of Forman Christian College." He succeeded in the denationalization of FCC after 31 years of government control. During the decade the enrollment has grown by 95% from 3,130 to 6,084 students. The faculty has grown from 159 to 295 members. Fifty-four percent (54%) of those teaching in the university program have earned the PhD degree as compared to the average of 22% for the

public universities of Pakistan.

Forman Christian College was founded in 1864 and grew to be considered as one of the premier colleges on the subcontinent until FCC was nationalized in 1972. During the government management of FCC the quality of the academic program fell dramatically and the campus was allowed to deteriorate. The denationalization of FCC in 2003 was considered a miracle by the alumni and those in the Christian community of Pakistan.

Following the introduction of a new educational program in 2005, FCC is now the only liberal arts university in Pakistan. Two new academic buildings have been

constructed that triple the amount of classroom, laboratory and faculty office space on campus, including the 163,000 sq. ft. science center named the Peter H. Armacost Building in recognition of FCC under his leadership. In addition, three other buildings on campus have been renovated, and a high speed internet system has been launched.

Dr. Armacost is the former president of Ottawa University and Eckerd College. His service for 43 years as a university president is the longest in American higher education. He and his wife, Dr. Mary-Linda Armacost will return to St Petersburg, Florida.

Ed. Note: Read Peter's full update in the Alumni Updates section at www.betadenison.com, where you can also share your own news, stories, updates and photos.

ALUMNI Q&A

Beta Brothers Make Lasting Impressions

*Thank you to **Don Bower '74** for participating in this Q&A...*

Why did you join Beta as an undergraduate? All the studs were there.

What is the funniest memory from your Beta days? Most of them are a blur, but The Who, roman candles, Tommie Reed and the Sophomore Lounge were all involved in my funniest memories.

Have you visited Denison since graduation? Why or why not? I went back for the first time last summer for the 35th reunion of the class of '74. I've lived out of state since graduation so returning has not been convenient. Seeing **John Cadwallader '74** again was great.

How would your life be different today if you had never joined Beta? Even though I have not kept in touch as much as I should, brothers like **Mike Yates '74 (deceased)**, **Peter Robinson '74**, **Dick Buttermore '74**, **Steve**

Johns '74, **Pat Cronin '74**, **Rich Strup '74** and **Tom Davis '74** all made lasting impressions on me.

Where has life taken you since graduation? What's new in your life today? I went to Arizona for some grad school, and I've been in Georgia since 1975 for a career in education. I'm partially retired now, managing some grant projects part time and volunteering.

Reconnect with Don at dbower@uga.edu.

CLASS OF 1980 ALUMNI UPDATES

Mark Shaw (195 S. Roscoe Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082; mark.shaw@spillcontainment.com) has done a great job keeping in touch with most of his fellow '80 Betas and has served as "sort of the Alpha Eta class of '80 historian." Big thanks to Mark for sharing these updates with us!

Phil Taylor (2131 Sheningham Rd., Columbus, OH 43220; ctjff@aol.com) lives outside of Columbus and after a career as a surgeon, has opened a turkey farm.

Scott Ireland (8149 N Westview Dr., Coeur D'Alene, ID 83815) lives in a compound in the northern woods of Idaho and was recently named as the head of the organization.

Rick Pendery (1810 N. Fort Thomas Ave., Fort Thomas, KY 41075) still lives in the center of the universe in Kentucky and opened his fourth hair styling salon all known as "Curl Up and Dye."

Tad Heyman (659 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233; tad@spillcontainment.com) has spent the past 15 years shuttling between Atlantic Beach, Fla. and the school he started in Tanzania in conjunction with Oprah Winfrey.

Bruce St. Clair (P.O. Box 8363, Wilmington, DE 19803) lives near Philly, still wears his boxers outside his pants and has been the Warden at Pennsylvania's high security prison there. He was recently named one of the top 10 Wardens in the United States and got to meet with Obama at the White House.

Brandy Fisher is living on an island in the Caribbean and working on his newest screenplay. He is married, has eight kids and four grandchildren.

Johnny MacDonald finished his 32nd year with the US Army, 2nd division, where he has become a two-star general and is responsible for strategic initiatives in Iran and Iraq.

Lee Gaglione (2193 W. Morrison Ct., Grand Junction, CO 81503) and his wife Sally '80 (that is her graduation year not her age) have retired from their careers as astrophysicists working for NASA and worked on the MARS R.O.V.E.R. project on the same team.

Jim "Too Tall" Jones (9348 Fauntleroy Way SW, Seattle, WA 98136; jim.jones5@comcast.net) ironically, has spent the last 30 years starting and expanding a number of Big and Tall Men's Clothing stores out west called, Too Tall and

Too Small Clothing Shops for Men.

Bill Sherk (258 Greenmount Blvd., Dayton, OH 45419) a veteran of Wall Street and credited with developing the Sherk Binary Cyclical Regression Curve for investing in Bonds and Precious metals, has been a part of Timothy Geitner's inner circle for the past seven years and works for the White House as a special advisor.

James Azo Talbert (3826 Houcks Rd, Monkton, MD 21111) joined the Marines after college and became Special Forces Green Beret and has seen considerable action in many parts of the world. We usually do not know where he is at any given time, but we sure appreciate his courage.

Richey Kendricks is married with nine of his own children and three adopted kids. He lives in St. Louis and is an ordained minister for the Living God of Heavenly Spirit and has his own hour-long TV sermon every week that is syndicated on cable.

Cliff Masch (531 Lantern Way, Aurora, OH 44202) is a professional fisherman in Alaska who was one of the boat captains on "Deadliest Catch", his boat is called "Trashman." He started out trying to catch fish but found he was better at catching crabs. He dropped out of the show after the first year because it actually hurt his income and he simply loves catching crabs and supporting his wife (Kathy McKim, class of '80) and two daughters.

Bob Clamp (228 Pine Cove Road, Burlington, OH 47612) is a part-time football coach at his old high school and is Executive VP with Proctor and Gamble. He assures us P&G are not devil worshippers.

Andy Pitler (277 Beach Avenue, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233; atpitler@yahoo.com) lives in Atlantic Beach, Fla. He entered the medical field some 30 years ago and never left. He has



been married four times, all to nurses, and owns a boutique condom company which private labels its products to some of the biggest suppliers in the world.

Gib Trub (95 Nason Hill Rd., Sherborn, MA 01770) married a New England Patriots cheerleader (no lie, we were all shocked as well) and started his own advertising agency that has done well. He has one son who is attending the Tulsa School of Welding this fall. Gib is proud of his exotic collection of snakes with species from over 30 countries.

Rick Kane (11 Stone House Ct. Newark, OH 43055), married his high school sweetheart and opened a trendy martini bar in Newark, Ohio called the Manor House. Stop by and drinks are on him.

Mark "Goodspeed" Shuart (2017 San Lu Rae Dr. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49506) lives in Michigan, where he restores old houses and sells them.

Chris Cone (10305 Gentlewind Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45242; cone@fuse.net) still lives in Cincinnati, where he has a successful photography business and recently received his sky diving license to jump solo.

Last but not least, **Henry Hojo Jenkins** went out to see the world after Denison and never came back. Every now and then we get a postcard or a letter with some photos. He has sat with the Dalai Lama, been feted in Beijing by the communist government, picked coffee beans in Costa Rica, and participated in walkabout in AU. You never know where Hojo has been or will pop up next. No one has heard of him for a number of years since he landed in Bangkok, Thailand. We all have our suspicions though.

Senator Helps to Jump Start a Brother's Career in Congress

Beta was filled with many fun memories, and served as the foundation for great friendships that have lasted well beyond graduation. But we know that the Beta connections have likely led to great job opportunities too. One example: a well-known Alpha Eta brother helped motivate **Ed Weber '53** to run for Congress.

Ed writes: "Let's put it this way, I chose to run for Congress in 1980 but only after having a long discourse over dinner with Senator **Dick Lugar '54** two years earlier. Dick was elected to the Senate from Indiana in 1976. (I was also an usher in Dick's

wedding). That time with Dick gave me the confidence to go for it; and with a lot of effort and enthusiasm from many, many people, and further appearances in Toledo on my behalf by Dick Lugar, I can say that I am the only Republican in over 60 years to represent Toledo in the U.S. Congress. As you know, Dick Lugar is now completing his 36th year of distinguished service in the U.S. Senate."

Have Beta connections benefited your professional career? Share your story on the message board at www.betadenison.com.

Well Wishes to Senator Lugar

The Alpha Eta Chapter extends well wishes to Senator Dick Lugar '54 who is completing his final term. He is the Senate's longest-serving Republican, in office since 1977. We are proud of his accomplishments, which include being named as one of America's Ten Best Senators by Time Magazine in 2006 and earning a reputation for being ahead of the curve on key issues such as leading the push for democracy in South Africa and the Philippines, developing alternative fuels and recognizing the dangers of loose nukes ten years before 9/11.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Help us to preserve the best moments from other eras of our chapter's history that have been captured on film!

We've preserved a *ton* of old photos and memories from the 1950s in the online albums at

www.betadenison.com, like this picture of the 1951-52 Alpha Eta pledge class. Pictured here are Brothers Brewster, Deeds, Aundley, Cole, Hundley, Williams, Rudolph, Briggs, Billingsley and Liss.

Share your photos by:

- Logging on to www.betadenison.com, then clicking on My Photos at the top of the page
- Emailing them to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention Beta at Denison)
- Mailing them to the return address on this newsletter, with an enclosed note with your name and "Beta Denison".

2011-12 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank you to the following brothers for supporting our program during our 2011-12 giving year, which ran July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

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