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**ANNUAL FUND UPDATE**

**Kings and Queens of the Wing**

**Alpha Eta Brothers Host Chicken Wing Eating Contest to Raise \$1,600 for Philanthropy**

Once again in 2012, Alpha Eta raised money for our philanthropy, Big Brothers Big Sisters. Various student and Greek organizations on campus participated in the “Kings and Queens of the Wing” chicken wing eating contest, which raised \$1,600. The event was very well attended by participating organizations and observers, and we even had a team of faculty

and staff compete! The energy was high as students ripped and chomped their way through hundreds of wings.

Alpha Eta brothers also participated in Anchor Splash, Denison’s largest Greek event hosted annually by Delta Gamma. We won second overall, and proudly placed first in the synchronized swim/dance competition.

The goals for this year include continuing our support and raising even more money for the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization which has a profound impact on the wellbeing of the local community. Additionally, we would like to promote the further participation of non-Greek organizations in the event. Last year we had students from the WDUB radio station, Burpee’s improv comedy troupe, and Hilltoppers a capella group participate. This year we would like to increase the participation of non-Greek students to further unite the campus and build bridges between different students groups.



Alpha Eta brothers after the Kings and Queens of the Wing competition.

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**There’s Strength in Numbers: Your Help Needed to Raise Donor Participation**

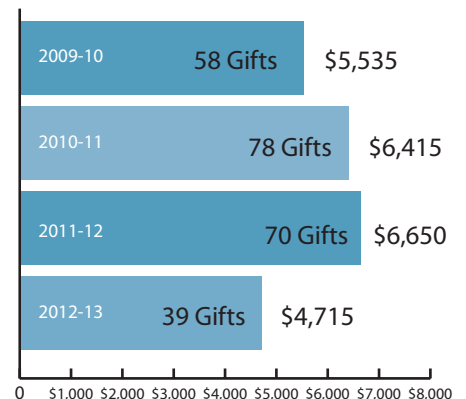
They say there’s strength in numbers. And we’re counting on you to help ours grow through your participation as an alum!

As you can see from this chart, we finished 2011-12 with the highest fundraising totals in the past three years. However, our donor participation rate is on a decline. Please help us to strengthen our numbers - and the The Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association.

Contribute to our chapter’s strength. Show your support. Make your annual fund gift today. You can return the enclosed form with your gift, or donate online at

[www.betadenison.com](http://www.betadenison.com).

**Annual Fundraising**



# ALUMNI UPDATES

## News and Updates from Your Alpha Eta Brothers

### Howard Shaw '48

(90 Montecito Rd. San Rafael, CA 94901-2378; hshaw7777777@att.net) I enjoy staying in contact with my surviving pledge brothers **Senour Hunt '46**, **Dave Ecker '49**, **Dick Gravett '46** and **Ted Tight '48**; plus "upperclassmen" **Dave Richards '45**, **Jack Heller '47**, **Dick Ward '48** and **Miner Raymond '44**; and "youngster" **Tim Roudebush '49**. I also maintain contact with **Hugh Irwin '44**, my 1948 classmate **Bill Johnson**, **Sam Robinson** and another youngster, my retired doctor and neighbor **Chuck Fischer '57**; plus young kids **Mark Lewis '67**, **Craig Lewis** and **Dave Tight '79**. I am in the process of converting my Thunder gull ultralight airplane to electric power and expect to be back in the wild blue yonder by early March.



of the Heydon Trust in Bermuda. I married Jane Lull (Rockford College for Women) in 1948. We have a son, daughter-in-law, daughter and two grandsons. In 1970 our family became one of the founding families of the Community of Jesus in Orleans, Mass., which is now a Monastic Community in the Benedictine tradition - the true joy of my life.

### Don Watkins '51

(20 Weaver Ln. Levittown, NY, 11756-3422; dontangw@yahoo.com) I've had a long and varied career in higher education: teaching, research and administration; as well as civil rights, community action, and international projects, including 30 years with China.

### John Malloy '60

(1289 Harness Rd. Mountain View, AR 72560-8513; jandjmalloy@gmail.com) I am

### Thomas Maddux '82

(7210 Bellona Ave. Baltimore, MD 21212-1007; tmaddux@klnb.com) My oldest son Thomas Alexander Maddux (Alex) graduated in May from Sewanee: The University of The South as an active member of the Beta chapter there.

### Jonathan Reusch '02

(1950 W Leland Ave Apt#4 Chicago, IL 60640-4359; jon@reusch.net) My wife Julia (Ohio State '03) and I are proud parents of twin boys, Henry William and Charles Joseph, born December 14, 2011 in Philadelphia. We live in Havertown, Pa. and both enjoy our careers at Allstate Insurance Company Inc. Julia is a Corporation Relations Division Manager for the Northeast Region and I am an Enterprise Messaging Engineer/Consultant for Allstate Technology Operations.



### Ernest Sims '85

(324 Orchard Way Wayne, PA 19087-4854; ernie@simsfinancial.com) The Beta Class of 1985 got together in Skytop, Pa. to play golf in October. Brothers in attendance included: **Ernie Sims**, **John Wight**, **Jim Mahaney**, **Pat Heyman**, **Dave Watt**, **Bob Zullinger**, **Jim Loughlin**, **Chris Wilson**, **Jeff Macarty**, **Cal O'Callaghan**, **Andrew Boles**, **Rick Kienzle** and **Fritz Hoffman**.

### Thomas Witter '49

(237 N Main St Apt 145 South Yarmouth, MA 02664-2075; tomw@c4.net) I was at Denison in 1944 in the Navy where I became active in Alpha Eta. I had pledged at DePauw as a senior in high school at Elkhart, Ind., which I liked very much. Big **Jack Hannah** was one of my classmates.

After further service in the Navy (I qualified as a Deck Watch Officer/Gunnery Officer-Lt. JG. USNR aboard a small carrier-USS Bogue), I graduated from Purdue (1948-BSME) as the Beta Mu chapter house treasurer. I was in corporate business for 14 years; my last position was Division Mgr. Burlington Div. United Carr Fastener. I attended Stanford Grad. School of Business (MBA) 1958-59; Princeton Theological Seminary 1965; was ordained as a Presbyterian minister and served churches in Darien Conn., Northfield, Ohio and Rochester, NY; and for five years was director

wintering in the Florida Everglades with my wife Jane and critters. I reenact Seminole War battles as well as a Civil War land-sea battles at Key West. All the best in -kai- to Alpha Etas everywhere!

### David E. Reese '62

(PO Box 591 Glenbrook, NV 89413-0591; dreese2390@aol.com) On January 24, my wife, Weezie, and I embarked on a 24-day trip around the world sponsored by Stanford University. We are going to some garden spots such as Papua New Guinea, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Senegal, Columbia and Cuba with three dear couple friends in tow!

All is well in Glenbrook, Nev., and Paradise Valley, Ariz.

### Mike MacDonald '09

(7291 Mill Spring Dr. Ambler, PA 19002-5405; macco.mike@gmail.com) Last year I moved from Lancaster, Pa. to Chicago to take the position of Squash Director at a nonprofit organization called METROsquash. This is a year-round, after school program for inner city students on the south side of Chicago. We focus on academic enrichment as well as teaching them the game of squash. It is a rewarding experience as a leader for young students.

*What's new with you? Share your news, updates, memories and more on the back of the enclosed form or online at [www.betadenison.com](http://www.betadenison.com).*

## ALUMNI Q&A

### True to Himself

#### Joe Ternavan '57 Weighs In on True Friendship, Being Himself and Where the Buck Stops

Thank you to **Joe Ternavan '57** for participating in this Q&A! Joe took a lot from his days in Beta and shares them here with fellow alum in a few short questions and answers.

#### Why did you join Beta over other fraternities?

When rush started, there were a number of freshmen football players who were interested in what Beta offered. The brothers seemed to be compatible to us, and six were pledged into the fraternity. Over the past 55 years, many of the brothers who were before and after us continue to meet every 3-5 years in virtually every part of the country, from Washington to Florida, D.C. to California, and a number of states between.

#### What song(s) best defines your college experience?

Alpha Eta Song, "Here we meet in joys fraternal," we march along even after 55 years, we march to "Renew our Bonds."

#### How did Beta help make you into the man you are today?

The most memorable was in Dallas when Alpha Eta's charter was restored and I was able to celebrate with the young men who made it possible. It was a great pleasure to know that the opportunity that Beta provided me would

continue with future generations. I can tell you that there are many Alpha Eta alums who are proud to be brothers of the great group of pledges and actives that saw the value of what we were able to find in our Alpha Eta experience and then make it happen, putting their hearts into the effort. Well done, brothers! Thank you for teaching me to be responsible for my own behavior, and to work as a group to be successful as a fraternity.

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#### Tell us about a brother who was a mentor or went beyond the call of duty to help you.

**William (Sam) Prosser '56** (of ever honored memory) showed us in many ways that he cared about the fraternity and led by his actions to prove this caring in many ways.

#### What's the best advice you've ever received, and from whom?

**Dick Lugar '54** (Pledge Master); he told us to be ourselves, and to prove to all that we loved Beta.

#### What's your greatest personal challenge to date and how did you overcome it?

In my business life, I enjoyed proving to myself and my associates that I deserved leading when I got the opportunity. Learning to always "have the buck stop with me" was the most important.

#### What role does leadership play in a man's life?

I believe we must all search for our place in the world. Leadership responsibilities taught me to look for those that were willing to do the job well. I let them meet the challenge, knowing that I was on their side.

#### If you were walking onto the Denison campus as a young freshman, what advice would you give to the younger you?

Seek friends who will be honest with you (to your face). Give them your true friendship and ask them to do the same for you.

Brothers can reconnect with Joe at [joe.ternavan@gmail.com](mailto:joe.ternavan@gmail.com).

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



Brotherhood Week 2009

### Wanted: Old Pictures from YOUR Era

Alpha Eta's history is filled with countless moments that have been captured on film. We want to know where to find them! Increase your level of participation this year and send us your best Beta pictures for our chapter archives. C'mon guys, this is the digital age!

Take some time in the coming weeks to peruse your collection (besides, won't it be fun to take a trip down memory lane?). Send the best shots (and the stories behind them) to our editors at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com). You can also mail them with your gift using the enclosed envelope, or upload them directly to [www.betadenison.com](http://www.betadenison.com). Be sure to mention "Beta at Denison" on your correspondence.

## IN YOUR WORDS

### Brothers Share Words of Wisdom from Their Beta Days and Beyond

*Tell us about a brother who was a role model to you in Alpha Eta.*

"I remember **Dale Wolfe '54** as being one of the most personable, even-tempered men in our chapter. He was a great example for us and easily shared his time and talents with all. What a fine rush chairman and gentleman!"

- **Richard Briggs '55**

"One brother, in particular, became my mentor in my years as a Denison Beta: **Nick Geitner '09**. As a new member, I knew little about the privileges and responsibilities of brotherhood. Nick happily taught me, in many ways and through many conversations, about the proceedings and direction of our chapter. He became a great confidant when I began to lose faith, and continues to be there for me."

- **Christopher Wotta '11**

*In what way is the fraternity experience still a relevant one for today's young adult?*

"Fraternity life is still relevant in today's young adult life because it is practice for dealing with people and working in an organization toward a purpose. It incorporates intramural sports, leadership, community service and philanthropy - all the aspects that you will find in the real world that not many other college activities or organizations can offer you at once. These experiences can help you when you graduate and transition into the real world. And that's just on campus. There are other off campus opportunities the national fraternities offer their members. Ultimately, it

comes down to how involved you want to get in your fraternity and how much you want to get out of the experience. If you are in it to become a leader and get involved, that's great. If you are in it to hang out with friends, that's fine too."

- **Mike MacDonald '09**

*How did Beta help make you into the man you are today?*

"Beta's biggest influence was that of my outstanding roommates. Other Betas even convinced me to become a physician."

- **Bill Johnson '48**

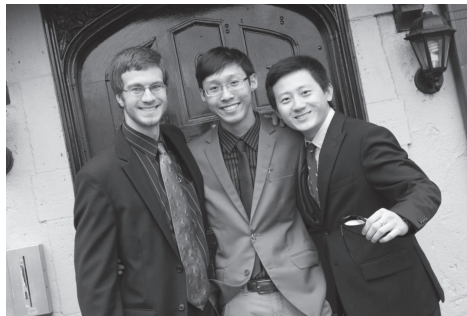
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## SCENES FROM THE FALL SEMESTER

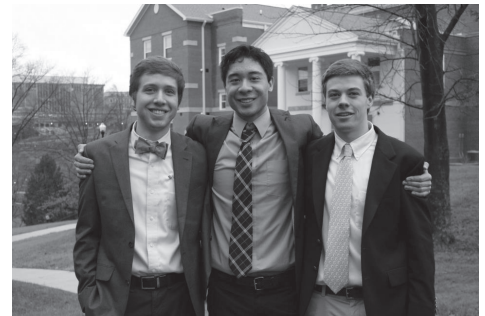
### A Snapshot of Beta Eta's Activities this Year



From left to right: Jackson Wu-Pong '15, Christian Erickson '14, Sam Heyman '14, Stetson Thacker '14, Stephen Czjuko '13 and our coach from Delta Gamma.



From left to right: Alumnus Mike Joyce '12, Jonathan Huang '15 and Richie Huang '13.



From left to right: Jared Liston '13, Ray Marolt '14 and Andrew Malin '15 after initiation.



From left to right: Zach Matek '15, Erik Riter '14, Matt Wolschleger '13, Nate Thomas '13, Evan Hunter '14 and Jackson Wu-Pong '15 after initiation.



We hosted a Holiday Gala in December at our house and invited all of the residence of the building to attend. This is a picture of the chapter serenading our dates and the other attendees.