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Alumni Survey: What Do You Think?

The Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association exists because you exist. Our promise to you is to serve and entertain you with opportunities to connect: with your experiences, with each other, and with the fraternity you became an integral part of when you pledged.

Take our survey to help us drive our alumni program for the next 12 months in a way that matters to you. Find a link to the survey at www.lambdachigettsburg.com.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

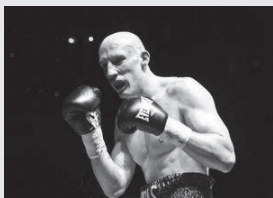
Theta Pi Alum Literally Fights Cancer

Did you catch the feature on **Bryant Pappas '95** in the June edition of *Cross & Crescent*?

After defeating non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Bryant Pappas turned his attention to a professional boxing career. He has turned his curse of cancer into a cause by using boxing as a way to raise money for cancer research.

"I'm fighting for myself but I'm also fighting for people other than myself. I don't know if it's right or wrong but it makes me feel good," Pappas said in the interview.

Read the full story at www.lambdachi.org/candc/the-fighter



CHAPTER UPDATES

Theta-Pi Recognized for Academic Achievement and Campus Involvement

It's been a great year for our active chapter!

Theta-Pi received the following awards at the 54th General Assembly and Stead Leadership Seminar, held July 26-29:

- **Chapter Academic Achievement** - Chapter Academic Achievement Awards are presented to chapters with a grade point average that was either first on their campus, or second or third on larger campuses with a greater number of fraternities.
- **Campus Involvement** - Awarded to chapters with extensive involvement in extracurricular activities.

We look forward to extending this success in our 2012-13 academic year.

Last spring, under the leadership of Shane Swink and Reid Smith, the chapter raised more than \$20,000 during the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

Our active chapter is proud to contribute to Lambda Chi Alpha's mission to systematically develop our men by fundamentally shaping

who they are, what they know, and what they can do. This is what helped Lambda Chi to be ranked among the top fraternities in the United States. Our fraternity ranked #14 in a current report compiled by *Newsweek* and *College Prowler*. Go to www.lambdachigettsburg.com to read more and to share why you think Lambda Chi ranks among the best.

From an Alum

"I came back for the 45th reunion of our Class of '67 and visited with the brothers at the chapter house. What impressed me the most was the current brothers that I met. Each and every one was a tribute to the traditions of a Lambda Chi. I was impressed by their warmth, congeniality and especially their intellect. Keep up the good work or we will have Mrs. 'B' return and whip you guys into shape."

- Ken Henyan '67

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

2012-13 Annual Fund On Pace for another Record Year

We'd like to thank the 2011-12 alumni donors who helped us achieve the best annual fundraising year that we've ever had! Thanks to their contributions, we raised \$7,459 last year.

Our new giving year kicked off September 1, and we're already nearly halfway to exceeding last year's record total. As of October 5, we have raised \$3,485 in 2012-13! You can help us to continue this momentum and finish with another banner year! Remember, the more support we have, the more we can do to enhance your alumni experience and the future

of our fraternity. We especially need alumni donations this year for:

- Basement repairs
- Kitchen improvements
- Gutter upgrades to help eliminate some mold issues caused by a water infiltration problem

You can make your donation online at www.lambdachigettsburg.com or by calling 800-975-6699.

Being a Part of Lambda Chi Helps to Develop Character

Rodd Ruland '79 Weighs in On His Lambda Chi Experience, How it Resonates with Him Today and the Friends He Still Connects With

Thank you to **Rodd Ruland '79** for participating in this Q&A.

Why did you join Lambda Chi as an undergraduate?

Many of my friends in my freshman class pledged Lambda Chi and I was the most comfortable with the brothers I got to know.

What is the funniest memory from your Lambda Chi days?

There are too many to pick one single event.

What is the single fondest memory you have shared/will share with your children and grandchildren?

My kids have been fortunate to meet some of my fraternity brothers. They have seen how close of a friendship some of us still have which is a great testament of the bond that was developed over four years at Gettysburg.

How do you stay connected with your brothers as an alumnus?

We try to get together at least once a year for a golf weekend. I am also lucky to have one of my closest friends, **Dan Owens '81**, nearby

and working for the same company.

Have you visited Gettysburg since graduation?

Yes, my daughter is a freshman at G-Burg.

What about your membership in Lambda Chi makes you the most proud?

Being part of Lambda Chi, living in the house and dealing with everyday activities helped to develop my character.

How would your life be different today if you had never joined Lambda Chi?

I would not have lifelong friends that you only see once a year and feel like you just saw them yesterday.

If you could go back and relive one moment from your Lambda Chi years, what would it be and why?

There was a particular intramural football game that took place behind the house. We were getting beaten badly by Phi Delt and **Josh Dare '79** threw me a pass. I dove for it, catching it in the end zone for a touchdown!

Where has life taken you since graduation? What's new in your life today?

Life has offered me many opportunities. A loving wife. Two great kids. Health and happiness. I've had the privilege of living in several different places in the US and England and have many accomplishments in my career I am proud of.

Who do you stay connected with in your alumni years?

I stay connected with many fellow alumni: **Mike Falco '79**, **George White '79**, **Josh Dare**, **Dan Owens**, **Jay Eagen**, **Fran Cannon '78**, **Larry Snyder '79** and **Mike Eckhardt '79** to name a few.

What is the best thing about your alumni experience?

Now, I would have to say having a daughter at Gettysburg and seeing how much she enjoys being there. My mother graduated from G-Burg so we have a three generation legacy now.

Brothers can connect with Rodd at rruland@burndy.com.

"Naught without Labor"

Charles Batcheler '61 Shares that Leadership and Working Hard are the Keys to Success

Thank you to **Charles Batcheler '61** for participating in this Q&A.

How did Theta-Pi help make you into the man you are today?

It helped me to become more tolerant and inclusive of my fellow man and friends, although we may significantly differ.

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

Jim Zerbe '60, my Big Brother, offered compassionate guidance.

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

From Lambda Chi Alpha: "Naught without Labor."

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

Losing everything and my business in the early 1990 recession, but I overcame it by putting one foot in front of the other and working my way back. The silver lining was that it was a humbling experience.

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

If you are not endowed with natural leadership skills, you can develop them.

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

The same as I gave myself as a freshman: work hard academically with the fear that failing

or flunking out would be devastating to you and to those who sacrificed to give you the opportunity for higher education.

What's new in your life today?

I am retired, but still work six months each year, part-time. I am continuing to play tennis in the "Over the Hill League" and am an active ornamental and vegetable gardener. Not working is so enjoyable. It means Mondays never come.

Brothers can reconnect with Charles at clanbatch@verizon.net.

ALUMNI UPDATES

'50s

Matthew Hosterman '53

(350 Vista Ct., Easton, PA 18040; hostermanmj9@gmail.com) Rachel Ferer and I married in Gettysburg on May 7, 2011. I am still working at GEICO insurance. This summer Rachel and I traveled to visit her family in Minnesota and Michigan. We also spent time visiting fellow alums and brothers.

Raymond Birkel '53

(565 South Harbor Rd., Southold, NJ 11971; thebirkels@gmail.com) Congratulations to Theta Pi on their scholarship achievement. I remember working on this at the house when I served as High Beta.

Since graduation, I served four years in the Air Force, including a graduate study at N.Y.U. in Meteorology and then in Tripoli, Libya and Lincoln, Nebraska. Through the G.I. Bill I attended the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia and was ordained into the ELCA ministry 1960. As a church mission developer, I began a new congregation in 1963, Church of the Abiding Presence in King Park-Fort Salonga, LI. I married Mary Frances Wisecarver in 1965, and we have three children who have now blessed us with seven grandchildren. Retired in 1993, I continue ministerial work as a Chaplain at San Simeon Nursing Home, Greenport, NY and continuing to do pulpit supply work in Lutheran congregations on the East End of Long Island. Mary and I manage to do much traveling in the US especially now visiting our children's families. We also visited the Middle East and Egypt in better days, Hawaii, and made extensive trips through Europe, Britain, and most recently, Norway. We retired to Southold on the North Fork of Long Island.

'60s

Norman Henry '60

(46 Thayer Bay Cir., Colchester, VT 05446; nhenry@comcast.net) I'm still healthy at 77 and still look back fondly at G-burg and LCA. I was there to celebrate my 50th reunion. I can't believe how much it costs to attend G-burg today. Have fun, and STUDY HARD!

Paul Phenicie '63

(8890 Lansdowne Dr., Calabash, NC 28467; slpphen@atmc.net) I've retired and moved south to the land of sun, sand and surf. I play golf with the Ole' Bogeys. The game is improving. However, my two grandsons (Shane 17 and Steve 14) beat "Grandpa" on the links quite handily. A few months ago my wife fell headfirst down six stairs, fracturing her collarbone, elbow and rotator cuff. She is well on the mend, but not being a cosmetologist, do you know how a husband puts up a woman's hair?

Ken Henyan '67

(8831 247th St., Bellrose, NY 11426; suenken@hotmail.com) The following link shows what Lambda Chis are still doing to enrich the lives of others. **Ray Faczan '67** and his wife Linda have been clowning around (literally) for the last seven years as part of their retirement. Ray is an outstanding basketball player for the Bullets and retired Lt. Colonel in the United States Army. Go to this link for more information: <http://philsantamaria.com/help-others/clowning-around>.

'70s

Sam Little '73

(1028 Sugar Pike Way, Canton, GA 30115; swlittelus@gmail.com) I recently began work as Server and Network Manager at the Atlanta International School, and moved downtown to be closer to where I am working. I have two grandchildren and all three of my children live in the Atlanta area. I recently returned to the house with some other members of the '70s classes just to reminisce and laugh.

Jeffrey Bryant '77

(11 Indian Ladder Dr., Altamont, NY 12009; jeff@bryantasset.com) I recently traveled to Chile with **Mark Brigham '77** for three days of whitewater rafting and hiking in Patagonia, finishing up with sea kayaking.

'80s

Stephen King '80

(115 Maple Dr., Madison, VA 22727; stumgolf@yahoo.com) Had a visit from **Brian Sutton '80** this summer. I have a grandson, Jack, living in Fredericksburg, VA and one

on the way in Boones Mill, VA. My oldest son Adam is a Youth Pastor in Stafford, VA, middle son Cameron is at home with us working here as a HVAC service technician, and youngest son Joshua is a UM Pastor in Boones Mill, VA

Richard Krause '89

(1134 Tourmaline St., San Diego, CA 92109; kbutch27@hotmail.com) I continue to teach at Haddon Heights Jr.-Sr. High School (21 years now). I gave up coaching football, but continue to announce basketball games, coach track and advise Student Council. Also, I'm a church organist/musician and choir director for Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Tabernack, NJ. The kids are all involved in sports, scouting, and church-related activities. My wife Kim and I are doing well.

'00s

Stephen Kareha '03

(3629 Oak St., Schnecksville, PA 18078; kwanpt@gmail.com) My wife, Jen, our two daughters, Savannah (4) and Jocelyn (3), and I just moved back to the Allentown, PA area where I am now the Director of Physical Therapy Residency Education at St. Luke's University Health Network. Additionally, I am an Adjunct Professor at Arcadia University and currently working toward my PhD at Nova Southeastern University.

Matthew Callahan '04

(3309 Baring St. Apt. 1R, Philadelphia, PA 19104; mhcallahan@hotmail.com) Danielle Ricchini and I were married March 17th, 2012 in Havertown, PA (her hometown). We had a wonderful



time, and the wedding went off without any problems. I know some of you had a chance to meet her, and I'm working on getting some time to travel so that she can meet the crew further up the northeast. Hope all is well with my brothers from G-burg, and I'm looking forward to a life as a married man, and the start (frighteningly enough) of my 30s.

What's new with you? Share your news online at www.lambdachigettysburg.com

2012-13 HONOR ROLL

Thank you to the following alumni who have made financial contributions since our giving year kicked off September 1...

Walter Schutzenbach	1948	Richard Adams	1958	Philip Mitman	1966	Timothy Higley	1986
George Kirschner	1949	Norman Henry	1960	William Fridinger	1968	Michael Mayone	1988
Robert Neal	1949	Daniel Selak	1960	Vernon Paulson	1968	Craig DeMallie	1991
John Candioto	1950	John Northrup	1961	Roy Giese	1973	Christopher Nonas	1994
Thomas Haddock	1953	Darryl Sensenig	1961	Gary Smethers	1975	Robert Clontz	2004
W. Welliver	1954	Michael Kitzmiller	1962	Robert Blomberg	1976	Kevin Caviston	2005
Leonard Rein	1955	Kirby Kiick	1963	John Stidman	1976	Paul Vnuczenski	2005
David Johnson	1956	G. Fred Von Eiff	1963	Robert Hincke	1978		
Emerson Tracy	1956	Robert Gilman	1964	Rodd Ruland	1979	Reflects gifts received as of October 5, 2012.	
Thomas Stahl	1957	Lawrence Lees	1965	David Salisbury	1985		

ON THE WEB

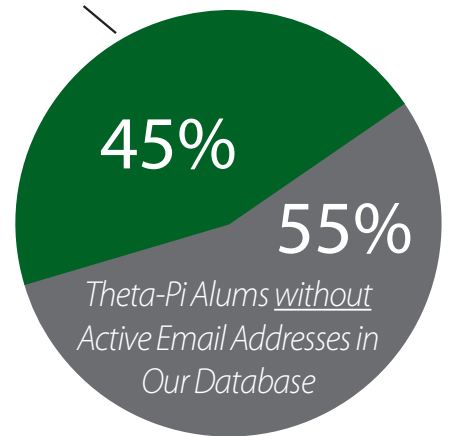
Email Crisis! We're Missing Email Addresses for 55% of Our Brothers

You may be missing out on important Lambda Chi communications! Each month, Theta-Pi sends an eLetter with the latest chapter 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 45% of our living alumni. If your email address is one of the 55% we're missing, please update it online at www.lambdachigettersburg.com or by emailing our alumni relations office with your full name, grad year and "LXA Gettysburg" 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!

Theta-Pi Alums with Active Email Addresses in Our Database



Total living alumni: 1,489

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