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# THETA-PI NEWS

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Theta-Pi Outpaces Other Chapters in Academics, Philanthropy and Recruitment

Congratulations to our undergraduate chapter for achieving the highest GPA among 11 Gettysburg fraternities for the spring 2009 semester. Lambda Chi achieved a 3.288 GPA in the spring. The second highest rank, achieved by Sigma Chi, was 3.084.

Lambda Chi also has the second largest membership among campus fraternities with 59 actives, behind Phi Sig's 64-man membership.

In terms of philanthropy, Lambda Chi's monetary contributions far outweighed other campus fraternities. Theta-Pi contributed \$8,750 and 383 hours of service toward the overall total of \$29,408.26 and 1,312 service hours by Gettysburg fraternities. In addition, Lambda Chi also contributed 3,500 pounds of food to the local food bank.

#### Spring 2009 GPAs

<b>Lambda Chi Alpha:</b>	<b>3.288</b>
Sigma Chi:	3.084
Phi Delta Theta:	3.072
Sigma Nu:	3.011
<b>ALL-FRATERNITY AVG:</b>	<b>2.96</b>
Phi Gamma Delta:	2.894
Phi Kappa Psi:	2.887
Phi Sigma Kappa:	2.852
Alpha Tau Omega:	2.822
Alpha Chi Rho:	2.809
Sigma Alpha Epsilon:	2.782
Tau Kappa Epsilon:	2.731

## Donor Generosity Yields All-time Best Annual Giving

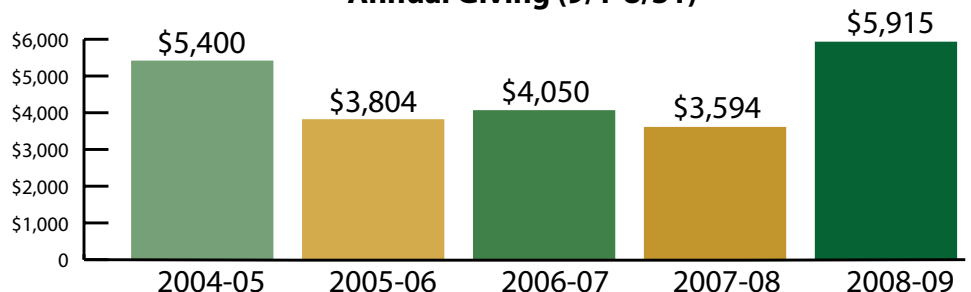
Thank you to our 99 alumni donors (a record number, we might add) for contributing \$5,915 to the 2008-09 annual fund, which ended August 31. Thanks to their support, last year was the highest annual giving year we've ever had!

In addition to funding our communications program to keep you connected with other Theta-Pi alums, the annual fund enables us to do more to support the active chapter. As you'll

read throughout this newsletter, our actives have been achieving tremendous success in everything from scholarship to philanthropy to recruitment and much more! They have been working hard to maintain a positive presence on campus...don't they deserve our continued support?

If you haven't yet made a gift to kick off the 2009-10 giving year (see a list of current donors to the left), please do so today.

### Annual Giving (9/1-8/31)



## ALUMNI REUNIONS

### Time Really Flies after College!

#### ***But These Guys from '05 and '06 Prove that You can Still Reconnect with Lambda Chi in Your Alumni Years***

Thanks to **PJ Heckman '05** for submitting the following...

Some of the guys from the class of '05 and '06 made plans to attend Homecoming this year (*Ed. Note: Pete, we can't wait to see pictures of your reunion!*).

This picture is of guys from 2005 dressed in their fraternity blazers. Pictured left to right: **Gavin Gore MD '05**, **Jonathan Devito '05** (currently Rutgers Law 2L), **PJ Heckman '05** (Financial Advisor), **Bruce Hughes '06**

(Entrepreneur) and **Mike Barefoot '05** (US Marines).

PJ says "Everyone's really looking forward to coming back to G'burg for the weekend."



We want to see more pictures from your Lambda Chi days, and hear stories and see photos of your more recent reunions. You can submit your content at [www.lambdachigettsburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettsburg.com), or email your submissions to our editors at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention LXA at Gettysburg).



Want to plan a reunion for your class? Find their contact info using the online directory. Once your plans are made, send us an email at the address above and we'll post the details on our web site.

## ALUMNI UPDATES

***We want to know what's new with you too! Share your stories, updates and photos at [www.lambdachigettsburg.com](http://www.lambdachigettsburg.com)!***

### **George Martin '42**

(2913 Luther Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17202) Years ago while I was alumni treasurer, I donated \$100 to finish paying off the mortgage for 113 W. Broadway. I held the mortgage while **Jude Donald Lybarger**, one of our founders, lit the match to burn it.

### **Paul Vnuczenski '05**

(1 Alexander St Apt 505C, Yonkers, NY 10701; [vnucpa01@gmail.com](mailto:vnucpa01@gmail.com)) I just resigned FDNY as a Paramedic to start again as a "probie" firefighter for the Yonkers Fire Department. Just thought I'd keep you guys posted. Here is a picture from my swearing in ceremony.



### **"Just Like Old Times"**

#### ***Brothers of the Class of 1967 Reunite for First Time since Graduation***

This is not the best photo in the world, but these are the class of '67 members who made it back for our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2007. Most of us had not seen each other since graduation, but from the get-go it was just like old times, complete with nicknames.

*Back row: Edwin Graff, Kenneth Henyan, Philip Santa Maria, Robert McDowell, Richard Gilbert, R.S. Rosenberger and Jeffrey Sell; Front: Russell Fairlie, Alan Blose and Raymond Faczan.*



*Thanks to Rick Gilbert for submitting this story and picture.*

# ALUMNI REUNIONS

## What a Terrific Reunion!

### Chance Meeting in NYC Leads to Cross-Country Connection for these Theta-Pi Alumni

Thanks to **Brad Westfall '85** for submitting the following story...

What a terrific reunion! Last spring I took my family to New York City for a long weekend. During our visit, it dawned on me that I should have tried to call my college roommate and fraternity brother, **Rick Holmes '85**, who I knew was living in the Big Apple. Although I had a vague idea what he was up to, I hadn't talked to him in several years and hadn't seen him in at least 20!

So, I took a chance and dialed the only number I had. I got his voice mail, left a message and before you know it, we were having dinner together at a little French restaurant right off Broadway. It was great catching up and remembering our days at Gettysburg and at Lambda Chi. It was also great to be able to introduce to him my wife of 21 years and three daughters ages 18, 16 and 12.

It quickly became apparent that he was on a first-name basis with many in the restaurant and when I inquired as to why, I learned that he starred in *Spamalot* on Broadway, until January 2009 when the show closed. This was one of the places that he frequented with fellow cast members after the show. I knew he had toured with the show years before but did not know he had hit the "big time" playing Sir Lancelot in the Broadway hit *Spamalot*!

I was disappointed that I did not get to see him in the show when it was on Broadway, but then I found out that he might be opening the show in Los Angeles later in the summer. After keeping in touch over the next few months, I managed to work a trip to LA into my schedule during the time he was in the show. I got great tickets and Rick arranged for us to meet him backstage after the show. I took a couple of my colleagues and had no idea what I was about to experience. In a nutshell, I haven't laughed that hard, that much, and that out loud for a very long time.

There were times when it seemed the entire Ahmanson Theater was in tears from laughter. *Spamalot* was absolutely hysterical and Rick was unquestionably THE star of the show. He played four of the funniest characters in the production: Sir Lancelot, The Knight of Ni, the French Taunter and Tim the Enchanter. You might not be able to fully appreciate our hysteria if you have never seen *Spamalot* or are not familiar with Monty Python's *Holy Grail*, but for those of you who are, you can imagine how much fun it was. After the show we sat down for some appetizers and drinks at a local restaurant and I got to tell him in person how great his performance was.

Rick graduated in 1985 from Gettysburg where he was a Lambda Chi and went on to NYU to get his MFA in Acting. He has followed his dream and passion of being an Actor for over 20 years and has a long and impressive list of acting credits. What a terrific reunion!

## FROM THE ARCHIVES...

### A Tree Fit for a President!

We're running a little competition to see which era of alumni can submit the best stories, photos and memories from their Lambda Chi days. So far, alums from the '60s have stolen the spotlight with their submissions.



Thanks to **Rick Gilbert '67** for submitting this photo taken in the spring of 1965 or 1966.

We'd also like to feature this story from **Richard "Mitch" Mitchell '62**.

He writes, "When I was social chairman, we were decorating the house for the Christmas judging, etc. I, along with a couple of brothers, went out into 'the woods' late one night and cut down several fir trees to use in our decoration theme.

The next morning, in the light of day, I noticed on the bottom of one of the trees a bronze plaque

which read 'First Prize, Adams County Fair, Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower.' Needless to say, I thought the police would swoop down and cart me away! Now, as I look back on the adventure, I can only kick myself for having disposed of the plaque so that there was no evidence that could link me to the crime. What a keepsake that could have been."

*Did you graduate in the '60s and have additional items to add to our history? Or are you from another era and have great stories to share from your Lambda Chi days? Send your submissions to our editors at: [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com).*

## 2008-09 HONOR ROLL

### This Issue of our Newsletter Brought to You By...

Thank you to the following brothers who helped us to achieve a RECORD annual fund in 2008-09 (see more info on page 1)! Because of their support, we are able to continue our communications program. A special thank you goes to the brothers in bold for making their first-ever contributions in the 2008-09 giving year!

Even with a record year, we need support from more than just 99 of our alumni! See page 1 for more information on how you can get involved, and to see a list of brothers who have supported us already in 2009-10.

George F. Martin	1942	George Tracy Jr.	1959	Richard P. Owens	1972	Brian G. Friedrich	1983
Robert J. Dowie	1948	Norman H. Henry	1960	<b>Curvin N. Dellinger</b>	<b>1973</b>	Steven R. Walls	1985
E. Austin Hess	1948	Robert T. Parry	1960	Roy L. Giese	1973	John E. Schiller	1986
George Kirschner Jr.	1948	Richard W. Ruesch	1960	<b>Jon W. Jeanneret</b>	<b>1973</b>	Robert Palmer	1987
<b>Walter C. Sobers</b>	<b>1948</b>	Dan Selak	1960	Eric G. Dittmeier	1974	Paul Palumbo	1987
Robert L. Neal	1949	Charles L. Batcheler	1961	David W. Dunn	1975	Michael Leppert	1988
Robert D. Reed	1949	Russell W. Branton	1961	Pete Rothenhoefer	1975	Kevin J. Loh	1988
<b>Martin M. Beckner</b>	<b>1952</b>	<b>John C. Northrup</b>	<b>1961</b>	Gary Drue Drue Smethers	1975	Terence D. Mariani Jr.	1988
Edwin N. Partikian	1952	Darryl L. Sensenig	1961	Robert C. Blomberg	1976	Robert T. Luce	1990
Kearney Y. Kulthau Jr.	1954	<b>Michael B. Kitzmiller</b>	<b>1962</b>	Thomas L. Brenneman	1976	Douglas Bradley	1991
W. Robert Welliver	1954	Richard A. Mitchell	1962	John S. Stidman	1976	Craig DeMallie	1991
John Howard Worth	1955	James J. D'Angelo	1963	David P. Alldian	1977	Dwayne C. Angelo	1994
Roger D. Alexis	1956	John R. Socey	1963	Robert C. Carty	1977	Christopher A. Nonas	1994
David R. Johnson	1956	<b>Robert L. Taylor</b>	<b>1963</b>	Thomas E. Ehrhart	1977	Spencer B. Murray	1995
Bruce R. Roberts	1956	G. Frederic Von Eiff	1963	Stephen J. Shorrock	1977	<b>Troy M. Cassel</b>	<b>2002</b>
Bob Siebold	1956	Lawrence E. Lees	1965	Timothy C. Stauning	1978	Douglas W. Ritter	2003
Emerson R. Tracy	1956	Rudolph A. Socey Jr.	1965	David J. Baca	1979	Douglas J.D. Walo	2003
Richard C. Christensen	1957	Craig D. Van Tatenhove	1965	Jonathan T. Dare	1979	Robert Michael Clontz II	2004
Lee Sholly	1957	Russell A. Fairlie	1967	Michael Eckhardt	1979	<b>John E. Fegley</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Seward T. Sweet</b>	<b>1957</b>	Richard Gilbert Jr.	1967	Steven Kreseski	1979	<b>Benjamin C. Hendricks</b>	<b>2004</b>
David L. Foreman	1958	Jeffrey A. Sell	1967	Douglas S. McKeel	1979	<b>Robert E. Lee III</b>	<b>2005</b>
John K. Pawlowski	1958	Charles L. Frame	1968	Lawrence H. Snyder	1979		
Laurence Larry Johnson	1959	William C. Fridinger	1968	Brian A. Sutton	1980		
G. Laurence Liedel	1959	Vernon O. Paulson	1968	Frank K. Brown	1981		

We need your help to determine which era in our history had the most fun! So far, the '60s are stealing the show! Read page 2 for a story from this era, and to find instructions for submitting your own memories...



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