

WELCOME TO OUR 27 NEW PLEDGES!

Nick Schneider
Warrington, PA – Journalism

Andrew Gagnon
Pittsburgh, PA – Finance

Jonathan Fitzmaurice
Erie, PA – Risk Management

Sebastian Micheo
San Juan, PR – Biology

Ryan Byrne
Doylestown, PA – Supply Chain

Bobby Stocker
Mt. Lebanon, PA – Undecided

Kevin Casey
Warrington, PA – Undecided

Edward “Teddy” Merrick
Mt. Lebanon, PA – Undecided

Joshua Zamillio
Peekskill, NY – Undecided

Jack McCrossin
Mt. Laurel, NJ – Finance

Ryan Lynn
Flemington, NJ – Marketing

John Deasy
Pittsburgh, PA – Mech. Eng.

Max Laster
Warrington, PA – Marketing

John Colvin
Erie, PA – Actuarial Science

Jack Kelly
Pelham, NY – Finance

Sean Hanigan
Flemington, NJ – Finance

Mitchell Ross
Portsmouth, RI – Eng.

Ceillum O’Hare
Pittsburgh, PA – Mech. Eng.

Greg Pascale
Clarks Summit, PA – Finance

Adam Kraskey
Upper St. Clair, PA – Finance

Will Dent
Allentown, PA – Undecided

Daniel Chesley
Merrick, NY – Supply Chain

Brad Capuzzi
West Chester, PA – Undecided

Ben Goodman
Newtown, PA – Management

Mike Callari
Erie, PA – Supply Chain

Nick Eckhart
Allentown, PA – Finance



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Letter From the President

A WAITING LIST FOR RECRUITS (THANKS TO OUR ACTIVES)! A \$10K GIFT (THANKS TO AN OUTSIDE DONOR)! ALUMNI, YOU’RE UP!

By John “Thorse”Thorsen ’86, President, Tau Company Delta Tau Delta

Another autumn is well underway in Happy Valley! I am proud to say that the Shelter is being well taken care of by the current group of officers and actives. During my homecoming visit, I was pleasantly surprised as to the good condition of the house. I listened during the board meeting to the officers describe how they are maintaining the Shelter, keeping it clean and holding each other accountable. It was great! Please join me in thanking this group of Delts for a job well done.

We held our fall board meeting early before the homecoming football game. The actives’ finances appear to be in good order, they seem well organized, and they are showing a level of responsibility I have not seen in years. *They also have one of the largest pledge classes that I have ever seen — 27! They must be doing something right! This bodes well for the future of Tau Chapter. At the start of the fall 2015 semester at Penn State, the Shelter occupancy will be at full capacity with a waiting list for future vacancies!*

The biggest news from the summer is that a large donation of \$10,000 was made to the Shelter — the largest single donation I have received during my tenure thus far as president. This donation wasn’t even from a Tau Alum. It was from Mr. David Musto, a Delt from RPI’s Upsilon Chapter. His son Marco is one of our new Brothers at Tau. *Mr. Musto understood our need for new kitchen equipment, and his donation helped us purchase and install a new dishwasher unit. We haven’t had a*

working dishwasher in at least four years. We are grateful to Mr. Musto and thank him again for his donation. It was put to great use almost immediately and is working well!

Several months ago, I wrote an open letter to all of you. I took a chance and went on a “rant” to which many of you responded. Many of you took the letter in the spirit intended and supported the Shelter. We received an uptick in financial giving. But not enough of you responded, and you know who you are!

My fellow Alumni

Brothers, the serious issues that I discussed in my last letter still exist; they have not gone away:

1. The Shelter needs an immediate cash infusion to address major structural issues with the exterior of the House. The masonry skin of the Shelter is failing, and we fear that (literally) chunks of the exterior will fall off. I don’t know what more to say. Are there one or more Alums out there who can match or exceed Mr. Musto’s donation ASAP?

2. The board needs four new board members. The board is thin in numbers, and we need help. We need new members. We are down to five Alumni, and that is not enough. Your Alumni board needs your time. And just think — you can say that you sit on the board a fraternity with one of the largest pledge classes on the PSU campus. So, please help! Call me at 717-522-1432 if you are interested or email me at jthorsen@aol.com ASAP!



Thank you to Mr. David Musto for the \$10K gift which funded the purchase of a new dishwasher.

Chapter Update

TAU CHAPTER PREPARES FOR GREEK SING, THON AND UPCOMING LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

By Ben Bobick '16, Outgoing Undergraduate President

As you have already read, our fall semester began with some great news — the recruitment of 27 new pledges. This is the largest group of new Brothers in Tau Chapter history! (See the full list on the front page.)

In the recent weeks, we have also held elections for officers who will be leading our undergraduate chapter during the 2015 calendar year. Congratulations to Brother **Martino Parente** who has been elected our 2015 Tau undergraduate president. Joining him on the new board will be new vice presidents, **Anthony Ganguzza** and **Brian Caron**. Watch for more information about these Brothers in future Alumni eLetters. The outgoing undergraduate board wishes them all our best in the tran-

sition of leadership.

The chapter was actively involved this September in a wide range of homecoming activities. While the game did not meet the expectations of most Penn State alumni and students, we enjoyed the weekend including Friday night's float competition and Saturday's tailgate competition. Thank You to those Alumni who visited during the weekend and took time to say hello.



Tau Delts enjoy their drive down College Ave. on their "Wizard of Oz" 2014 Homecoming float.

Our first THON canning weekend took place in October during which we raised over \$22,000 along with our THON partner sorority, Delta Zeta. Please remember to make your annual THON contribution sometime between December 15 and February

28. It must be made BEFORE THON Weekend for Tau Chapter to get the recognition for your designated donation! Be sure to designate Delta Tau Delta when you donate. For the link to our THON site, go to www.pseudelts.org. Under the "Donate" link, click on "Donate to THON."

On December 4, Tau Chapter will be participating in Greek Sing. We are paired with Gamma Phi Beta and Kappa Delta Rho. Martino (new president) and I are the leads for our show which comes from the musical, "Seussical." I am also honored to be the emcee for the entire show. Be assured that we will have a full update following the show. We welcome any local Alumni to attend the show.

As the semester draws to a close, I take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support given to the chapter during the 2014 year. Enjoy the holiday season and make a New Years' resolution to be more involved with our chapter in 2015!

ON THE WEB

Check out more Alumni news updates, events, and profiles online at www.pseudelts.org.



CHAPTER ETERNAL

We recently learned of the passing of
Brother Thomas Judge Jr. '53
Brother James Quinn '57

We mourn their passing and extend our condolences to their families and friends.



The Delta Tau Delta National Fraternity featured this Throwback Thursday photo recently on Twitter — the 1956 Tau Delt pledge class.

EACH OF YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED, BUT WILL YOU REMEMBER TAU CHAPTER?

Are you one of the Brothers interested in remembering Tau of Delta Tau Delta in your estate planning?

If you are interested in assigning a percentage of your life insurance, precious metals, cash, or other financial instruments to our Fraternity, please designate "Tau Company of Delta Tau Delta" as the beneficiary and use the following address information:

Tau Company of Delta Tau Delta
Alan C. Hubbell, Treasurer
526 Auburn Rd.
Landenberg, PA 19350-1536

Please reach Treasurer **Alan Hubbell '86** at 302-379-9276 or alanchubbell@yahoo.com if you would like to begin the process.

Additionally, we have created several new webpages to remember Brothers across all types and levels of giving. You must be logged in to www.pseudelts.org and click on Donate to see giving opportunities and donor recognition pages.

Alumni Profile

MIKE TAYLOR '02 ON THE EVE OF HIS BIG DAY ... "YOUR FIRE CAN BE LIT IN UNEXPECTED PLACES"

Brother Mike is getting married this week in Mexico to a Notre Dame alumnae, and he is celebrating with his closest Tau Delt Brothers who will be in attendance at the wedding. Mike, a Penn State graduate in Marketing and Women's Studies, is a serial entrepreneur living and working in the San Francisco Bay area.

Mike pledged Delta Tau Delta for one reason: "That era of the Tau Chapter was very diverse," he explained, "and it represented a wide range of personalities, backgrounds and interests. This was something I truly sought at the time and felt no other house offered in the same way."

As far as the Women's Studies major is concerned, Mike sees it as one of the best decisions he's ever made. "I needed a diversity fulfillment credit at the last moment," he commented, "and I was at a loss. A Brother in the house told me to take Intro to Women's Studies. He said it was super easy. I LOVED IT. We talked about all kinds of social issues — racism,

sexism, and socio-economic stuff. I ended up a TA and chose it as my second major. It definitely showed me that your fire can be lit in unexpected places and ways; be open to that!"

Mike learned some very important lessons by sharing the Shelter with Brothers including **Dan Diaz '03**, **Ryan Betters '01**, **Drew Chappie '03**, **Joe Reilly '03**, **Matt Smith '02**, **Pat Offi '02**, **Tommy Ho '01** and **Jerrod Kerr '04**. Some of these lessons will come in quite handy as he begins a new life with his fiancée, Kate Belden (a school Principal). "I learned to be a critical thinker and question everything at the Shelter," he said. "I try to always appreciate and be grateful for good moments and good people. They both come

and go, and what we have to be thankful for typically outweighs what we don't; you just have to recognize it."

Following graduation, Mike spent some time in Mexico where he started a language school. From there, his love of new business ventures has taken off. Since returning to the States and helping a friend start a boutique cupcake cafe in Pittsburgh, Mike has also started another bakery, a delivery service, and a new local gourmet popsicle cart company, Bliss Pops.

We send our best wishes to Mike and Kate.

You can do the same by

congratulating them both at multimiket@gmail.com



Brother Mike Taylor '02 with a cart from his gourmet popsicle business, Bliss Pops.

Alumni Q&A

JOHN "SCOOTER" SCALONE '87 REMEMBERS "THE GOOD IN EVERYONE" AT TAU CHAPTER

A Pittsburgh kid who was surprised to find that not all of his Tau Delt Brothers were Steelers fans, **John "Scooter" Scalone '87** is currently the vice president of procurement at Millennium Pharmacy Systems in the Pittsburgh area. The list of his friends from Tau Chapter is impressive ... Brothers who despite differences in background and beliefs all share common ground. Thank You to Brother Scalone for sharing these thoughts with us.

What made you decide on Tau Chapter vs. other fraternities at Penn State? I lived on the same dorm floor with **Rich Murphy** who was pledging DTD, and **Pat Ebel '86**, who would become my pledge mate. They introduced me to the Deltas. Another future pledge classmate, **Andy Rusnack**, lived in the same dorm a few floors down.

Who are Brothers you remember the most or stay in touch with? This is tough because when you have to name names, you always leave someone off. The Brothers I remember

most include all Brothers from the mid-'80s, but to name a few ... **Merle Freeman '85**, **Frank Simpkins '85**, **Frank McNamara '87**, **Tony Nacci '85**, **John Gilroy '85**, **Roland Deal '87**, **Jim O'Malley '86**, **Evan Whittle '87**, **Alan Figas '86**, **Alan Hubbell '86**, **Paul "Chowda" Bush '88**, **Kevin Forest '87**, **Scott Carpenter '87**, **Andy "Ballpark" Franks '87**, **Mike Davis '87**, **Bill Eichner '85**, **Fred Rechiutti**, **Ted Walker '87**, **JJ Hartenstein '88** (R.I.P.), **John Perrotti '88**, **John Cavalline '89**, **Pat Ebel '86**, **Jeff Bruns '88**, **Doug Jack '88**, **Tom Foster '84**, **Vance Kemege '85**, **Rich Murphy**, **Andy Rusnack**, **Tom Powell '88**, **Corry Novosel '88**, **Lance Coss '86**, **Greg Christoff '86**, **Dave Evans '87**, **Dave Grucza '87** ... and on and on. Not a day goes by that I don't think about at least one of these guys. I would welcome any contact from any of the Deltas.

What are the life lessons and/or memories you took with you when you graduated? I took all the good memories, and there were many, of times with the Brothers. All

the parties, all the late night conversations, the laughs, the camaraderie ... Life lessons? Probably that no matter someone's background, upbringing or beliefs, we all have common ground. There truly is good in everyone. That, and to my shock at the time, apparently not everyone roots for the Steelers!

Tell us about your family and any personal interests you have. I have been married for 20 years to my wife, Lisa. We have three amazing children: Julianna (age 16), Alexander (age 14), and Anthony (age 10). My interests revolve mostly around whichever sports are in season in which my children participate. I am also the baseball coach for my sons in our community league. We are HUGE Pittsburgh Pirates fans and enjoy going to PNC Park to watch them play.

Brothers can connect with Brother Scalone at jscalone@zoominternet.net

2014-15 Honor Roll of Donors *(donations from Sept. 1 through Nov. 14, 2014)*

Help us keep the Shelter running and our Alumni returning for events throughout the year. We set a goal of 120 donors for our 2014-15 Annual Fund giving year with 27 donors to date. Thank You to all who have given since September 1 (see names to the right). Please join them on our Honor Roll by logging in to our website, www.psudelts.org, clicking the "Donate" tab, and making your gift today or send your check to Delta Tau Delta Penn State at the return address shown on this newsletter.

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2014 Golf Classic: Inclement Weather Doesn't Stop The Tau Delts!

On Saturday, September 13, the forecast did not bring good news for those attending the Annual DTD Golf Classic. With rain moving in, events were moved inside, and the day was salvaged. Alumni Brothers **Larry Hixson '81, Ron Krasnansky '90 and Todd Lewis** joined with 32 undergraduates to enjoy some good-natured competition with an indoor putting contest.

Chapter Advisor Todd Lewis explains, "It was



The weather forced golfers inside for a putting contest.

a great success! The contest became very competitive. Many prizes were awarded, so almost everyone got something and left with a smile. Larry is to be complimented, planning as he did for the possibility of rain and providing all participants with a great time. I wish all of our Alumni could have been there. I think they would have been very impressed with the undergraduates."

The group met at Duffy's Tavern for the

putting contest followed by an awards dinner. This was followed by a meeting with the undergraduate officers and advisors.



All of the Brothers enjoyed their meal during the awards dinner at Duffy's Tavern.

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