

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19, 2015 **Third Annual Delta Tau Delta** **Golf Classic** **(Home vs. Rutgers)**

Join your Delt Brothers for fun at our annual golf outing. Then meet up with your Brothers for Saturday evening's Beaver Stadium match-up against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights. Watch for information regarding location, time, format, and prizes in our eLetters this summer.

October 10, 2015 **Homecoming Tailgate** **(Home vs. Indiana)**

Stop by the Shelter before Saturday's noon kickoff against the Hoosiers. Brothers, families, and other guests are welcome as we celebrate Penn State's 96th Annual Homecoming.

Those not interested in watching the game at the stadium can catch it at the Shelter. Watch for more details in our summer eLetters.

STATE OF THE CHAPTER

- 8 new Brothers initiated this spring semester
- 47 Brothers (capacity) living in the Shelter this fall
- 120 total undergraduate Brothers — largest in recent years
- Over 40% of Brothers were Kershner Scholars (Dean's List, at least 3.5 GPA)
- Penn State IFC President and Vice President are both Delt Brothers
- Chapter Advisor Todd Lewis was named Advisor of the Year for the DTD's Eastern Division (see pg. 3)



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Letter From the President

SHELTER REACHES MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY & RECORD UNDERGRAD NUMBERS AS WE EMBARK ON CRITICAL UPGRADES!

By John "Thorse"Thorsen '86, President, Tau Company Delta Tau Delta

Wow! I am excited about what is happening with the Actives who are taking care of the Shelter and carrying on the Delt tradition! As you can see in the State of the Chapter section below, there are quite a few impressive Brothers who have fully embraced their executive roles and are making great progress with recruitment of future Deltas, budget management, and caring for the Shelter.

On Saturday April 18, 2015, the Board held their annual spring meeting the morning of the Blue-White game. The meeting was well attended. *I am proud to announce the appointment of two new "old" members to the Board. Heeding the call and offering to assist, Brother Jim King '79 and Brother Bill Fustos '79 have graciously agreed to rejoin the Board.* Jim is a past Tau Company and Alumni Board President, and Bill is a past Alumni Board member. Please join me in thanking them for stepping up!

During the Board meeting, *one of the most exciting items reported by the Actives is that for Fall 2015, there will be 47 Brothers living in the house, an all-time high!* There is actually a demand for more to move in, but the Shelter cannot legally or comfortably support more than 47 Brothers. It is also anticipated that there will be 40 Brothers living in the Shelter for Spring 2016. The Brothers also won Greek Sing this year, led by President Martino Parente, and apparently are quite the success with intramural football. All good stuff indeed. *The quality of the Actives' executive team was impressive, and their attitude and resolve to be the best is also commendable.*

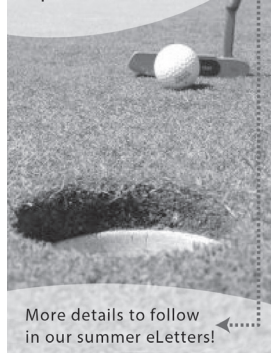
There was also discussion about a recent targeted donation for more Shelter improvements. If you will recall, Mr. David Musto, a Delt from RPI's Upsilon chapter and whose son is a Brother of Tau Chapter, had donated funds earmarked for the purchase and installation of our new dishwasher last fall. We

had some funds left over and will use those remaining funds to purchase and install a new kitchen exhaust hood system. This kitchen hood is something we have needed to replace for over four years, and *we thank Mr. Musto for his very generous support!* In keeping with his request that we use the donation for internal Shelter improvements, we also plan to purchase some new furniture for the Shelter, which is badly needed.

Also discussed at the meeting was the *condition of the exterior masonry façade of the Shelter.* Recalling my last *Tau Tales* President's Report, we are moving forward with the necessary paperwork to obtain a loan from National to help us pay for the badly needed masonry structural repairs. We will be borrowing a minimum of \$100,000. We had commissioned a detailed masonry survey last fall and are now in the position to complete the loan documentation. We are obtaining additional competitive prices for the work using a scope of work developed and based on the referenced survey. *It's our hope that the work will be completed this summer.*

With the addition of two new Board members, *I am sad to report the departure of Brother Phil Lucas '82 from the Board.* We thank Phil for his many years of service! With Phil's departure comes a Board vacancy. *If you are interested in giving back to Tau Chapter, please contact me at 717-522-1432 or jthorsen@aol.com.*

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Delta Tau Delta
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September 19, 2015



More details to follow
in our summer eLetters!

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John Speicher '17
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SPRING 2015 PLEDGE CLASS

Alex Goven '18
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Lafayette Hill, PA

Matt Haenn '18
West Chester, PA

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James Rathgeber '18
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Tim Wisniewski '18
Sterling Heights, MI

Santino Zangaro '18
Pittsburgh, PA

Chapter Update

TAU CHAPTER DELIVERS RECORD-BREAKING PERFORMANCES IN RECRUITMENT, THON FUNDRAISING, AND CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

By Martino Parente '17, Undergraduate President

The Tau Deltas have wrapped up a great semester and a great academic year! Here are a few highlights:

Recruitment

The spring started well with the recruitment of eight new pledges that were initiated this April. You will find a list of these Brothers in the lower left-hand column of this page. This brings the total number of undergraduate Brothers to a record 120 with 47 living in the Shelter this coming fall. Please see details on page 4 on how you can submit information to us over the summer for potential fall rush candidates.

Philanthropy

Our new executive team made their way to Morristown, New Jersey for the Delt Eastern Division Conference where they brought home awards for the most money donated to the national philanthropy, JDRE. The annual IFC-Panhellenic Dance Marathon was held at the end of February. With our THON partner, Delta Zeta, Tau raised \$120,608 — our largest total ever! Thank you to everyone who contributed to our total donation. We greatly appreciate all of your support.



Tau Chapter raises a record \$120,608 FOR THE KIDS! Tau dancers pictured (l-r) in the front row are Sal Liberto, Justin Hark, and Mike Burke along with Delta Zeta sisters and THON child, Dylan Moser.

Campus Presence

Our chapter continues to make its mark on campus. This spring, former Treasurer Rick Groves started his term as President of the Penn State Interfraternity Council (IFC). Also serving on the IFC Executive Board is former Tau Vice President Bill Postufka who was elected to the position of Vice President of Risk Relations. Go to <http://pennstateifc.wix.com/pennstateifc#!executives/c1n55> to read

more about our Tau representation on the IFC.

As Tau President, I was selected to serve as the Administrative Vice President for 2014 Greek Sing and 2015 Greek Week. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39eDWuZx-Qs> to see a video of our Greek Sing performance. It's great to see Tau Deltas making a difference on campus!



Delta Tau Delta, Gamma Phi Beta, and Kappa Delta Rho performed "Seussical!" for Greek Sing 2014. The performance won first place for best short performance.

Blue-White Weekend

Our Blue-White Alumni tailgate was a very nice event. Thank you to the Tau Corporation and other Alumni for participating in the weekend's events at the Shelter. We look forward to seeing you this fall.



Undergraduates and Alumni Brothers celebrated Blue-White Weekend with a barbeque on the Shelter lawn.

Leadership Development

The week before finals, the Brothers brought in an active Navy SEAL to give us a presentation about some of the values taught in BUDS training and how to apply them to our own lives.

As another academic year comes to a close, I'd like to thank you all for your continued support of Tau Chapter. We want to wish all of our graduating seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors. Watch for updates on each one of them in the summer months. Lastly, I wish you all a great summer. We all look forward to getting back Tau Chapter activities this fall. Roll Tau!

Alumni Spotlight: Todd Lewis '61 (Beta Eta, Minnesota)

HE MAY NOT BE A TAU DELT, BUT HE IS AN AWARD-WINNING ALUM GIVING HIS TIME TO DEVELOP OUR NEXT GENERATIONS OF BROTHERS



“If you’re lucky enough to do well, it’s your responsibility to send the elevator back down.” This quote from award-winning actor Kevin Spacey is a reminder of the obligation we all have to turn our own personal successes into opportunities to share our experience and wisdom with those still finding their way. One of our fellow Delt Brothers who has been sending the elevator back down year after year is Tau Chapter Advisor **Todd Lewis**, a 1961 University

of Minnesota graduate and former Chapter President of Beta Eta Chapter. Todd was named Advisor of the Year for the Delta Tau Delta Eastern Division during the annual division conference held in Morristown, NJ, in February.

From 1961 until his retirement in 2001, Todd maintained a successful career in sales and marketing management, including 36 years with Armstrong World Industries. Todd and his wife, Martha, had found a permanent home in Lancaster, PA, where they had raised their son and daughter and were now enjoying their grandchildren. It was time to start giving back to his community and to one institution that had been helpful in Todd’s success — Delta Tau Delta.

In 2010, Todd responded to an email from the National office asking for chapter advisors in and around the Lancaster, PA, area. He was immediately assigned to Penn State — a two-hour drive one way. He decided to give it one year. Now five years later, he remains very involved with the Tau Chapter as their advisor.

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“My family will ask me occasionally why I keep doing this,” he said. “I get to see the new incoming freshmen when they are pledged. I talk to them when they first come in. After they complete one year as an officer or committee chair, I can see that they have matured into men right before our eyes. It is very rewarding to see this happen. Our undergraduate officers are like small business managers of a very diverse company with 100-plus employees. At Tau Chapter, these young men are responsible for \$500,000 in cash flow each year. This is a real business they are running where they may have to confront some of their best friends about conduct and discipline. This turns an 18-year-old boy into a man in a hurry.”

Todd feels privileged to have witnessed first-hand the growth of Tau Chapter into one of the largest at Penn State with an impressive presence on campus. “Our GPA of 3.19 puts us in a top tier among fraternities and considerably above the all-male average. We have the highest GPA of all 14 PSU fraternities with 100 or more men. I think that is an accomplishment. They have been able to balance academics with their participation in IM sports, THON, other philanthropies, and their leadership roles on the IFC and in other organizations.”

The real success, as Todd explains, is the ability of younger officers to meet the increased demands and expectations that are part of the Greek culture and experience today. “I was a chapter president as a senior at age 21. My only real responsibility was keeping the guys in line. The pressure of today’s chapter leadership, usually sophomores at age 19/20, is excruciating compared to what I had to do. For example, today’s president is responsible for a 100-page annual report to National and the university; a \$500,000 budget; the negotiation of legal contracts with vendors; relationships with the local municipality, law enforcement, parents, and Alumni; and the care of a multimillion-dollar property — all while being a student and trying to have a little fun. All of this requires help from those with life and business experience — a mentor, coach, counselor, and cheerleader. I am happy to play that role and to do everything I can to build them up as individuals and as Brothers. It is my turn to give something back and help them be productive members of society.”

We extend our congratulations and gratitude to Brother Lewis for his commitment to Tau Chapter. Please take a moment to send a note to him at dtd161@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering at some level. Go online to www.psudelts.org to leave your comments about how Greek life has changed since you were an undergraduate.

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.psudelts.org and click on Donate to see giving opportunities and donor recognition pages.

Treasurer's Report

TAU CORPORATION BOARD TO SECURE FINANCING FOR CRITICAL SHELTER REPAIRS

By Alan Hubbell '86, Alumni Board Treasurer

Financially speaking, Tau Corporation has completed another academic year. We have been able to successfully operate, maintain, and repair the Shelter, but with only relatively modest improvements planned for this summer in preparation for our record number of Brothers in the fall.

One planned improvement is a long-overdue restoration of the 35-year-old wooden floors on the first floor — a fairly expensive undertaking. The floors will be professionally

cleaned, treated, and sealed to help restore their appearance to the fullest extent possible. These wooden floors are at the heart of many memories and remain a source of pride for so many Delt Alumni.

However, we face some significant financial challenges, too, in undertaking the necessary Shelter repairs, as described by Tau Corporation President John Thorsen '86 in his report on Page 1 and recent appeal letter. We don't have all the funds on hand for this

repair, so the Tau Corporation Board is taking action to secure a loan from Delt National to help cover the cost of repairs.

We are hopeful that this information provides you assurance that your donations to Tau will be put to good use for the benefit of the Shelter. Please give generously. Tau Corporation needs your support now more than ever. Please use the enclosed form and return envelope to submit your gift today.

Alumni NEWS

Kenneth R. Miller '51

(9682 SE Highborne Way, Hobe Sound, FL 33455-6828; krma@comcast.net) Still working at 89 years! I've just updated my web page if anyone is interested in what I've been doing since leaving Tau Chapter. You can find me at kennethmillerarchitect.net.

Theodore J. Walker '87

(2426 Lobach Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-5376; teddy@reflectionsinsilver.com) When I was RecSec back in the day, I took some liberties with some cartoons in the official book and had some fun with it. Since then, I've turned that artistic angle into a career as a jewelry craftsman. I've been fabricating for over 25 years now and will be at the Boalsburg Peoples Choice show, July 9-12.



John F. Ungar '64

(216 Frederick St., San Francisco, CA 94117-4001; jungar@mindspring.com) My sister and I have produced a book that was picked up and published by New York City publisher. It's a humorous, illustrated look at the "jobs" that cats do in the workaday world. I did the 100 illustrations for the book. It is selling well and is available on Amazon and many bookstores.

Stewart H. Stabley '65

(468 Larkspur Drive, Kennett Square, PA 19348-1790; shstabley@gmail.com) I retired as the Chief Development Officer from the American Chemical Society on October 31, 2014, after a 48-year career in public relations and fundraising. I am planning to attend our 50th reunion in State College in early June. Hope to see other Tau Delt who graduated in 1965 at the reunion.

Robert F. Guentter, Jr. '82

(1750 Innisbrook Ln, Zanesville, OH 43701; rfgassoc@gmail.com) I have a new job as Managing Director for Per Scholas in Columbus, Ohio.

Joseph David Wilusz '04

(443 Retford Dr., Severna Park, MD 21146-1736 USA; deusjdw@hotmail.com) Lauren and I had our second child, Katie, on March 18.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

As we approach fall recruitment, our Rush Chair is gathering names of potential Tau Chapter candidates. If you know of any young men at Penn State who would make good Tau Delt Brothers, please let us know.



Specifically, we would like full name of each candidate along with his hometown, high school attended, and cell phone number. If you are aware of high school activities in which they took, please include that also.

You can email each candidate's information to Rush Chair Josh Bojewski at jcb4613@gmail.com.

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

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