



# BETA PHI CRIER

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ■ FALL 2016

## More than \$1.6 Million Pledged by Dedicated Alumni Campaign for Beta Phi Gains Momentum at Year-End

**W**e hope this finds you well and preparing for a wonderful and relaxing holiday season. There are many things to be thankful for this year. Among others, we are very thankful for the alumni, undergraduates, and friends who are supporting the *Beta Phi: Doorway of Opportunity* campaign. With over \$1.6 million in signed pledges for the rebuilding of our Shelter, 2016 has been a good year for Beta Phi Chapter.

But with only two months left until the new year, we hope you can make 2016 even better. In the last newsletter, you received an update on the undergraduate successes and the status of our campaign. Since announcing our campaign last fall, we raised nearly \$350,000 toward our \$2 million goal; however, we only have 9.9% alumni participation. If we want to have a state-of-the-art Shelter that stands the test of time at The Ohio State University, then we *must* see an increase of dollars and participation (the average participation in Greek campaigns is 25%) from our 1,119 active alumni.

We could not be more thankful that we found our way to Delta Tau Delta, and we're sure you and nearly every other Beta Phi alumnus feel the same way. The fraternity has likely meant different things to each of us, but we can all be thankful that we have this common bond between us. If we

desire for future young men to have the same meaningful experiences, we must pay it forward.

As you examine where you would like to designate your year-end charitable dollars, we ask that you prioritize Beta Phi Chapter. We are asking every brother to make a pledge or contribution, no matter the size. You can spread your gift of \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500, or \$5,000 over five years, making it a manageable annual or monthly payment. Please use the enclosed form to make your one-time gift or pledge *today*. You may also make a gift online at <http://betaphi.kintera.org/donate>.

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

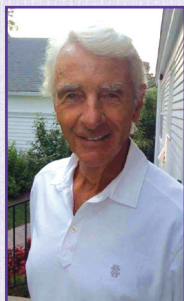
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## Family Legacy Inspires Bill Scarff '50 and Peter "Nelson" Scarff '11 to Lend Helping Hands

**T**he Beta Phi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta had a quality and stature of men that inspired **Bill Scarff '50** to join the brotherhood, while the friendliness, maturity, goals, positive energy, and having similar interests as his brothers gave him a reason to stay a part of the brotherhood. His grandson, **Peter "Nelson" Scarff '11**, gained interest in joining Beta Phi through his family's legacy, but stayed with the chapter for the same reasons as his grandfather.

The family legacy doesn't stop with Beta Phi—the Scarff family has also been working in the landscaping and horticultural business together since their family business, Scarff's Nursery and Landscape, began in 1889. Nelson recalls that he got his start in the family business by watering



at the family garden center as a child. Bill received his degree in agronomy, and Nelson received his degree in landscape horticulture, which they have been able to use to help support the Beta Phi renovation project.

Bill was motivated to support the *Beta Phi: Doorway of Opportunity* campaign because of his late son, **William Scarff Jr. '80**, and grandson, Nelson, who both followed in his footsteps and carried on the family's legacy at the Beta Phi Chapter. For Nelson, he had always wanted to change the landscape at the Shelter as an undergraduate, so he jumped at the opportunity when

it arose. Another driving force for the Scarff family's support of Beta Phi's capital campaign was to keep the memory of William Jr. alive. William Jr. maintained a strong bond with his Beta Phi brothers after graduation, many of whom attended his memorial service in Ohio last year.



*Nelson Scarff '11 and his wife, Megan.*

Taking great pride in the Beta Phi tradition, Bill hopes that he can help keep that tradition alive through his support of the capital campaign; he highlights that he also hopes more alumni will support the campaign to perpetuate the greatness fraternities have to offer for young men. Nelson is grateful for his undergraduate opportunities and experiences and

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# THANK YOU, GENEROUS BETA PHI BROTHERS

**W**e sincerely thank the 111 brothers who have donated \$1,690,631 to the *Beta Phi: Doorway of Opportunity* campaign. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of the Beta Phi Chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our campaign goal and complete this major project.

All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500 or more to the campaign, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the Shelter. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661. Thank you!

## Grand Guardians (\$250,000 and above)

Doug Baughman '82

## Beta Phi Legends (\$100,000 to \$249,999)

Frank C. Woodside III '66  
William A. McCloy '82  
The Beta Phi Undergraduate Chapter

## Senior Guardians (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Thomas E. Workman '66  
Eugene C. Thompson '70  
In memory of  
William J. Mackenbach '57

## 67 East 15th Shelter Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Millard B. "Buck" Byrne '66  
James J. Ducey '66  
Thomas R. Christman '68  
In memory of  
Lowell A. Christman  
Dale Finkbine, D.D.S. '68  
Jay Basil '69  
Rick Jeremiah '69  
Jim Tankersley '69  
Larry Wynocker '69  
Keith H. Brooks '70  
In memory of  
Peter Peirce '71

Thomas F. Calhoun II '70  
James G. Clymer '70

In memory of  
Bob and Kay Clymer  
Vincent M. Doria '70  
Michael H. Sause '70  
W. Bruce Achenbach '71  
Gary E. Hutchinson '71  
Raymond Magorien '71  
Robert A. Slack '71  
Ron Vasko '73  
Andrea and Ken Kujanek '82  
William Rudolph '82

Scott J. Savage '83

In memory of

Jeff Kasper '88

Geoffrey Blossom '84

Dave Kent '85

Fritz J. Rudolph '85

R. Brian Stump '86

Christopher C. Beem '87

John T. Shave '89

In memory of

Alexander Dolhun '89

Christopher J. Mehling '90

## T.C.F.P. Society (\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Terrance L. Roberts '72  
Mark E. Snyder '86  
Joel R. John '90

## Purple, White, and Gold Society (\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Robert D. Boos '64  
Richard P. Cunningham '71  
Bruce F. Rumpf '72  
Britt R. Wadsworth '80  
Jeffrey Hunt '83  
Michael A. Campanelli '88  
In honor of  
Alex Dolhun '89  
Eric A. Samuels '06

## 1894 Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

James L. Ervin '67  
Wendell L. Heximer '71  
Rikard S. Johnson '71  
Charles Kohler '72  
James E. Daley '73  
Gary G. Werkman '75  
Paul Falkenbach '80  
Mohammad A. Marandi '82  
Dean J. Kiourtsis '84  
Whitney T. Logan '84  
Douglas J. Banbury '88  
Kyle T. Huff '07

Jeffrey T. Nein '09

Peter N. Scarff '11

## Legacy Society (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

John M. Askester '61  
Larry B. Fullen '61  
Raymond I. Anderson '62  
Carl Wick '63

Daniel J. Henning '65

Gary K. Witschy '65

Steven C. Mirick '66

William A. Evanko '67

Richard W. Gilmer '69

Steve Howell '69

In honor of

James Ervin '67

William B. Salt II, M.D. '69

Robert L. Moses '70

Roy M. Baker '71

In memory of

Thomas Ross '72

James R. Stahl, D.D.S. '71

Robert E. Fitzgerald '72

George Kun '72

Arthur Marziale, *Alpha* '79

David S. Dickerson '83

William F. Sullivan '84

Lane Newcome '07

Zachary M. Rossfeld '09

## The Good Delt Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Rupert "Twink" Starr, *Beta* '46  
Glenn Stitsinger '61

In honor of

David L. Stitsinger '66

E. William Lewis '62

Larry W. Brown '64

Edward R. Taylor '64

Robert L. Cowan '66

David N. Dixon '66

Dr. Mark E. Phillips '66

William J. Manby '67

Thomas R. Carper '68

Denny Meadors '69

## Campaign Status At-a-Glance

*As of November 29, 2016*

**Campaign Goal**  
\$2 Million

**Total Commitments**  
\$1,690,631

**Total Contributors**  
111

**Mailable Alumni**  
1,119

Link R. Murphy, M.D. '77  
Scott M. Schafer '77  
Ralph A. Kramer '85  
Matt Vekasy '93

## Others (Up to \$999)

Howard H. Harcha Jr. '48  
Thomas R. Franklin '53  
Richard L. Johnson '53  
Paul M. Shepard Jr. '54  
George R. Miller '59  
E. Willson Baker, D.D.S. '60  
Robert Markey '64  
Lawrence E. Chapanar '65  
Thomas K. Diemer '65  
In memory of  
William E. Diemer '37  
J. Gary Gensheimer '69  
Robert J. Ariss II '76  
David D. Feusner '77  
Howard H. Harcha '79  
Eric H. Schmidt '80  
Jeffrey R. Gomez '94



## Mark Snyder '86 Highlights Importance of Alumni Support of Capital Campaign

After attending a recruitment party with **Paul Rosendale '87** and **Tom Woods '87** at Beta Phi during his freshman year, **Mark Snyder '86** quickly realized how much he had in common with the men of Delta Tau Delta at The Ohio State. "I formed strong friendships with my fellow brothers and stay in touch with many of them through social media, traveling, and alumni functions," he said.



Some of his favorite memories from his undergraduate years include Pledge Week, initiation ceremonies, social gatherings with the sorority houses, and Greek Week, when he fondly recalls flying in their chapter president's family's single engine plane to take photos of the Shelter from the air.

As an alumnus, Mark was introduced to the project by Campaign Chairman **Buck**

**Byrne '66** and fellow Delt **John Shave '89**. Mark had the pleasure of joining Buck for lunch to hear about the plans for the Shelter project, during which Buck explained the importance of having alumni support for this project and, in turn, allowing the continued success of the Beta Phi chapter. "It is with Buck's tremendous effort and outreach that the Shelter addition and upgrades have become a reality," he stated. "It's important that alumni realize that through their generous donations, the Beta Phi Chapter will continue as a dominant force in the Greek community and endure to continue producing future leaders in our society."

Involvement in the campaign takes as much or as little as alumni are willing to give, Mark highlighted. Support can be given through monetary donations, products, services, or time. "As alumni, we need to help build for the future," he said.

Mark is the vice president of Snyder Concrete Products Inc., where he oversees seven retail and manufacturing plants located in Dayton, Cincinnati, and Columbus, Ohio; the company supplies masonry materials to the construction industry. In his spare time, he enjoys being with family and friends, saltwater fishing, and spending time in Marco Island, Florida. He has three children: Emily (24), who is an OSU graduate; Mitchell (21), who is a senior at Otterbein University; and Audrey (17), who is a senior in high school. If you would like to reconnect with Mark, he can be reached at [snyderbrick@hotmail.com](mailto:snyderbrick@hotmail.com).



## ΔΤΔ Pride Motivates Joel John '90 to Give Back to Beta Phi

When **Joel John '90** came to The Ohio State University as a freshman, he decided to join Delta Tau Delta because he wanted to belong to a group to help shrink the size of the university. He was also drawn to Beta Phi because of its reputation as an athletic fraternity, and he stayed because of the friendships he formed with his brothers. Now, as an alumnus, Joel was drawn to help with the capital campaign because of his interest in landscaping and his desire to give back to Beta Phi.

Stemming from an interest in drawing, plants, and the great outdoors that began in high school, Joel earned his degree in landscape architecture and owns M. J. Design Associates, where he manages the day-to-day operations of the design build company. Prior to supporting the *Beta Phi: Doorway of Opportunity* campaign through his landscape architecture work, Joel had done landscape projects for Tri Delta sorority at Ohio State for several years. Ultimately, his pride in the Delta Tau Delta fraternal organization is what motivated him to lend a landscaping hand.

"Like any organization, it's only as good as its members, and you get out of it only what you put into it," he said. Joel believes that as an alumnus, it's his turn to give back and hopes that more alumni will jump on board to support the renovation project and the future of Beta Phi.

Joel and his wife, Molly, live in Dublin, Ohio, with their two children, Alison (16) and Andrew (13). In his spare time, he enjoys gardening and anything to do with his family and sports. If you'd like to reach out to Joel, he can be reached at [jjohn@mjdassociates.com](mailto:jjohn@mjdassociates.com).

## Bill Scarff '50 and Peter "Nelson" Scarff '11

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wants to do his part to give the current undergraduates the same chance at the opportunities and experiences he received. "I wanted to help in the small way that I could to move the house forward," Nelson said. "It has provided me with a lifetime of memories, and it's nice to be able to pay a small part of it back."

During his spare time, Bill enjoys being involved in the New Carlisle, Ohio, community and keeping abreast of changes in the nursey industry; he also likes woodworking and sports. Nelson enjoys gardening, watching movies, and exploring Philadelphia in his free time. He and his wife, Megan, are expecting their first child. If you would like to contact Bill or Nelson, they can be reached at [delta941@sbcglobal.net](mailto:delta941@sbcglobal.net) and [nscarff28@gmail.com](mailto:nscarff28@gmail.com).



# FOUNDERS' DAY 2016 AND 10-YEAR CHARTERING CELEBRATION A SUCCESS



Beta Phi had a great turnout for the 10-year chartering anniversary and Founders' Day celebration on May 13.

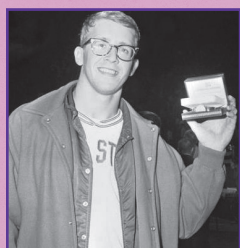
The 10-year chartering anniversary and Founders' Day planning for the 2016 celebration began about a year in advance. **Jeff Pelletier '94** and **Jordan Buntain '10** wanted to host an event that would rally Delts of all ages to celebrate our accomplishments since both the founding of Delta Tau Delta in 1858 and since Beta Phi rejoined campus in 2006. A committee was formed that included alumnus **Scotty Wells '12** and **Troy Richter '16**; Troy was the alumni relations chairman at the time of the event.

On the evening of Friday, May 13, more than 100 Delts, family, and friends from several states convened at Strongwater Food & Spirits in Columbus to celebrate and rekindle old friendships. A program was presented that included opening remarks by Jeff Pelletier, reflections from Beta Phi founding father **Kyle Huff '07**, an update on the state of the chapter by Beta Phi Chapter President **Turner Adornetto '18**, scholarships awarded by **Tom Calhoun '70**, and a campaign update by **Buck Byrne '66**. The program concluded with an award presented by **Zach Rossfeld '09** to Chapter Advisor Jeff Pelletier for his dedication and indispensable service to Beta Phi.

## ALUMNI UPDATE

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

**Dr. Stephen "Steve" R. Arlin '67** entered Chapter Eternal on August 17. He was long considered OSU's greatest pitcher and led the Buckeyes to their lone national title in 1966—the



Steve on June 19, 1966, displays a new watch and a big smile in Omaha, Nebraska, after being chosen as the most outstanding player of the 1966 College World Series. Photo credit: The San Diego Union Tribune via The Associated Press.

last won by a Big Ten baseball team. Steve was Ohio State's first two-time All-American in baseball. Ohio State retired Arlin's No. 22 jersey in 2004, and in 2008, he was elected into the College Baseball Hall of Fame. He was also an American pitcher in Major League Baseball who played for the San Diego Padres and Cleveland Indians for six seasons. He was a resident of San Diego, Calif.

**James R. Apsinwall '69** entered Chapter Eternal on July 12. After graduation from The Ohio State University, he went to New York University's Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences and The University of Cincinnati, Ohio. He served the country in Vietnam as a first lieutenant in the Army in the long range reconnaissance patrol during 1968 and 1969. James is survived by his wife, Alette; his daughter, Anieke; his son, James R. Apsinwall III; his sister, Deborah Petrigala (James); his niece, Lauren; and his nephew, Scott.

### ALUMNI NEWS

**Robert Y. Duffy '60** has had season tickets for Ohio State football games for several years with his brother and roommate for two years at the chapter house, **Jon G. Hazelton '60**. He lives in Dayton, Ohio, with his partner, Diana Yohner. E-mail: ryduffy@yahoo.com

**Robert Cowan '66** is enjoying retirement by flying the airplane he built. He retired in 2000, but still does consulting. Robert lives in Livermore, Calif. E-mail: robert.cowan@comcast.net



### Do You Know Who Painted the "O"?

A painting of a block "O" was found in the third floor bath/shower room during the renovation. If you know who the artist is and what year it was painted, please let **Millard "Buck" Byrne '66** know via e-mail at buck@buckbyrne.com. Buck plans to hire an artist to reproduce the painting to be the same size and in the study room, which will replace the bath/shower room during the renovation.



## Beta Phi Brothers Develop as Leaders, Bring Honor to Chapter

The men of the Beta Phi Chapter are committed to the pursuit of excellence in every sense of the word. Hopefully my report will do justice in communicating the true beauty of our fraternity.

### Actives Focused on Academics

Our members prioritize academic achievement above all else. At the end of the 2015-16 academic year, Beta Phi earned a 3.43 semester GPA and a 3.39 cumulative GPA, which positioned our organization as the third-highest achieving fraternity and ninth-highest achieving Greek organization at Ohio State. Sixty-four members earned Dean's List recognition and nine members earned a 4.0 GPA in majors ranging from sustainability studies to electrical engineering.

### Philanthropic Endeavors

Philanthropy is one of our passions, and Philanthropy Chairman **Peter Bruns '18** is pushing the limits of what we can accomplish. We raised \$2,000 for JDRF last year with high expectations building for this year's events. Peter's innovative vision has introduced a "broomball" tournament to our upcoming Delt Deep Fry with the hope that an emphasis on community engagement will correlate to an increase in dollars raised.

### Building a Better Brotherhood

Beta Phi lives and breathes recruitment. After the initiation of a 31-member Beta Zeta pledge class last semester, Recruitment Chairman **Varun Jambunath '18** worked tirelessly to bring in a group of nine excellent men at the start of the school year. These new members are a diverse group of athletes, musicians, and leaders that, under the guidance of New Member Educator **Tommy Hooker '18**, will undoubtedly become active contributors toward the future goals of Delta Tau Delta.



Brothers goof off together outside the Shelter this fall.



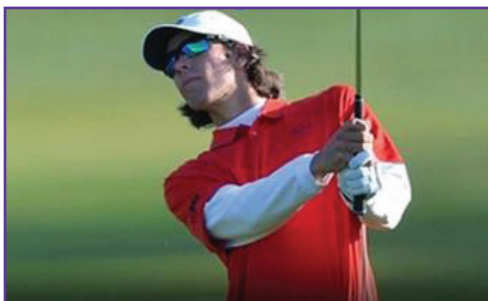
Gerard Basalla '17, Danny Rogers '19, Andrew Huber '17, and Chapter Advisor Jeff Pelletier '94 at 2016 Karnea in Orlando, Fla.

### Leaders in the Making

Our duty as members of the Greek community is to break down the subconscious barriers that divide society. Through event pairings, development seminars, and community outreach, we are doing just that. We have already collaborated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon on a member introduction cookout and with Kappa Sigma on a joint football tailgate. Last semester, we brought in **Marcus Luttrell, Epsilon Zeta '98**, author of *Lone Survivor*, former Navy Seal, and Delt alumnus, to talk to Ohio State students about honor and courage. Brother **Kalman Roemer '17** has played a pivotal role in establishing an "Adopt-a-School" relationship with Graham Primary School, where Deltas help elementary school students develop reading, writing, and math skills. Brothers **Gerard Basalla '17**, **Danny Rodgers '19**, and **Andrew Huber '17** attended Karnea, and **Cornell Blake '19** will represent the Beta Phi Chapter at Ohio State's upcoming Buckeye Greek Leadership Institute and Greek Diversity Retreat.

### Campus Connections

Believe it or not, our members are just as involved outside of Delt as they are inside the chapter. **Gerard Bassalla '17** serves as the



Timothy Kelly '16 plays in the NCAA Kohler Regional golf tournament.

president of Ohio State's Student Government; **Ricky Mulvey '18** is vice president of Ohio State's comedy club; **Timothy Kelly '16** recently finished his senior season on Ohio State's varsity golf team; VP External **Braden Heyd '17** is comedy chairman of the Ohio Union Activities Board, which is one of the most well-known and respected student organizations in the country; **Michael Berthold '18** and **Forrest Weihe '18** collaborated on a song that currently has 240,000 listens on Spotify; and new member **Austin Brizee '18** is a trumpeter in The Best Damn Band in the Land.



Grant Southwood '17 shows off the OSU flag on a study abroad trip to Antarctica.

### Parent, Alumni Support Essential to Chapter Success

Yet, without our parents and the alumni that came before us, none of this would be possible. To our parents: your hard work, encouragement, and unwavering love is the foundation upon which we have begun to build our manhood. We truly enjoyed seeing all of our parents in October for our Parent's Weekend! And to our alumni, those to whom we owe our strong brotherhood and the amazing housing renovation that is in progress: thank you for preserving an organization that has instilled in us the values of the truth, courage, faith, and power.

Beta Phi is a great place only because of the equally great people that are dedicated to its success. Please feel to reach out and stop by the house for a visit whenever you are in the area.



Fraternally,  
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Brothers participate in  
Mental Health Matters Week.



Ross George '18 grills at a  
recruitment event this fall.



The Beta Delta pledge class.

## WELCOME, NEW BROTHERS

**David Aslaner '19**  
Marysville, Ohio

**Jack Lever '19**  
Edwardsville, Ill.

**Austin Brizee '18**  
Lyndhurst, Ohio

**Sam McKinley '19**  
Avon Lake, Ohio

**Kevin Earles '19**  
Springboro, Ohio

**Kaleb Miller '18**  
Toledo, Ohio

**Max Harendza '19**  
Springboro, Ohio

**Zach Teaford '19**  
Powell, Ohio

**Kevin Keenan '19**  
Westwood, N.J.

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Director of Continued Member  
Development  
**Ricky Mulvey '18**

Senior Events Chairman  
**Nathan Meisberger '17**

New Member Educator  
**Tommy Hooker '18**



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