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Michigan Alpha Celebrates 150th Anniversary
More Than 160 Attendees at Sesquicentennial Events



During the 2014 Homecoming weekend that started on October 31, the Michigan Alpha Alumni Association and active chapter jointly celebrated the 150th

anniversary of the founding of the Phi Delta Theta (PDT) Michigan Alpha Chapter at the University of Michigan (U of M). Although Michigan Alpha was actually established on



November 28, 1864, the Alumni Association felt that celebrating the Sesquicentennial a little early in conjunction with the 2014 Homecoming afforded the best opportunity to maximize alumni participation.

The main event of the weekend was the 150th Anniversary Dinner which was held in a ballroom at the Michigan Union on Friday night. The next day, the 2014 Homecoming Open House was held at Michigan Alpha's historic, 111-year-old residence at 1437 Washtenaw, which is not far from the center of campus.



J.T. (Tom) Buck '77

The 150th Anniversary Dinner was attended by more than 160 alums, guests of alums and active members. The event began with a cocktail reception prior to the sit-down dinner. Leaders of the active chapter, alumni association and PDT General Headquarters (GHQ) spoke during the dinner program that highlighted the rich history and impressive accomplishments of the fraternity on the U of M campus as well as across the nation.

Active chapter President **Arshnoor Singh '16** and Alumni Secretary **Drew Nikolai '15** made remarks to welcome guests and provided an overview of the state of Michigan Alpha. Nikolai's presentation detailed points of pride such as the chapter's growth to more than 95 members, back-to-back top finishes in the U of M intramural sports Fraternity League, an all-member grade point average (GPA) of 3.38 (above the all-Greek and all-campus GPAs) and the 6th Annual Box Car Derby that raises money and awareness to fight Lou Gehrig's disease.

He also announced the first winner of the Craig-Waldinger Service Award, **Adam Evanski '14**. This new annual award recognizing the active member who best demonstrates service above self to the fraternity, university, community and/or nation was established to honor U.S. Navy aviators **Phil Craig '63** and **Scott "Harv" Waldinger '86** who were killed during active duty about 25 years apart. It was particularly special to inaugurate this award at the dinner given that alums from their eras were in attendance.

The Alumni Association President **J.T. (Tom) Buck '77** commended the active chapter members for excelling in a range of activities including scholarship, athletics, philanthropy and responsible social events. Buck said, "We all should be proud of our fine past, but even prouder that Michigan Alpha's renewed commitment to Phi Delta's

Cardinal Principles will ensure that the fraternity's best days are yet to come."

The program included a Legion Ceremony for alums deserving of Silver Legion, Golden Legion, Palladian 60 Years Legion or Palladian 65 Years Legion recognition. Active chapter member **Craig Kaplan '15** served as the master of the ceremony that awarded 25 Silver Legion, 10 Golden Legion, four Palladian 60 Years Legion and one Palladian 65 Years Legion pins. Several of the Golden Legion awardees were active members of Michigan Alpha during its Centennial Celebration in 1964.

The Phi with the longest tenure in the fraternity in attendance was Dr. **Loyal Jodar '48**. Dr. Jodar was introduced as the Low Bond Number (# 710) by 127 men and thanked for his many years of support for the alumni association. Dr. Jodar made impromptu comments about his gratitude for the recognition while he expressed his sense of great privilege to be able to maintain a life-long relationship with PDT.



PDT Assoc. Exec. VP Sean Wagner speaking and PDT GHQ member Moe Stephens seated

The speaking program also featured speeches by PDT GHQ Associate Executive Vice President Sean Wagner (Widener '02) and PDT GHQ General Council Member-At-Large Moe Stephens (Southern Indiana '99)

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The Sword & Shield

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2014 in Review

A Long List of Achievements to Celebrate

By J.T. (Tom) Buck '77, Alumni Association President



As we conclude the fall term and turn to winter there is a big change in the chapter. It happens every year. You will recall the election of officers

from your days in the house. New chapter leaders are elected.

I would like to recognize the great leadership that our last few past presidents and active chapter executive councils have displayed. They have set a great example for the new board members, who I congratulate on their election.

Michigan Alpha's active chapter leaders are building on ten years of history since our re-founding in 2004, and 150 years of history since the original founding of our chapter on the Michigan Campus on November 28, 1864. Each of these years is significant, just as 2014 was and 2015 will be. Our 2015 goals include new and improved programs offered by the chapter; upkeep to our Chapter home; student members and alumni opportunities to network and grow together; student members adding their energy and ideas to the Phi Delt and Michigan annals.

This is a year for celebration of this long story and bright future. We held a particularly special weekend celebration of Michigan Alpha's Sesquicentennial last fall at the 150th Anniversary Dinner and 2014 Homecoming Open House. Thank you to the more than 160 alums, active chapter members and guests who joined us during the celebratory events!

Responsible leaders and members over these past several years have made it possible to continue improvements to the house, which enhance the living environment and maintain the house as a central location for alumni visitation to campus and for events celebrating our brotherhood.

Building on the successes in updating the North Porch, our new driveways, our new main floor windows, new carpeting in the common areas, updated landscaping, and many other investments, our chapter home is a leading

fraternity house on campus. Upcoming projects for consideration include updating the South Porch, continuing to work on handicap accessibility on the property, improving the external appearance of the yard and house and updates to our safety and security systems. In fact this last goal, to install a sprinkler system throughout the house is a safety project we have been studying for several years. It is a large project with many facets and will be expensive. We are confident our funds will be supported by a substantial grant from GHQ.

I am pleased to report four new members of the alumni board: **Joe "Rocco" Fattore '80** (rejoining), **Patrick Moore '09**, and two more recent graduates, **Matt Kraus '14** and **Matt Moy '14**. We look forward to their participation and the strength they each bring to our deliberations.

Thanks to our alumni board, chapter advisory board, and all alumni who have joined us with financial support and energy to keep our chapter and chapter home in such great shape. As always, I invite alums to contact me with suggestions and ideas for improving the chapter house as well as programs that could benefit the active chapter and alums. I can be reached by e-mail at jtbuck@infinitelearning.com.

Chapter Delivers Top Academic Performance

The Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters has strongly encouraged chapters to place greater emphasis on scholarship during the last couple of years. The Alumni Association has also asked the active chapter to meet, and exceed, the goals set by the PDT GHQ.

Congratulations to our actives for their 3.381 winter 2014 GPA which ranks them fifth among 30 IFC chapters at U of M. This GPA is above the all-men's average GPA, the IFC average GPA and Michigan's all-university average GPA.

3.381

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who praised the achievements of Michigan Alpha and the fraternity as a whole.

Wagner's remarks highlighted Michigan Alpha's distinguished place in the history of PDT being the 16th chapter established and the ninth oldest currently in operation. Stephen's comments touted the renewed growth of PDT across the nation and the GHQ's strategic plan to keep the momentum going. He also presented Michigan Alpha with a framed proclamation from GHQ commemorating the chapter's sesquicentennial anniversary.



Prior to the football game that pitted the Michigan Wolverines against the Indiana Hoosiers, the 2014 Homecoming Open House was attended by more than 125 alumni, guests and active chapter members. The active chapter held a barbeque with a variety of traditional tailgate food favorites. Alums were invited to view historical displays, memorabilia and composite pictures. Many ventured to the second and third floors to visit their old rooms which were left open for the occasion.

By the end of the weekend, alums had reminisced with the each other and the actives. They renewed old friendships and made new ones while learning first-hand about fraternity life today.

Alumni Association 150th Anniversary Committee Co-Chair **Greg Karmazin '87** summarized the weekend, "The alumni association felt it was very worthwhile to appropriately celebrate this major milestone, but most importantly, we wanted

to firmly demonstrate to the actives that Phi Delta Theta can truly be a fraternity for life.

"We also wanted the actives to better understand the tradition of excellence that they have been entrusted to carry on and improve. This knowledge should help them transmit the fraternity in better shape to those who will follow after as the Pledge



Oath challenges them to do. In fact, it is our hope that many of the current actives will be present in Ann Arbor when Michigan Alpha celebrates its Bicentennial in 2064."

Craig-Waldiner Service Award Established Fallen Heroes Remembered in New Annual Award for Active Chapter Members

During the fall of 2014, the Alumni Association Board of Directors approved the establishment of the Craig-Waldinger Service Award to honor the memories of U.S. Navy aviators **Phil Craig '63** and **Scott "Harv" Waldinger '86** who died during active duty service about 25 year apart.

The active chapter's announcement of this new award and the first winner,

Adam Evanski '14, was one of the highlights of the speaking program at the 150th Anniversary Dinner.

The award will be annually given by the active chapter to the active chapter member (including graduates of the current year) who best demonstrates the concept of service above self, or in the context of the fraternity, PDT Founding Father Robert Morrison's creed, "To do what ought to be done, but would not have been done, unless I did it, I thought to be my duty."

Evanski performed, or supervised, work at the chapter house last summer that contributed significantly to having 1437 Washtenaw in outstanding shape for the 150th Anniversary weekend.

Craig-Waldinger Service Award



Phil Craig '63



Scott "Harv" Waldinger '86

2014 Winner: Adam Evanski '14

The Chapter Grand

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the deaths of:

Arthur H. Farr '41 (September 2014)

Don Lund '45 (December 2013)

Robert R. Williams '50 (October 2014)

Manuel L. Papista '52 (January 2010)

Tom Jorgensen '56 (December 2013)

Scott Milo Hamilton '65 (November 2014)

Phi Delta Theta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends. For full obituaries, view our website at www.pdtumich.com.

In coelo quies est.

If you learn of the passing of a Michigan Alpha man, please contact the Alumni Association by e-mail at pdtumich@gmail.com. We can also be reached by regular mail at Phi Delta Theta - Michigan Alumni Relations Processing Center, P.O. Box 7007 Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007.

Please include obituaries and condolences with your message. We will post them in the Chapter Grand section of the Alumni Association's website—www.pdtumich.com—as a permanent memorial.

Active Chapter President's Report

Highlights of PDT Michigan Alpha Team 149

By William Watkins '17



On behalf of the active chapter membership, I would like to thank our alums who have been generous in donating their money, time and moral support to Michigan Alpha. Your backing is critically

important and tremendously appreciated.

I especially wish to thank the leaders of the Alumni Association/House Corporation and the Chapter Advisory Board for donating countless hours of your time to help the active chapter stay focused on the right direction while also keeping our historic chapter house in outstanding condition.

A special thank you to all of you who attended the 150th Anniversary Dinner and 2014 Homecoming Open House. I know that many actives were inspired by your stories and your enthusiasm towards Michigan Alpha.

A strong alumni relationship and support system is very beneficial to a chapter's long-term success. Based on what I've seen in my time here at Michigan Alpha, I think our alums are best in the U of M Greek System. That being said, I believe that we need to constantly work on enhancing our relations so that actives can have more opportunities to bond with alums and establish closer personal connections.

I am pleased to say that the fraternity is continuing to grow and improve. Michigan Alpha is fulfilling its mission to be a leader in the U of M Greek System, and in doing so making a positive impact on the campus and the Ann Arbor community. As we continue to grow, my hope is that you will find our achievements worthy of your continued support and make you proud to say you are a Michigan Alpha alum.

The following outline highlights 2014, with much emphasis on the fall semester.

Grade Point Average

- 2014 Winter semester GPA of 3.381
- fifth in GPA overall among 30 fraternities
- above the all-fraternity campus average of 3.28 and the campus average of 3.31

Intramural Sports

- We had a great showing in this year's Mud Bowl, beating Chi Psi 35-16, then losing a hard-fought battle to SAM 20-12. Our football team has made much progress; our goal is to make it back to the mud in the coming years.

- 2014 Intramurals: PDT won championships in volleyball, wallyball, inner tube water polo, dodge ball with Zeta, and soccer with AXO, in addition to many runners-up, including a buzzer-beater loss in 5-on-5 basketball.
- U of M's Recreation Department did not award the Stevenson Cup, but we believe PDT finished in first place. In addition, **Zach Sprintz '15** won the Fraternity League MVP (previously awarded to a member of the Stevenson Cup team).

Fall Rush

- We recruited an excellent pledge class of 16 men who exemplify all of the qualities that a Phi should. The active chapter is very happy with their progression as future members activated in January 2015.
- The Phikeia are from eight different states: GA, WI, CA, PA, NY, NJ, IL, and of course, MI. We are very excited about the upcoming Winter Rush and plan to have a bigger winter class than we have had in a long time.

Total Membership & House Occupancy

- After 2014 graduation, our active membership is 80 with our 16 Phikeia. Our total of 98 members places us above the U of M fraternity average of 82 members.
- It has never been our goal to be the largest fraternity on campus. We believe that one of the hallmarks of Michigan Alpha's historic success is the opportunity for men to participate in multiple activities and leadership positions.
- Michigan Alpha members are involved in campus activities such as the Hockey Club, Dance Marathon, Rugby Club, Managing the Michigan Football team, Club Sailing, ROTC, Investment Club, Economics Club,

Ski Club and many other organizations.

Social Events

- During the football season, we were pre-game partners with the ladies of Pi Beta Phi. These tailgates were held at our seniors' house. We were able to have seven successful tailgates.
- On November 20, we had our Date Party at a night club in Detroit; it was a great venue which provided many great stories and much fun. Overall, it has been a year of great fun for Michigan Alpha.

Philanthropy

- We have continued to work with Ann Arbor Active Against ALS to raise awareness about, and funds for, combating Lou Gehrig's Disease. This fall, we participated in Ann Arbor Active's Field Day. Last winter, we joined with them to host our 6th Annual Boxcar Derby which was a great success with a lot of participation from the rest of the Greek community.
- The 7th Annual Boxcar Derby will be held on March 28, 2015. We are planning to expand the reach of this event and will keep the alumni updated on its progress as well as how they can participate or make donations.
- We have 14 members involved in Dance Marathon, which raises money for Mott's Children Hospitals. The PDT team has worked closely with a family who has a son with cerebral palsy which provides us with a solid understanding of how our fundraising is making a positive impact in the community. One of our members is ranked 11th out of 910 participants in fundraising for this cause.

Alumni Always Welcome to Visit

During the winter semester, the active brothers are planning to have a wide range of social, philanthropic and athletic events, and alumni participation or support is always welcome. We especially hope that alums will become more involved in the 7th Annual Boxcar Derby which is open to the entire community. As always, if you have suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at wmswat@umich.edu. Proud to be a Phi!

I especially encourage you to attend the Homecoming Open House next fall. As always, proud to be a Phi!

Active Chapter Executive Board 2015 Winter Semester

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Warden

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Reid Rossberger '17, Cedar Rapids, IA

Meet Our Graduating Seniors

Craig Kaplan

Bloomfield Hills, MI
Energy Policy – Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy; 3.6 GPA



U of M Activities & Leadership:

- Research Assistant, Political Science
- International Energy Security Intern – Center for American Progress (D.C.) – Michigan in Washington Program
- Business Development Manager – Radical Thinking (Dubai; Web marketing agency)
- Policy and Operations Intern, Gary Peters Senatorial Campaign
- Founded nonprofit in inner-city Detroit with 3,000+ people involved
- Conference Director, SUSMUN (prestigious national Model United Nations Conference)
- Executive Board member of Ford School fraternity (Gamma Rho Phi)

Michigan Alpha Activities & Leadership:

- Pledge Class Vice President
- Steward (two terms)
- Philanthropy Chair

Experience in Michigan Alpha:

Phi Delt fostered a positive environment to grow as a student, adult and brother. Taking 18 credits while pledging established strong study and time management skills. Phi Delt has been a community that serves as a home base on campus where support is always available.

Plans After Graduation:

I plan on working in the private sector or on Capitol Hill before entering a top-tier MBA/JD program.

Drew Nikolai

Oak Park, IL
Mechanical Engineering;
3.6 GPA



U of M Activities & Leadership:

- Transportation Research Institute
- Ann Arbor Ice Cube Men's Hockey
- Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)
- M-Heal

Michigan Alpha Activities & Leadership:

- Internal Vice President
- Alumni Secretary

Experience in Michigan Alpha:

In addition to making some of the best friends that I will have for the rest of my life, Phi Delt has taught me how to take on responsibility and work cooperatively.

Plans After Graduation:

I've applied to graduate school at Michigan to pursue a master's degree in biomedical engineering with a focus in biomechanics. I hope to work in the medical device industry or similar research opportunities in orthopedics.

Ruben Rumbaut

Irvine, CA
Sociology



Activities & Leadership:

- Member, Men's Club Ice Hockey Team
- Member, Sports Business Association

Experience in Michigan Alpha:

Phi Delt has given me a solid group of lifelong friends. It has also opened up networking opportunities and chances to meet Phis from all around North America.

Plans After Graduation:

Working at a new ice arena in San Diego, CA, as director of hockey operations.

Levi Joseph Smith

Shepherd, MI
Industrial & Operations Engineering (major), Statistics (minor), Entrepreneurship (certificate)



U of M Activities & Leadership:

- Consulting/research position
- Cafe manager
- Michigan Sports Analytics Society

Michigan Alpha Activities & Leadership:

- Pi Class Brotherhood Chair

Experience in Michigan Alpha:

Phi Delt has transformed college from an education to an experience. I've learned leadership and teamwork and have been challenged as a person. I've come to consider the men of PDT my brothers.

Plans After Graduation:

I am taking a fifth year to finish my degree and plan to pursue a career in data analytics.

Ryan Yost

Pittsburgh, PA
Economics & German;
3.86 GPA



U of M Activities & Leadership:

- Michigan Economics Society

Michigan Alpha Activities & Leadership:

- External Vice President (2012-13), House Manager, Pledge Class Vice President

Experience in Michigan Alpha:

I had many opportunities to work with great guys in achieving goals and growing the fraternity's reputation as well as cultivating valuable life skills such as time management, conflict resolution, effective communication, willpower and a strong work ethic.

Plans After Graduation:

I plan to find full-time employment in investment research/management, financial advisory, general finance, the public sector or really anything that will utilize my interests and background.

Jordan Leibowitz

Philadelphia, PA
Business (Finance);
3.97 GPA



U of M Activities & Leadership:

- Team Leader, TAMID Investment Fund

Michigan Alpha Activities & Leadership:

- Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer

Experience in Michigan Alpha:

Michigan Alpha connected me to a group of motivated young men dedicated to bettering themselves and each other both on campus and beyond. As a Phi, I have developed leadership and professional skills, all while enjoying the company of lifelong friends.

Plans After Graduation:

I will be working for Wells Fargo's investment bank in Charlotte, NC.

Patrick O'Connor

Morton Grove, IL
Public Policy & Applied Statistics; 3.7 GPA



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Graduating Seniors ... Continued from page 5

U of M Activities & Leadership:

- Michigan Economics Society
- Ford School Consulting Club
- Michigan IFC Executive Board

Michigan Alpha Activities & Leadership:

- President (2012)

Experience in Michigan Alpha:

I've made some great friends at Michigan Alpha and had great times as well. I look forward to visiting the actives and following with my friends in the coming years.

Plans After Graduation:

Currently seeking a job in the intelligence community.

Despot Djuric

Chicago, IL
Economics & International Studies; 3.17 GPA



U of M Activities & Leadership:

- Member of the Michigan Economics Society

Michigan Alpha Activities & Leadership:

- Secretary
- Phikeia Educator

Experience in Michigan Alpha:

Through Phi Delt, I was able to obtain significant leadership experience which greatly improved my interpersonal, conflict-managing and decision-making abilities. Phi Delt allowed me to meet extraordinary individuals who have positively impacted my life and who will be brothers for life.

Plans After Graduation:

Still undecided, ideally looking for employment in Chicago.

Joel Saslawsky

Memphis, TN
Biopsychology, Cognition & Neuroscience; 3.1 GPA



U of M Activities & Leadership:

- Pre-Optometry Club

Plans After Graduation:

Attending optometry school.

Stuart Jenkins Starkweather

Bay City, MI
Psychology, Entrepreneurship (certificate)



U of M Activities & Leadership:

- Michigan Rugby Team
- Michigan Sailing Team

Michigan Alpha Activities & Leadership:

- Risk Manager
- Warden
- Kleberg ELI Attendee

Experience in Michigan Alpha:

Phi Delt has taught me the value of friendship. I have met a group of individuals with whom I will stay in contact all of my life.

Plans After Graduation:

Pursue a business related career and start my own business.

Zach Sprintz

Los Gatos, CA
Materials Science & Engineering; 3.04 GPA



U of M Activities & Leadership:

- Club Golf Team

Michigan Alpha Activities & Leadership:

- Athletic Director
- Brotherhood Chair

Experience in Michigan Alpha:

I gained organization skills during the pledge term when I had to balance pledging, school and treatments for melanoma. I also gained leadership skills in helping our chapter to two Stevensons Cups and improved finishes in the Mud Bowl Tournament.

Plans After Graduation:

I plan to work in engineering. I am looking at a lot of companies in the sports equipment industry as well as other engineering and manufacturing companies.

Nicholas Simon

Chicago, IL
Biology; 3.167 GPA



U of M Activities & Leadership:

- U of M Women's Basketball Practice Player
- Food Server, Housing Services
- Member, Pre-Dental Student Assoc.
- Co-Business Chair, ComfortApp Student Organization
- Volunteer, Tappan Elementary Tutor

Michigan Alpha Activities & Leadership:

- House Manager

Plans After Graduation:

Will attend dental school.

Brandon Garcia

Chicago, IL
Athletic Training; 3.0 GPA



Michigan Alpha Activities & Leadership:

- Postmaster
- IM sports

Plans After Graduation:

Graduate school.

Ryan Graham

Grosse Pointe Park, MI
Business; 3.95 GPA



Experience in Michigan Alpha:

Phi Delta Theta taught me leadership and time management skills and helped me to become more organized. I also met great friends who I will stay in contact with after graduation.

Plans After Graduation:

Working as a financial analyst for Marathon Petroleum Corporation.

Matt Weiss

Chicago, IL
Organizational Psychology; 3.2 GPA



U of M Activities & Leadership:

- Men's Rowing Team

Michigan Alpha Activities & Leadership:

- Recruitment Chairman (2012-2013)
- Social Chairman (2013-2014)
- Iron Phi (2012)
- Robert P. Ufer Scholarship Recipient (2013)
- Mud Bowl Team Starter (2012-2014)

Experience in Michigan Alpha:

My time in Michigan Alpha has taught me how to lead, listen and work well in groups. I led the house in two semesters of successful recruiting. I learned to work in groups over my two years on the chapter's executive board. Michigan Alpha has helped me develop the social and professional skills needed as I transition into my next chapter. I have made lifelong friends and have had a lot of fun along the way.

Plans After Graduation:

I plan to work for Morningstar, Inc. in Chicago as a product consultant.

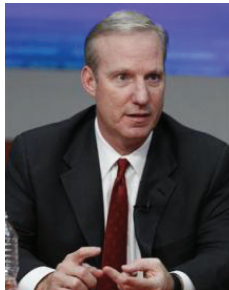
Alumni Updates

PDT Sigma North Province President **Nat Love '81** recently played a key role in helping our new brothers at Michigan State recolonize Michigan Beta. Love has



served as Sigma North Province President for the past 14 years. He was heavily involved in the effort to re-establish Michigan Alpha between recolonization in 2002 and re-founding in 2004. The Alumni Association commends Love for his outstanding contributions to strengthening our chapter and the entire fraternity.

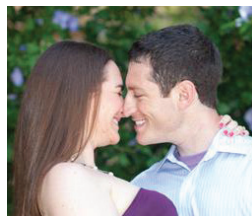
Brother **Derek Kerr '86** is currently executive vice president and the CFO for U.S. Airways Group, Inc. He met his wife Carolyn at U of M while completing his MBA, and they have a daughter who is currently a sophomore at U of M. Derek and his wife have also been involved in the university's Victors for Michigan campaign.



As the senior managing director of Asia-Pacific for Paddadium, **Matthew Tice '91** serves as an advisor to CEOs on a global scale in the areas of strategy, performance, leadership, innovation and governance. Matt began his career as a nuclear engineer with the U.S. Navy and went on to management positions with Coca-Cola. He received an MBA with honors from the Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia. Matt lives in Australia with his wife and son. He is an avid rugby player for a men's club.



Brother **Brandon Mancini '07**, a recipient of several academic scholarships from the Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters, is a radiation oncology resident at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Hamden, CT.



Ronnie Brant '08 found 2013 to be one of his favorite years. Not only did he and Lindsey tie the knot, but he was also one of

the 1,000 participants in the famed 300-mile Wish-A-Mile bicycle tour. Ronnie is the senior product marketing manager at Salesforce in San Francisco.

Ricardo Robles '09 is working on a doctorate degree in physical therapy and is expected to graduate in 2015. He is a dedicated runner and completed the 2013 Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C.



11 alums from Michigan Alpha, ranging from 1951 to 2012, gathered to sing "Eternal Praise" at Brother **Mackenzie Young's ('12)** August 9th wedding. It was a great event and well represented by Brothers in the Bond.



PDT Teams 148 and 149 Win Back-to-Back All-Sports IM Fraternity League Championship
First Trophies Since 1984-85 School Year



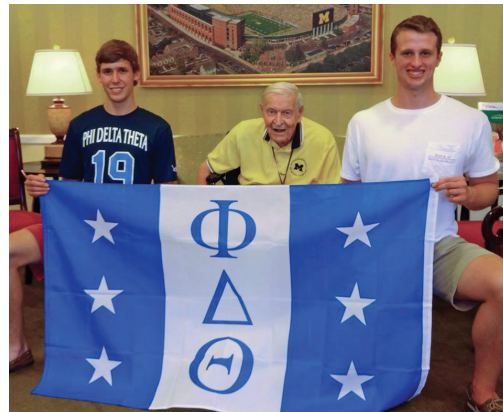
Harmon-Chappuis-Lund Award Established to Honor Active Chapter Athletes

During the fall of 2013, active chapter president **Patrick O'Connor '15**, and Vice President **Drew Nikolai '15**, met with U of M sports legend **Don Lund '45** just three months before his passing to inform him about the newly established Harmon-Chappuis-Lund Award. The award will annually recognize the active chapter member who is most valuable to the success of Michigan Alpha's intramural sports teams competing in the U of M Fraternity League.

Lund earned nine varsity letters playing football, baseball and basketball at U of M. After graduation, he played professional baseball for the Brooklyn Dodgers, St. Louis Browns and Detroit Tigers. Following his career as a pro player, he was head baseball coach at U of M where he won the NCAA World Series in 1962. He was an assistant coach for the Tigers when they won the 1968 World Series.

Lund went on to become the U of M Athletic Department Associate Athletic Director under legendary AD Don Canham. He was elected to the Michigan

Hall of Honor in 1984 and Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 1987. In 2013, the Michigan Alpha Alumni Association board of directors established the Harmon-Chappuis-Lund Award to honor three Michigan Alpha Men – **Tom Harmon '41**,



Pictured (l-r), Drew Nikolai '15, Don Lund '45 and Patrick O'Connor '15

Bob Chappuis '48 and **Don Lund '45** – who brought great honor to the fraternity for their outstanding achievements in U of M athletics and careers after college.

In addition, Harmon and Chappuis actively supported Phi Delta Theta throughout their lives. The Alumni Association tasked the active chapter with the responsibility of nominating eligible men and choosing the winner of the award each year. The first recipient of the award was announced during the active chapter-alumni social event – the Harmon BBQ – during the day of the 2013 Michigan vs. Notre Dame football game at which Harmon was named a “Michigan Football Legend” by the U of M Athletic Department.

Zach Sprintz '15 was presented with this honor in recognition of his leadership as PDT's Intramural Sports Chair during the 2012-2013 school year. Under Sprintz's direction, PDT won the 2012-2013 All-Sports IM Championship for the Fraternity League. This was Michigan Alpha's first championship since the 1984-1985 school year although PDT only narrowly missed this outstanding achievement a couple of times in recent years.

Chapter's Charter Preserved at Bentley Historical Library

Alums Kept Document Safe Prior to New Permanent Home

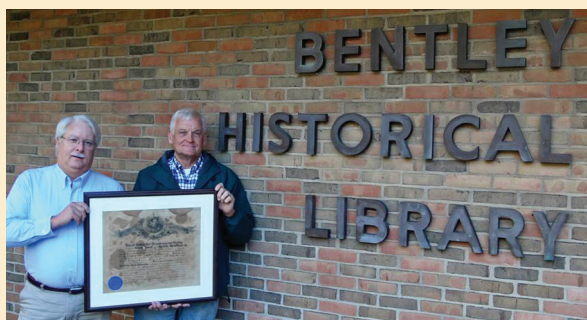
Michigan Alpha was founded in 1864, but the chapter was rechartered in 1887 after its activities ceased in 1869. The 1887 Charter is the operational foundation of the chapter to this day.

For decades, the Charter was displayed at the chapter house, and its present condition reflects a hard life which includes surviving two major fires. After being displayed at the refounding of Michigan Alpha in

December of 2004, the Charter was kept in an “undisclosed location” for safekeeping by long-time Michigan Alpha leaders **Larry Schramm '74** and **Rex Vaughn '74**.

In preparation for celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Michigan Alpha's founding, the Alumni Association Board of Directors decided to have the Charter placed in the fraternity's archives in the Bentley Library for long-term preservation.

Rex and Schramm presented the document to the library in October. A reproduction of the Charter was displayed at the 150th Anniversary Dinner and Homecoming Open House.



Chapter Recruits 26 Men in Winter/Fall of 2014



Fall 2014

Sam Boeve
Ben Cohen
David Cutler
Patrick Finnigan
Jeremy Goldman
Joey Insalaco
Zach Kumar
John Leadbetter
David Lemasters
Kyle Mallon
Timothy P. O'Neill
Conor Patrick
Mitch Pfennig
Max Rothman
Zack Soenen
Jack Zohoury



Winter 2014

Siddhartha Acharya
Jackson Comstock
Mitchell Donahue
Joey Evans
Kai Christopher

Norden Chase Richmond
Daniel Rockwell
Collin Smalley
Konstantinos Tzavaras
Spencer White

Annual Fund & Honor Rolls

Thank you to these generous brothers who have contributed to our annual funds over the past two years.

2012-2013 Annual Fund

Robert Morrison Level (\$1,000+)

Stephen S. Clark 1974

Robert Ufer Level (\$500 - \$999.99)

Norman Jackson 1950
Philip F. Brown 1957
Bernard Rinella 1958
Anthony Petrilli 1963
Carl Annessa 1979
Jordan L. Dickstein 1984
Donald Pollard Jr. 1984
Greg Karmazin 1987

Bliss Bowman Level (\$250 - \$499.99)

John Kunkle Jr. 1949
Eric A. Wild 1954
Richard Young 1954
Robert C. Leland Jr. 1958
Frank R. Sprague 1972
William Waterston 1972
James Browne 1978
John Kraus 1979
Nathaniel J. Love 1981
Robert C. Boylen 1985
James Kelligrew 1987
Steven McCormick 1992

Century Club (\$100 - \$249.99)

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John F. Ingraham 1948
Loyal W. Jodar 1949
T Shreffler 1951
James Root 1952
Herbert F. Harrington Jr. 1953
John Jenks 1953
Fred Leydorf 1953
William C. Mogk 1953
Donald R. MacLaren 1954
William Michaels 1954
Richard D. Harrison 1956
Robert Dunn 1957
David Hershey 1957
Dean Finkbeiner 1958
Charles Green 1958
Henry C. Heil Jr. 1958
Nicholas Mans 1958
James Van Pelt 1958
William T. Woodell 1958
Edward C. Zeerip 1958
Robert Sommer 1959
Frederick Ludwig II 1961
Richard Staelin 1961
C. Gregory Spangler 1962
James Waterston 1963
Frank M. Mills 1974
Roger Dooley 1976

Douglas Young 1976
Jon McLain 1977
Duane Bollert 1978
Bruce Young 1978
Thomas Walsh 1979
Jeffrey Allshouse 1980
Tom M. Horlacher 1981
Curtis J. Gano 1982
Thomas Kelly 1982
Jeffrey Post 1982
Michael Buck 1983
David Liederbach 1984
Robert Whims 1984
Todd A. Hoefler 1985
Michael O'Connor 1985
Mike Staiger 1986
Drayke Dondero 1991
Marc Latman 1994

President's Club (\$50 - \$99.99)

Robert G. Dillon 1947
Charles B. Hammond 1949
Theodore Wellerson 1949
Bruce Dutcher 1950
Richard Ridgway 1951
Kenneth Copp Jr. 1955
Dr. William Chapel 1956
William Dougall Jr. 1962
Charles T. Schieman 1962
Michael Harmon 1964
Douglas McClintock 1967
Joseph Valerio Sr. 1969
David Brower 1978
Douglas W. Benner 1979
Dr. H. Bjerke 1979
Robert Soeters 1982
Anthony Hagelgans 1987
Thomas A. Ksoll 1987
John Cacace III 1996

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Ross Dean 1972
Thomas A. Niemann 1979

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James Kelligrew 1987
Drew Dondero 1989

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James Browne 1978
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James Van Pelt 1958
William T. Woodell 1958
Edward C. Zeerip 1958
Robert Sommer 1959
Richard Staelin 1961
Pete Wolgast 1961
C. Gregory Spangler 1962
James M. Harris 1963
John A. Ley 1963
Maynard L. Stetten 1963
James Waterston 1963
Robert Dunn 1965
Scott Hamilton 1965
Joseph Valerio Sr. 1969
Richard S. Rasmussen 1970
Frank M. Mills 1974
Roger Dooley 1976
Douglas Young 1976
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Eric Shuffler 1992
Marc Latman 1994
John Cacace III 1996
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Charles T. Schieman 1962
Dennis E. Davies 1964
Michael Harmon 1964
H Patrick Hayden Jr. 1966
J. Michael Smith 1970
David Bahm 1975
Tom M. Horlacher 1981
Thomas A. Niemann 1986
Anthony Hagelgans 1987
Ernst W. Bastian 1991

Michigan Alpha & Ann Arbor Active Against ALS

Host 7th Annual Boxcar Derby in March

Keeping up with the recent expansion in philanthropy efforts, Michigan Alpha and Ann Arbor Active Against ALS will be hosting the 7th Annual Boxcar Derby this March. Phi Delt and Active Against ALS have partnered on multiple philanthropy events in recent years. A brother serves on the board of Active Against ALS, acting as liaisons to the fraternity and to the University of Michigan student body.

Ann Arbor Active Against ALS is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to raise funds for research toward effective treatments and ultimately a cure for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), while raising awareness of the disease, encouraging physical activity, and building a compassionate community.

This year's Boxcar Derby will take place on Saturday, March 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is located near the fraternity house on South University, between Oxford St. and Washtenaw Ave. The event is open to the public and interested participants can find more information online at <http://www.activeagainstals.org/events/boxcar-derby>.

Michigan Alpha invites you to demonstrate your support by visiting <http://www.activeagainstals.org/donate> and donating to help fight a truly devastating disease. Donations are given directly to research labs that use the money to fund cure-driven research.

If you have any questions or are interested in finding out more about the Boxcar Derby, please contact **Joseph Evans '17** by email at joblue@umich.edu.



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