

## Upcoming Event

### Alumni Recognition Dinner

November 14

Details TBA

## Ohio Theta Alumni Volunteer Corporation

We'd like to recognize the following Alumni for volunteering with the Ohio Theta AVC. These alumni donate their time to run the business of the fraternity, mentor the executive council members and act as liaisons with HQ.

### AVC President

John Abraham '77

### AVC Controller

Kevin Smith '98

### Chapter Councilor

Bert Bullock '78 (NAU)

### RLC Expansion Architect

Dean Lutton '03

### AVC Director, Volunteer Coordinator

Rey Medina '99

### Volunteer Mentor - Recruitment

Justin Shafer '05

### Volunteer Mentor - President

Joe Haverkamp '03

### Volunteer Mentor - Finance

Mike Del Favero '03

### Volunteer Mentor - Programming

Jerome Powers '99

### Volunteer Mentor - BMS Banquet

Dan Johnston '04

### Resident Life Coordinator

Dr. Jeff Bauer (Wright State)

### Alumni Relations - Golf Outing

Greg Miles '84

### Alumni Relations - Newsletter

Dave Wenzel '06

### Tax/Accounting

Tom Happensack '85

Our volunteer ranks are growing, but we still have positions available and would like to have mentors for all executive council positions. Please contact Rey Medina at reymedina@hotmail.com to get involved.

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## 2009 Conclave Marks a Banner Year for Ohio Theta

### Chapter Wins another Buchanan Cup Award for Overall Chapter Excellence

This summer marked the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chartering of Ohio Theta as part of Sigma Phi Epsilon and it proved to be a banner year for Ohio Theta as a chapter and its volunteers. This year the chapter once again won the coveted Buchanan Cup, awarded for overall chapter excellence and outstanding operations in all aspects. This was the 14<sup>th</sup> overall Buchanan Cup and 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive and since we've won 5 in a row we were honored with a Golden Buc Cup, awarded for a decade of excellence.

Additionally, we won another Frasier Hobson award for alumni newsletter publications.

Brother **John Cassis '67** was highlighted as part of the Fraternity's leadership development offerings at Conclave. John gave a speech titled the Art of Leadership open to undergraduates and alumni at Conclave. Brother John, who is a motivational and leadership speaker and a professional golfer, served as a motivational speaker for the Chicago Bears from 1983-1995. John's speech was fascinating, his approach and message on leadership and how to relate your leadership style to brothers was entertaining, funny, practical and inspiring.

Several Ohio Theta alumni were also recognized for their contributions to the fraternity. **Dave Wenzel '06** was awarded the William MacDonough Broadening the Brotherhood Award for his extraordinary efforts over the last two years for his help chartering the



*Brothers at Conclave 2009. Left to Right: Rey Medina, Phil Shepardson, Alex Juncker, Jerry Ose, Brian Rapien, Franklin "Bud" Robeson, Dan Haverkamp, Bert Bullock, John Abraham, Dave Wenzel, Adam Thurn, Matt Blecke and Sean Cosgrove.*

Northern Kentucky University chapter. **John Abraham '77** was also inducted into the Order of the Golden Heart, the highest honor awarded to alumni who, with great personal sacrifice, have given exceptional service to Sigma Phi Epsilon. Most of us know of John's contribution to our chapter, but over the last 25+ years, he has also been involved on the national fraternity facilitating leadership seminars and serving on the national housing committee.

To commemorate these awards and recognize all of our OGH winners, current volunteers and accomplishments of the last 60 years, the undergraduate chapter is sponsoring an alumni recognition dinner on November 14. More information will be provided soon but be sure to mark your calendars and come congratulate these alumni on awards and thank them for their contributions.

## SigEp Wins Cincinnati's 2008-09 Overall Premier Chapter Award

By Dan Haverkamp

The 2008-09 school year ended with a bang. Our major event for the spring quarter of 2009 was our annual Flyaway fundraising concert. Now held at Stratford Heights, SigEp hosted over 750 guests and four live bands at this philanthropy event. With the support of many of our alumni, we raised over \$3,000 for Youth Aids and Morgan Lee, the daughter of former Queen of Hearts Monica Lee. Morgan suffers from cerebral palsy, hip dysphasia and chronic seizures. The money raised will help her live in her own home safely.

In addition to winning the 2009 Buchanan Cup, the Ohio Theta chapter was awarded the 2008-09 Overall Premier Chapter Award at the Greek Awards Ceremony. This is an award

presented to the top fraternity on the University of Cincinnati campus. A pair of individual brothers was also honored at the Greek Awards Ceremony.

Freshman **Kyle Sutton** was chosen as the Future Greek Leader of the Year, given to the new member of the Greek community who demonstrates the most leadership potential. Kyle further developed those leadership skills this summer at the Ruck Leadership Institute. Brother **Adam Thurn** was chosen into the Order of Omega honorary society. He along with Brothers **Brian Rapien** and **Sean Huff** now hold three of the Order of Omega's five executive positions.

We are very excited to carry this momentum into this fall. We have

worked very hard this summer on the Balanced Man Scholarship. After receiving 317 applications, our selection committee interviewed the top 103 candidates for the scholarships. We are confident that our recruitment team will secure a number of new members from our scholarship this year, particularly from the 45 finalists who have been invited to the Balanced Man Scholarship Banquet.

We also are looking forward to continuing our Homecoming float competition winning streak. This year, we will be working with the ladies of Delta Delta Delta. We hope to see a number of alumni at the house this year before the Bearcats take on the Louisville Cardinals on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

## It Comes Down to a Tie Breaker

Sixty-four! That's right we had 64 golfers participate in the golf outing this year, the most ever. It was a smashing success. This year, we started later in the day but started on holes 1 and 10 allowing everyone to finish closer together and enjoy the post round dinner and award ceremony together. Below is a list

of this year's award winners. Each winner received prizes. In addition to all the winners listed below, there were numerous door prizes and favors given out.

This year's winner was decided by tie-breaker!

Award	Winner
1st place-low round	Miles/Miles/Fleming/Fleming
2nd place-low round	Smith/Burns/Grant/Moine
3rd place-low round	Kingan/DelFavero/Haverkamp/Johnston
Hole#1 Closest to Pin 2nd shot	Phil Wepking ( <i>also won the annual chug off!</i> )
Hole#3 Closest to Pin 2nd shot	Don Duba
Hole #6 Closest to Pin	Doug Kurzynski
Hole #8 Closest to Pin	Doug Kurzynski
Hole #9 Longest Drive	Adam Thurn
Hole #11 Closest to Pin	Joff Moine (within 1.5 inches!)
Hole #12 Longest Drive	Joe Haverkamp
Hole #13 Closest to Pin	Bill Franz
Hole #15 Longest Drive	Doug Kurzynski
Hole #16 Closest to Pin	Tim Guffey
Hole #17 Longest Putt	Greg Miles
Most Experience Player	Ron Fleming
Longest Distance Traveled	Allen Grant

A full set of golf outing photos can be found at <http://alumni.ohiotheta.info/>.

This year, we also offered the ability to pay online using your credit card, which will be available in the future. As usual, we are targeting the golf outing for the first Saturday after Memorial Day next year.

Another big thank you to **Greg Miles '84** for organizing and running the outing!



## Golf Outing Proceeds Benefit Ruck Leadership Academy Attendee

*Once again, the golf outing ran "in the black," in fact even with all the prizes and awards, we had proceeds. Based on the feedback of some of the alumni at the outing to give it back to the chapter, the Alumni Volunteers Corporation (AVC) decided to apply the monies towards the sponsorship of an undergraduate to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Ruck Leadership Academy. Below is a letter from Kyle Sutton, the undergraduate brother who attended. Once again thanks to all brothers who attended the outing and made this possible.*

To the Alumni of Ohio Theta,

This past June I had the honor and privilege to experience and get a glimpse of the full potential of our fraternity. I attended Ruck Leadership Academy and was able to participate in some of the most rigorous but beneficial leadership development and personal development I have ever experienced. It was at Ruck that I decided I wanted to take on a larger more influential role in our chapter here at the University of Cincinnati. This fall I will be running for a position on our executive board in hopes of bettering our fraternity and helping to communicate to my brothers what has been taught to me.

I understand, I feel most importantly, that Ruck and the SigEp Leadership Continuum exist because of one thing and one thing only: the generosity and support of the Alumni of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Not only is the entire program supported by alumni nationwide, it is because of you, the Ohio Theta Alumni, that I was able to have this wonderful experience. I can honestly say that my style as a leader and me as a person have been impacted for the better by my experience and I understand what it means to give back to such an amazing

organization. I feel that you have made an investment in the future and continued excellence of our beloved chapter and I hope that I will be able to prove to you that your support for the development of individual brothers such as myself is something worthwhile now and for years to come.

I joined this fraternity based on the fact that it was different than the rest, and that is something I truly believe. I also believe that our chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon is even more different still. The support of our Alumni and their vested interest in the undergraduate membership is the single most important factor in our success as a chapter. I would like you to know that I am truly grateful for everything that you as Alumni do for our chapter and that the Ohio Theta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon is a better place for it. Your support is crucial in building the scholars, athletes, leaders and gentleman that will influence the world and because of the legacy you have laid, are proud to call themselves SigEps.

Thank You and HFF,

Kyle Sutton  
Class of 2012

## News and Updates from Ohio Theta Alumni

### '50s

#### Don Lieder '53

(899 Apple Creek Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551-3102; wdl1029@yahoo.com) My wife Ann and I see Rudy and Shirley Bredenseek many times per year. We have spent more than 30 New Year's Eve celebrations with them over last 50 years. Bob Clayton '52 lives three blocks away.

#### Kent Friel '59

(3555 Totten Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45226; kpfriel@cinci.rr.com) When I was a pledge at Ohio Theta in 1954, I ran the Annual Cincinnati

Thanksgiving 10K Race, then in its 45th year, with 23 other runners. Now in its 100th year, I will be running my 49th race, along with 14,000 other runners. How times have changed.

### '60s

#### David Beede '64

(PO Box 555, Port Matilda, PA 16870; dwbeede@gmail.com) I wanted to share this web site, created for Cincy SigEps from the '60s. Check it out at [www.cincysigep.com](http://www.cincysigep.com). We're planning a mini reunion, "Fun on the Fault" in Paso Robles, Calif. April 16-18, 2010.

### What's New with You?

We want to feature your news, updates and photos in upcoming issues of Theta Data!

#### *Have you recently...*

- Gotten engaged or married?
- Welcomed a new baby into the family?
- Started a new job?
- Moved into a new home?
- Reunited with other Cincy SigEps?

Share your news and pictures with us using the enclosed form and envelope, or by emailing them to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) (mention SigEp at Cincy in the subject).

## Your Gift Makes a Difference!

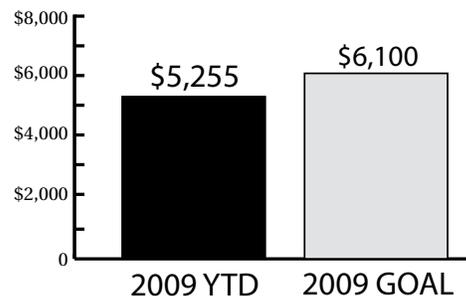
We all know that alumni donations are utilized primarily for publication of Theta Data (thanks to our alumni contributors!). But did you know that once we meet our newsletter publication goal, any additional donations go directly to the active chapter?

Help us to continue our communications program and show your support of the active chapter by

making a gift to the 2008-09 annual fund. To date, we have raised \$5,255. Once we reach our \$6,100 newsletter goal, all additional donations will support the undergraduate chapter.

See the enclosed form for more information on how to donate and to see a list of our 2008-09 contributors. A full list of donors will be published in our next newsletter.

### 2009 Annual Fund



## Help Us Find a Lost Brother!

We're missing the mailing addresses of the following alumni from the '50s and '60s. If you know of their current whereabouts, send their updated contact info to us using the enclosed form and envelope, or updating us online at [www.alumni.ohiotheta.info](http://www.alumni.ohiotheta.info).

### 1950 - 1959

- Richard K. Lacy
- John F. MacNeill
- Donald E. Shearer
- Harold W. Martin
- William I. McMillan
- Omer C. Laughlin
- James W. Brown
- Donald E. Frederick
- James E. Quinnell
- Dennis C. Shea

- Norris A. Lynch
- Quenton D. Miller
- Reyman C. Schauer
- Edward V. Benton
- Eugene R. Dershem

### 1960-1969

- Richard A. Schorr
- Donald R. Williams
- Robert K. Phillips
- George T. Smith

- William W. Marshall
- Dr. Jerry D. Schommer
- James F. Etter
- John R. Rollings
- Richard L. Starkey
- James S. Adler
- William C. Clevenger
- Ben J. Constantini
- David L. Day
- W. S. Edmonson
- David A. Andrews

## Stay Connected with Ohio Theta Alumni 24/7!

You don't have to wait for the Theta Data to arrive in the mail to catch up on the latest news and activities from the Ohio Theta Alumni Volunteer Corporation. Be sure to check out [www.alumni.ohiotheta.info](http://www.alumni.ohiotheta.info) for:

- Photos of recent alumni events
- A comprehensive listing of past chapter presidents
- A list of our missing brothers (help us find some!)
- 321 Buzz
- Archived photos in the online albums
- And more!

Check it out today!



## From the Archives

We love coming across great old pictures from our chapter's history, including this one of SigEps and Sweethearts from the 1970s! We need more photos from your era to populate our alumni web site and to feature in upcoming newsletters. Send your photos and stories using the enclosed form and envelope, or email them to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) (mention SigEp at Cincy).

