

NEW MEMBERS

Stefan Bakun '15
Mendham, NJ

Ryan Donovan '14
Skillman, NJ

Juan Estrella '15
Randolph, NJ

Eric Falasco '15
Ardmore, PA

Reno Franchetti '15
Bellmawr, NJ

Andy Fustos '15
Allison Park, PA

Shane Galligan '15
Williamstown, NJ

Brian Goodliffe '15
Westborough, MA

Anthony Greco '15
Montvale, NJ

Josh Hollander '15
Potomac, MD

David Jo '15
Bristow, VA

Brian Kass '15
Katonah, NY

Charlie Levin '15
Fairview, PA

Joe Magone '15
Randolph, NJ

Peter Malmquist '15
Mill Valley, CA

Greg Maugeri '15
Irvington, NY

Stefan Moff '15
Williamsport, PA

Drew Murphy '15
Potomac, MD

Nick Plagianos '14
Franklin Lakes, NJ

Daniel Potts '15
Westborough, MD

Brandon Sharp '15
Fairview, PA

Kyle Stanshine '15
Warrington, PA

Nathan Weber '14
Williamsport, PA

Kyle Will '15
York, PA

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RHO REPORT

Chapter Looks Forward to Strong Connections with Alumni

By Shiv Patel (Z1612), High Rho
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First, I'd like to say that I appreciate what alumni have done for this house as undergraduate brothers, and I look forward to meeting as many alumni as possible. I am the newly elected alumni advisor for Zeta Zeta. I am a sophomore at Penn State studying Industrial Engineering. Once I graduated from Upper Merion Area High School in 2010, my decision had already been made on joining a fraternity, as many of my family members were also Greeks. There is absolutely no regret of joining Lambda Chi Alpha, as it has made me into a better person and I enjoy spending time with all the brothers of this house. This is the first position I have held in this house and hold it with great honor. Although this is my first position, I have the upmost respect for the alumni of this fraternity after visiting the national headquarters this past semester. I was chosen for a case study for the Lambda Chi fraternity in Indianapolis, and met many brothers that worked at HQ, as well as brothers from nationwide chapters. This allowed me to gain more respect for what I am a part of, so I strive to do my best at this position.

In my mind, an alumni relationship is one of the most important aspects of a fraternity and should be one of the strongest. Without the support of our caring alumni, this

fraternity would fall apart. During my time as alumni advisor, I would like to strengthen the communication between alumni and the undergraduate brothers of Zeta Zeta for the

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benefit of everyone. There is plenty to learn from alumni, whether it be their successes or mistakes. I would like to strongly emphasize the fact that ALL alumni are welcome back to the Zeta Zeta house at any time. The undergraduate brothers of this house would love to give you a tour of the house, help you find your old composites, and hear stories of your past experiences.

I would like to personally invite you to our next alumni event. **Blue/White Weekend weekend is scheduled for April 20th- 22nd. All alumni and their families are invited to attend a brunch at 11:00 a.m.** Saturday on the first floor of the Chapter House. Stay tuned for more details at www.lxa-zetazeta.org.

ON THE WEB

Are You Receiving Our Monthly eLetter?

On the first Tuesday of each month, we distribute an email newsletter with the latest Zeta Zeta news, activities and event details. If you haven't been receiving your copy, sign up today! Simply update your email address by sending it to our alumni relations office at feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention LXA PSU) or by updating your record at www.lxa-zetazeta.org.

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News

Honor Joe Pa and Help LXA With Your THON Donation!

In 1973, a handful of Penn State Greeks paid \$10 each to dance for 24 hours, without rest, in support of a cause called The Four Diamonds Fund, which raises money for pediatric cancer. They started what is known today as the Penn State FOP Panhellenic Dance Marathon, or more commonly as THON. This event now lasts 48 hours, boasts over 700 dancers, 15,000 student volunteers, raised over \$5.5 million last year alone, and has become the largest student-run philanthropy in the world. THON is an unbelievable event that helps families focus on the well being of their children rather than on the financial hardship that accompanies this terrible disease, and has also raised millions for cancer research.

Click on the headline to read the full story.
40 Years Later, Alum Still Regularly Visits Lambda Chi

Alumni Updates

What's new with you?
Click here to submit an update...

Updated Members

The following brothers have updated their member profile since the last monthly eLetter. Make sure your profile information is updated by clicking here.

Douglas Ruppel, 2002
Robert Shaffer, 1990

ALUMNI UPDATES

'50s

Ed Springman '58

(12301 N.E. 10th Pl., Ste. 303, Bellevue, WA 98005-2487 ed@springman.com) At age 75, I still haven't figured out how to retire. I am still the CEO and President of my company, which is involved in owning and operating multi-family real estate. My wife Jane has recently been reelected to another four-year term on the King County Council, so it would appear I will be working for at least another four years. We are fortunate, however, that we do have ample opportunities to travel. We spent this past Thanksgiving in Bangkok. For Christmas we took a cruise on the Danube River from Budapest to Nuremberg. Last month we were in Mexico for a week, and we are planning to ski in Sun Valley for a week next month, and then in the Dolomites in Italy for another week. I am always looking for companions to share some of these trips, so if someone is interested in bicycling or skiing, please feel free to give me a call. Our next bike trip will be on the Dalmatian Coast in June for two weeks.

'70s

Ron Braund '75

(613 Stonehedge Meadows, Ridgway, PA 15853; rbraund@ncentral.com) I am Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Mersen USA, a French-based materials company. We manufacture graphite products in four plants in PA and MI. I have been married for 35 years. Some of the brothers will remember my wife, Paula, and her friends from Villa Maria College visiting the Chi house. My job takes me all over the country (48 of 50

states) and all over the world (25 countries in Europe, Asia, South America, and Australia). I am starting to wind down however, with retirement at least in sight.

'80s

Mark Golden '83

(513 Gordon Ave., Narberth, PA 19072-1530; repforyou2@verizon.net) I started a new job as a Brand Gagement Specialist at The Gage Company, specializing in marketing your business through all forms of social media.

Edwin Whinney '84

(2414 Drive to Dr., Warrington, PA 18976-2069; ednkenza@aol.com) I worked lots of overtime last year from all the crazy weather and am still waiting for a fair contract from Verizon. I spend my free time competing in tennis leagues and tournaments. I would love to hear from any of the brothers I hung out with during all those great house parties.

Dean Beaumont '84

(1972 E. Wagoner Rd., Phoenix, AZ; 85022-1303 debeau24@cox.net) I just recently left the Kellogg Company after 15+ years as a District Sales Manager, and am now VP of Sales for Olympian Labs in Phoenix, Az. OL is a vitamin and supplement company.

Ken Termini '87

(527 Ashwood Dr., Nazareth, 18064-8886; PA Kentermini@yahoo.com) Things are good for "The Dude!". I live in Nazareth with my wife of 17 years, Cheryl, and my two boys who will turn 14 and 12 this spring. I am still working for Forest Labs (over 22 years).

I am also still involved with rental real estate in OBX and still coaching high school hoops. I stay in touch with many: **Bud Dean, Paul Petrillo, Carman Caputo '87**, and many others.

'90s

Matthew Barrett '91

(393 Bell Branch Ln., Jacksonville, FL 32259-4442; mattbarrett23@comcast.net) I live in Jacksonville, Fla. with my wife Julie and our two dogs. I live on the same street as **Robert Shaffer '90** and am godfather to his two sons Sam and Ben. I recently got back in touch with "Hot" **Rod Lowe '91**, anticipating a visit from Rod and his wife in the near future. I am Director of Human Resources for TrueNet Communications based at our corporate offices in Jacksonville. Hook up with me on LinkedIn!

Steve Chung '91

(3821 Vincent Dr., Colledgeville, PA 19426-3058; schung3821@hotmail.com) In January 2011, I opened my law practice, Steven L. Chung, Esquire, LLC, specializing in personal injury law. The office address is 1616 Walnut Street, Ste. 2110, Philadelphia, PA 19103, (215) 688-5777. I see **John Bobber '93** regularly.

Sam Varano '92

(211 Cambridge Pl., Chalfont, 18914-3973; PA svarano@soudertonsd.org) I am currently the principal of Souderton Area High School. I have a wife Marcey (Pi Beta Phi) and two children, Samantha (11) and Nicholas (8). I was named the 2011 Pennsylvania High School Principal of the Year.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Thank you to **Peter Lunde '53** (now deceased) for sharing this photo...

(L to R): James C. Kilgore, ?, G. William Rae(front), Peter J. Lunde, ?, George T. Eden(front), ?, Kenn R. Haas. Does anybody know the names of the (?) brothers?

Share your photos and view many more archives at www.lxa-zetazeta.org!



ALUMNI UPDATES

Jeff Cucchi '94

(81 Autumn Ridge Dr., Glassboro, NJ 08028-3107; cooch70@comcast.net) I was recently promoted to Vice President and COO of Healthcare Receivable Specialist, Inc.

Dominic DiRocco '95

(112 Coachside Dr., Canonsburg, PA 15317 ddirocco@argosy.edu) I've been raising my family in Pittsburgh. I have been married for ten years to Monica. We have a son Logan (6) and Noah (5). I am active at our church and life group. I have been struggling with my bowling average at 166, but will get to 185 by next year! **Matt Fry '95** is in the same league for those who remember him as we pledged at the same time.

Jerry Lynam '96

(24611 S. Rocky Brook Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248; jerrylynam@hotmail.com) I am an author of the recently published book: *The Best Blackjack Book Ever!*

Jason Alcantara '96

(1328 S. 8th St., Philadelphia, PA 19147-5735; jasonalcantara9@yahoo.com) I am living in Philadelphia, Pa., married with one son, and working as a Physician's Assistant in Lankenau, specializing in pain management.

Jason Lenox '97

(4335 W. Whitehall Rd., PA Furnace, PA 16865-9554; lenox274@comcast.net) I've launched my own art website for my artistic projects, www.jasonlenox.com, and am working on my second comic book for publisher submittal. My first one was sent into a publisher in December (no word yet on its final fate). I've also got a piece entered into the Red Bull's Local INDIGLOW contest in State College and did a poster for a movie that is being filmed in April, 2012 in Austin, Texas. You can see the inked pages of my new comic "Through the eyes of Grizelda" at my website, and I'll be launching a kickstarter.com campaign to get it professionally

colored in a few weeks; details will be on my website. I was also just in the local arts and entertainment issue of *Voices* on page 3 and 4 of the link: <http://voicesweb.org/archive/12feb/12feb-arts-entertainment.pdf>.

'00s

Thad Kocuba '02

(75 Auguata Dr., Annville, PA 17003; thadruleslxa@yahoo.com) Meg and I are doing very well. We have a son Cameron, who is 17 months now. He is a ton a fun. We spend a lot of time in Dewey Beach, Del., even in the winter! We live near Hershey, Pa. and enjoy all the local attractions, especially the Troegs Craft Brewery. I do see some of the brothers from time to time, and the brother I see the most is **Terry Bird '01**. It is great the house is still around and in good shape. I'm excited to visit sometime in the future.

Share your news, stories and photos at www.lxa-zetazeta.org!

ALUMNI Q&A

Was a Scene in Animal House Based Off of a Party at Lambda Chi?

Ed Stoloski '70 Recalls his Best Zeta Zeta Memories and How He Stays Active Today

Thank you to **Ed Stoloski '70** for participating in this Q&A.

What is the funniest memory from your Lambda Chi days?

One of my great memories is from a party that we had at our house with two other fraternities. We hired a band, Leroy Taylor, from Washington, D.C. The party was outstanding and the band was playing tons of R&B and MoTown including the song, "Shout." While they were playing "Shout," all of the brothers fell to the floor and started a dance they call the "turtle," which consisted of twisting and turning all over the floor; this dance was common at parties with bands. Years later the movie *Animal House* came out and the exact same scene took place in the movie with an identical band and all of the brothers doing the turtle on the floor. During the weeks that the movie first came out, many of the former brothers during that time called me and said,

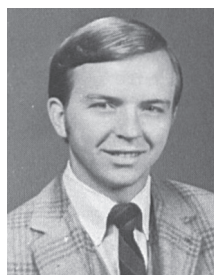
"Hey, that's us, they made a movie about our house!" Watching the movie was like going back in time at our house at Penn State.

How do you stay connected with your brothers as an alumnus?

Many of us use the football weekends as a time to meet up again in town or at tailgates and catch up with/meet each other's families. I've had season tickets for 40 years now, so I try to get there for all of the home games. Guys that live close to each other often hook up for dinners at the shore or away football games as well.

Where has life taken you since graduation?

I am the superintendent of two school



Ed Stoloski in his 1970 senior photo

districts in New Jersey. I spend time hanging with my kids and enjoying great times with many of the brothers I went to school with.

Why would you encourage other brothers to engage with Lambda Chi in their alumni years?

The undergrads need to know there is still support from the alumni.

What is the best thing about your alumni experience?

I have spent time serving on the alumni board and I often come back to the house to say hi. I wish there were more activities for the alumni on the event weekends that would give the alumni a chance to hook up. Meeting prior to a game is often difficult.

Read the full Q&A at www.lxa-zetazeta.org. Connect with Ed at estoloski@eastamwell.org.

IN THE WORDS OF OUR BROTHERS

What is Your Fondest LXA Memory?

A general sense of "family," day in and day out!
- Larry Nace '57

Fellowship with brothers which created an atmosphere of belonging to a family-type group at an otherwise overwhelmingly large university.
- Jack Schweitzer '59

Eating meals together in the dining room.
- Scott Alderfer '85

Being involved with a diverse bunch of guys who all respected the fraternity, the chapter house and each other.
- Scott Bleggi '78

Friends for life.
- Michael Spiegel '95

Fully appreciating the rights, privileges, and camaraderie of brotherhood as thoroughly earned through participation in the pledging program of the mid-sixties.
- Robert Lightner '75

Friendships, IM sports champs, bolts, Christmas parties, football weekends, Homecoming.
- Paul Petriello '87

Companionship and good friends.
- Harold Weller '47

The unbreakable bond formed.
- Mark Golden '83

My fondest memory is that of the strong brotherhood we had. However, there are many other fond memories that I will never forget.
- Jim Rhoads '59

The social bond created by working to make the fraternity a great part of the college experience.
- Baron Ginnetti '69

The true spirit of "brotherhood" and participating in social endeavors. Having the opportunity to share in academic and political discussions.
- Francis Kowalski '62

*In this issue of Zeta Zephyr...
- LOTS of News from Your Alumni Brothers
- Details of LXA's Blue-White Activities
- A Scene from Animal House, Stolen Straight from ZZ!*

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