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# The Zeta Zephyr

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## THE HOUSE AT 100

*Where we are and where we're going, as we look forward to another century in our Grand Old House*

This month, I'd like to provide you with operating data from the Alumni Corp.

Back in 1994, a mortgage for \$398,000 was taken out for a comprehensive property rehabilitation. It's now been 25 years since the House has seen overall, major improvements. Ideally, funds should have been raised prior to the work done in the 90s, as the debt service on the loan drained our annual cash flow.

This, of course, became a bigger problem as other structural needs (new roofing, bathrooms) arose and parts of the House reached the end of their expected lives. The roof is over 25 years old at this point, and the bathrooms date back to 1981! Michael Park's list of needed improvements from the last Alumni Board meeting is provided in this month's newsletter.

Where do we stand currently? Well, the 1994 mortgage is now paid off! But, a number of larger projects need to be addressed over the next five years.

From an annual operating standpoint, there is about \$113,000 in income per year. Property taxes are \$18,000. Insurance is \$12,000. Utilities, maintenance, accounting fees, etc., total \$30,000. Alumni communications costs \$17,000. That all totals up to \$77,000. The paid-off mortgage was \$30,000, so, at that time, we only broke even after raising \$113,000 per year. Your alumni donations have been the only thing that has allowed for smaller annual improvements and equipment replacement.

Some years, no improvements were made on the House at all, as funds were accumulated for larger pressing needs. The recent replacement of the 1979 boiler system is a case in point. Over the most recent years, the Alumni Board completed needed repairs and improvements with a triage approach. As homeowners, you know that can only take you so far. The House has some major needs and those need to be addressed now.

The important thing to note is that with the 1994 mortgage paid off, the Alumni Corp has about \$36,000 per year in additional cash flow. Given the needs, however, that can only supplement the outlays.

What I ask of you is this: Do not repeat the past and go down the mortgage road again. Become more involved, personally and financially. The Alumni Board has discussed the possibility of executing a five-year note if and only if donations do not meet an annual project need. This motion has been tabled until the Winter 2021 meeting, which takes place in January 2021.

Ideally, let's get our Grand Old House what she needs — ahead of her 100th birthday.

In ZAX,  
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P.S. The good news is: we have some good seeds planted and, with the culling of some weeds, the current group of undergrads is starting to show solid signs of growth. They are currently estimating 35 in house for next fall (before any buyouts of 12 new AMs being discussed begins).

*"Fond memories of Lambda Chi, hope it continues to provide others with fond memories to cherish."*

## ELECT YOUR ALUMNI LEADERSHIP TODAY

Brothers,

Due to recent vacancies, there are two current openings on the Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Board that need to be filled. This document provides a link at the bottom of the page to collect nominations for all offices with a special election for 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President. This vote is scheduled to take place at the Spring Alumni Board Meeting at the chapter house in State College on 4/11/2020.

The offices are for a two-year period, prorated in this case, and require a vocal presence at the four annual meetings of the Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Board, held quarterly on a Saturday morning. Attendance may be via telephone, dial-in conference or in person. If you know of someone who can help support the brotherhood, please go to the link below to submit their name. We will notify them of their nomination by the information provided.

General Responsibilities of the 1st Vice-President deal with Fund-Raising activities and alumni correspondence.

General Responsibilities of the 2nd Vice-President deal with House Infrastructure and Physical Plant Maintenance and Improvements.

Please go to the link below to submit nominations for these offices, and thank you for taking the time to get involved. Nominations close 4/11/2020.

<http://lxapsualums.com/election>

In ZAX,  
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## VITAL REPAIRS NEEDED FOR THE GRAND OLD HOUSE

At a recent meeting, we compiled the following list of repairs needed at the Grand Old House.

- **Roofing: \$50,000** (work approved)
- **Second- and third-floor bathrooms: \$125,000** (work yet to be done)
- **Exterior work on House** (stucco, paint, foundation, etc.): **\$35,000**
- **Remodeling 19 rooms** (some more than others): **\$95,000**
- **Finishing floors: \$50,000**
- **Remodeling kitchen: \$60,000**
- **Adding more rooms/Expansion: \$100,000**

These are approximate costs. If you would like to take care of one of these items for naming rights, contact **Tom Gasbarre** at [tgasbarre@wfafinet.com](mailto:tgasbarre@wfafinet.com).

## ALUMNI BROTHERS FILL US IN ON AUTHORED BOOKS, RETIREMENT AND FAMILY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Check out where your alumni Brothers are today! Full updates with photos can be read on the website at [www.lxapsualums.com](http://www.lxapsualums.com) where you can also use the searchable directory to reach out to Brothers personally, reconnect and get their full story!

### Lester Walker, Jr. '62

I've written and illustrated eight books on the subject of my profession (architecture). Two sold over 100,000 copies. I've been a college professor of architecture for 20 years...\*

**Why I give:** "I give for the memories. It's amazing to attend a party where you intimately know everyone. Friday night parties were one of the highlights of my life."

### Silas Powell '67

I was awarded a PhD in 1974, taught for 30 years... Author of 25 published books and hundreds of articles... served as President of the Carbondale (PA) Historical Society and Museum for over 40 years.\*

**Why I give:** "Lambda Chi Alpha was an important part of my undergraduate experience at Penn State, over 50 years ago..."

### Kenneth Termini '87

I'm retired from the corporate world and dedicate most of my time and energy to Palmerton High School as their Varsity Boys Basketball coach...\*

**Why I give:** "I loved my time as an undergrad at LXA. It helped shape me into the man I am today. Many of my Brothers have become lifetime friends."

### Michael Gilotti '69

Just moved to Florida a month ago in Vero Beach. Still maintain my PA residence as well.

**Why I give:** "Giving is a simple matter of supporting the local organization I was part of and I have been active with many fraternity Brothers through the years. The most valuable part of my experience has been the friendships that have endured."

### Michael Shaffer '60

I have been retired since the end of 2005. My wife passed away in June 2015 and now I currently spend six months each in Hope Sound, FL, and Glen Cove, NY, where I have lived since 1966. Play a lot of very terrible golf these days.

**Why I give:** "I know that what I give these days will be put to good use. Current Alumni leadership is doing a great job!"

### Stephen Ahrens '84

Three kids: Elizabeth graduated from Tufts in 2017 and now works in politics on Capitol Hill... Son, Ben, graduated from University of Maryland, Washington in December 2019... Son, Daniel, is a sophomore at Longwood University majoring in Business Admin...\*

**Why I give:** "Supporting the fraternity financially fulfills an obligation I made when I joined. Active Brotherhood always comes with a financial component."

### John Riener '63

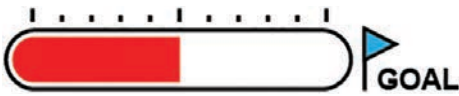
**Why I give:** "I give because of the fond memories of Lambda Chi and I hope it continues to provide others with fond memories to cherish."

Don't forget to send us your updates to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

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# ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

## Help Us Make the 2019-20 Giving Year Strong!



**Raised: \$8,353 | Goal: \$16,000**

Our 2019-20 giving year, which began on July 1, 2019, has less than four months left with \$8,353 collected from 54 Brothers. We want to thank those 54 Brothers (you can find them on this page and under the Honor Roll tab on our website [www.lxapsualums.com](http://www.lxapsualums.com)), who have already made a contribution to Lambda Chi so far this giving year!

Our 2019-20 giving year goal was for \$16,000. Last year only 83 out of 1,095 Alumni chose to make a voluntary gift. **Who will be the next to join our 2019-20 or 2020 Honor Roll?**

You can donate online by simply going to our website, [www.lxapsualums.com](http://www.lxapsualums.com), and selecting the **Donate** button at the top of the page. Donations can also be made through our toll-free Donation Hotline at **1-800-975-6699**, or by sending a check made payable to **Zeta Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha** to:

**Lambda Chi Alpha**  
**The Pennsylvania State University**  
**Alumni Relations Processing Center**  
**P.O. Box 7007**  
**Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007**

Our college days came and went, but the real Lambda Chi experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift *today!*

## 2020 SUMMER GOLF OUTING



Mark your calendars! The **5th Annual Charlie Zendt Memorial Golf Outing** will be held on Saturday, July 18. Again, this year there will be an activity for the non-golfers. That activity will be announced in the near future. The golf outing will take place at the Mountain View Country Club at 1:30. The registration site will be available soon so keep an eye out for an announcement about registration and associated fees.

## 2019-20 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

### Thank You!

*The following Alumni are recognized for their annual fund contributions in 2019-20. Reflects gifts received from July 1, 2019 through March 1, 2020.*

<b>Founder's Club</b> <b>(\$501-\$1,000)</b>	William Yerkes 1977	Joel Sauers 1971	David Miller 1978
Douglas McBrearty 1973	Dale Yanocha 1979	Thomas Lally 1975	Michael Sandala 1978
Kenneth Burk 1980	Kenneth Haas 1981	Ronald Braund 1975	Michael Bittner 1982
Douglas Burrill 2003	W. Taiclet 1982	Paul Taiclet 1976	David Kosko 1991
	Robert Milone 1983	Gregg Turner 1976	Mark Krull 2003
	Marc Fox 1983	Jeffrey Leo 1978	
<b>Cross &amp; Crescent Club</b> <b>(\$251-\$500)</b>	David Zrowka 1984	Thomas Gasbarre 1982	
William Gingrich 1957	Edward Thuer 1989	Gerald Tammaro 1996	
C. Springman 1960	Michael Park 1992	Aaron Bastide 1999	
	Alton Wright 1994		
<b>Gold Club</b> <b>(\$101-250)</b>	<b>Green Club</b> <b>(\$51-\$100)</b>	<b>Purple Club</b> <b>(\$1-\$50)</b>	
Kenneth Haas 1953	Justus Campbell 1951	B. Mahoney 1956	
Frederic Thompson 1956	Michael Shaffer 1960	Angelo Bianchi 1964	
Joseph Jones 1961	Lester Walker 1962	Thomas Stahl 1966	
J. Watt 1962	David Raezer 1964	Michael Gilotti 1969	
John Riener 1963	David Lightner 1965	Kenneth Brinker 1971	
Roy Gifford 1965	Dennis McDonough 1968	John Sedlak 1973	
John Antonitis 1968	Richard Sharrer 1968	Kenneth Magrini 1973	
Frank Yanocha 1976	Harold Quigley 1971	Glynn Chase 1974	
		Timothy Eorgan 1978	

### Make Your Gift

1. Log on to [www.lxapsualums.com](http://www.lxapsualums.com) and click on Donate in the upper righthand corner
2. Call **800-975-6699**
3. Mail a check payable to **"Lambda Chi Alpha - Zeta Chapter"** to the return address on this newsletter.

# LXA ACTIVES: BUSTING MOVES & WATERMELONS WITH LXA PHILANTHROPY



## 2019-2020 Philanthropy At LXA

Some of the most exciting events that our Brothers put together are those that benefit others. The most recent philanthropic events were the annual **Watermelon Bust for Feeding America** and **THON 2020**. Here are some photos of the Brothers in action at these amazing events!



## CALL FOR VICE PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS & ALUMNI WEBSITE REGISTRATION



Brotherhood is unique. We spend four years on a college campus with our fraternity Brothers, and as a result, we have a community for a lifetime. We have provided an online forum on our website for you to connect with other alumni. By utilizing the alumni website, you can stay in contact with Brothers wherever life after

graduation took them. Register online for our password-protected platform, so you can upload photos, utilize the searchable directory and read and provide updates.

Visit the alumni page and get connected today!

Register online and start the conversation that has been years in the making.



*To Get Current News, Share Memories,  
See the Honor Roll,  
AND TO DONATE!*

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**We need to hear from you! Please send your nominations for our vacant alumni board offices. We have openings for President, Secretary, Treasurer and also 1st and 2nd Vice-President. You can email your nominations to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).**