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## BY THE NUMBERS

Penn Theta works in partnership with a third-party graduate relations firm to maintain a database of our brothers to ensure we're reaching as many graduates as possible through our print and email communications.

As brothers move and change jobs, we sometimes lose their current mailing and email addresses and lose touch with them. Here is a snapshot of our current database:

**Total active alumni:** 964  
(have a mailing address on file)

**Lost brothers:** 134 (12.20%)  
(no current mailing address on file)

**Valid email addresses:** 755  
(68.76%)

Help us stay up-to-date with your brothers by updating their contact information (or update your own if you've moved recently) by emailing us at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

Rest assured that our database is used solely for Penn Theta communications and will never be traded or sold.

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Oh, What a Feeling!

These days it's nothing to snap hundreds of photos and share them with friends and family all over the globe. However, some of us don't regularly check the internet and are missing out on these photos! Check out these awesome photos from our archives and don't forget to send your own SAE photos to our alumni relations office at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com). Please include as much information about your submissions as possible, including names, dates and locations. Make sure you mention that they're for SAE UPenn.

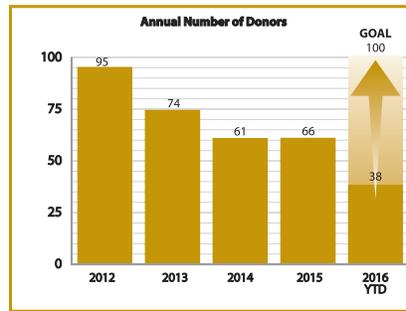
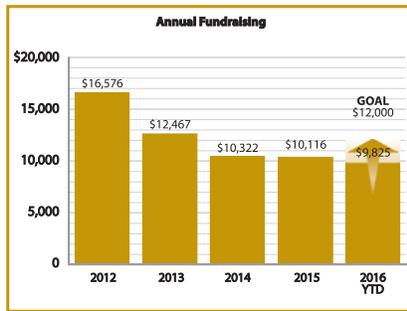


# ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

## 70% of Us Have Never Stepped Up to the Plate

Six months into our 2015-2016 giving year, which began on September 1, 2015, we've raised \$9,825 from 38 donors toward our goal of \$12,000 from 100 donors. As the graph shows, we are capable of so much more than that! Did you know that 70% of all alumni members have never made a contribution?

The holidays are over and tax returns are on their way, so now is the perfect time to make your contribution to Penn Theta Chapter! It's easy to do, just visit our website at [www.saepath.org](http://www.saepath.org)



saepath.org and in the top right hand corner of the homepage you will find "Click here to donate" in purple text. You can then choose to mail in a check or make a donation online.

Alumni communications. Events. Scholarships. House updates. These are just

a few of the things that donations to our annual fund help us to provide. Our chapter relies 100% on alumni donations to ensure the bright future of Penn Theta Chapter of SAE at the University of Pennsylvania.

We would like to thank our top five all time donors, **Brian Roth '96**, **Jack Neal Jr. '62**, **Steven Saltzman '85**, **Harry Fisher '89** and **Jeffrey Karp '88** for their generous donations over the years, as well as the 38 men who contributed so far this giving year:

### Founder Member (\$1,000+)

Brian Roth 1996

### 3908 Spruce Street Society (\$390.80)

Anthony Daponte 1961  
Steven Sloan 1977

### Phi Alpha Club (\$250 - \$390.79)

William Bain 1947  
Byron Tobin 1960  
James Streicher 1988  
Paul McCaffery 1996

### Royal Purple & Old Gold Society (\$150 - \$249.99)

Ronald Bond 1959  
John Meier 1959  
James Tito 1959  
James Warner 1959  
Todd Sloan 1961  
Frank Carmone 1962  
John Vander Wiele 1963  
Jeffrey Karp 1988

### Minerva's Circle (\$100 - \$149.99)

David Jones 1946  
William Grant 1949  
Stanley Mayers 1949  
James Bennett 1958  
James Johnson 1959  
Joseph Murgo 1960  
Charles Bolton 1961  
John McConnell 1962  
Stephen Ambrose 1976  
Kevin O'Malley 1982  
James Waters 1986  
Eric Berger 1987  
Enrique Abeyta 1995

### Penn Theta Supporter (\$50 - \$99.99)

Paul Griesmer 1946  
Frank Kohlenberger 1947  
Charles Tornetta 1953  
George Cole 1954  
Jeffrey Lenn 1962  
Andrew Donnally 1981  
Steven Morris 1986

### Other

Leslie Callahan 1972  
Daniel Povia 1980  
Wilson Tong 2009

## ALUMNI EVENTS

### What Have Our Alumni Brothers Been Up To?

There have been a lot of alumni reunion events recently. Weren't able to attend? Here's what our brothers have been up to:



SAE alumni enjoying the post-game reception at the Chapter House after Penn's Homecoming win over Princeton.

L-to-R: Jim Streicher '88, Rob Villani '86, and Mike Eckels '87



SAE alumni and spouses enjoying the Sixers game at the Wells Fargo Center after Penn's Homecoming win over Princeton.

L-to-R: Gordon Pine '60, Mia Pine, Anne Sawyer, Dick Sawyer '61, Diana McConnell, and John McConnell '62



SAE alumni enjoying the Sixers game at the Wells Fargo Center after Penn's Homecoming win over Princeton.

L-to-R: Bill Lohr '85 and Harry Fisher '89

## ALUMNUS UPDATE

### Penn Theta's Resolution: To Stay Connected and Involved

With the New Year upon us, it's time to start thinking about New Year's Resolutions. **One of Penn Theta Chapter's 2016 resolutions is to stay connected with our fellow brothers and be more active.** So, what have you been up to since you left Philadelphia? Have you caught up with any brothers recently? Attended any events? Gotten married? Had kids or grandkids? Moved? Retired? We, your brothers, want to know!

**Dave Jones '46** "At the age of 92 I don't have anything interesting to report. I continue to support the Chapter every year and watch the published contributors list to see how many of my Brothers from the mid-to-late 1940's are still around. I'm grateful that my mind is still reasonably sharp and that helps me deal with the age-related medical issues, primarily mobility problems.

I retired from A&P, the supermarket chain, in 1987 after 39 years. We had a passion for travel which took us to all 50 states, 3 Canadian trips, 12 trips to the UK and Europe, a Bermuda cruise and small ship Virgin Island, US coastal and river cruises. The inability to travel even more is one of the unfortunate results of our physical conditions.

I lost my wife of 54 years in an automobile accident in 2004, spent almost a month in

intensive care in Portland, OR, was flown home to Morristown and eventually responded to physical therapy that left little of the original damage. I'm upbeat by nature, not a gloom-and-doom type, and that's a big plus. It keeps me from being upset by my physical limitations.

I remarried in 2005 to a lady who had been my wife's closest friend and had been a widow for several years. We'd known each other for over 20 years, were in the same social group, etc. Neither of us would have predicted that we would get together but we did. We're enjoying life together every day.

My main outside activity is with the Presbyterian Church in Morristown where I've been an Elder for more than 40 years and am still an at-large member of the Finance Committee. I am involved mostly

in financial affairs such as capital fundraising and the annual stewardship campaigns.

#### SUBMIT YOUR UPDATE

##### Share What You've Been Up to With Your Brothers

There's plenty of good news out there; stories of how your Greek experience helped you, taught you an important lesson, made you the man you are today, allowed you to meet the love of your life, led you to your first job and professional journey, etc. Please share yours!

Submitting an update is easy! Just visit our website at [www.saepath.org](http://www.saepath.org), log in, click the "Alumni Updates" tab and select the "Add Alumni Update" button. Or, you can email them to our editor at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com). Don't forget to include some photos for our albums!

## THE LOVE CONNECTION

Last month we asked each of you who met your significant others through SAE Penn to share your love stories with the rest of us in honor of Valentine's Day. **Brother Chris Rinaldi '84** nominated **Brother Greg Herr '86** to share his SAE love story with us and **Brother Lloyd Swaim '58** sent us his Penn Theta Chapter fairytale:

#### Lloyd Swaim '58



"I met Ann at a Christmas tree trimming party at the house in 1957. We have been married 57 years.

She remembers a couple of Penn Theta brothers singing Sweet Violets on her sorority lawn after she received my SAE pin.

The photo was taken in England last year when we were touring."

#### Greg Herr '86

"It was a Spring Fling gone right.

In the spring of 1982, **Steve Wendel '84** arranged for his sister **Caroline Wendel**, a high school senior, to come from Boston to Philadelphia to look at area colleges.

Why not time it so that she could bring her friend **Stacey Flanagan**, Steve's girlfriend, and come down during Spring Fling? So, that was the plan, and Steve asked me to chaperone his little sister during the weekend.

Another brother was coming on to her when I stepped in and I broke a date with a Bryn Mawr girl to take Caroline to the big Spring Fling concert (the B-52s, this was 1982). Somehow in the middle of Spring Fling, we attended Sunday church services together, which was my only church service at Penn.

I never left her side, and have seldom left her side since. Caroline chose to attend Philadelphia College of Art (now University of the Arts), dated me throughout college, became a Little Sister of Minerva and we have been happily married since 1988. That's taking the chaperone role to heart!

The part of the story that my wife Caroline likes the best – on the morning of her return trip, Steve tried to brace Caroline for the expectation that our relationship wouldn't last by sneaking out of the fraternity house to drive Caroline to the train station without me. On the ride he told her that things like that happen in college, and she'd probably never hear from me again. I saw the car leave, then dressed quickly and ran the mile and a half to 30th Street Station to say goodbye, complete with the movie scene of walking/running alongside the train as she waved out the window and the train pulled away."

*If you didn't share your Kappa Sigma love story, you can email it to our editor at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).*

## ALUMNUS PROFILE

### Catching Up With Ron Bond '59

After graduation, many people go into the business world to start their careers. Unlike many of his brothers, **Ron Bond '59** didn't take an ordinary career path after graduating; Ron joined the Air Force for 28 years of service. Ron spent most of his time in the service flying a 707, which is a KC 135 Tanker that refuels other planes.



His duties shifted during the Vietnam War however. Due to need, Ron flew an RF-4 Phantom as a fighter pilot during the war. "It was exciting taking pictures of North Vietnam and Laos, but I didn't enjoy getting shot at," Ron recalls. He then spent the last 8 years of his service time flying congressmen and their families around the world. After leaving the military, Ron worked with the Army Corps of Engineers as a contractor flying up and down the Mississippi River repairing dam sites for 14 years.

Needless to say, as busy as Ron was, he lost contact with Penn Theta. Two years ago, Ron attended the funeral of his back-seater from Vietnam at the Arlington National Cemetery. He was a major from New York City and his wife asked Ron to speak at the funeral.

The same weekend as the funeral, Ron decided to take a visit back to Philadelphia for Penn's homecoming weekend, where he got to reconnect with many of the brothers he hadn't seen in so long. "After being away for so many years, it was great to see the guys I lived in the house with. For someone that's been away for so long, reconnecting with that many brothers was really refreshing and exciting," Ron says.

Read the rest of Ron's story on our website: [www.saepath.org](http://www.saepath.org)

## ALUMNUS MEMORY

### Throwback to Penn Theta in the 1950's

Special thanks to **Raymond M. Dorsch MD '52** for submitting this story. He writes "A vignette from the Dark Ages... it shows that your grandfathers also had some wild times."

In early 1952, the brothers had been needling the pledges about having no spirit as a group. They disproved this by making off with all the bed linens and blankets from the sleeping dorm (we all slept in one room at the time) and hid them in a room in the Quad. We recovered them, but plotted revenge. This consisted of kidnapping the two ringleaders and hauling them off. Both were blindfolded, and then one was taken to New Jersey and the other to Maryland.

The NJ group of brothers and the pledge went in two cars, but had to stop for gas after crossing the bridge. The pledge managed to get the car window open and yelled out "kidnap!" The brothers thought this was funny, but the gas-station owner did not. He called the state police. The cars took the pledge to the Pine Barrens and dropped him off. He bolted before the blindfold was removed and his tied hands freed, but he was able to remove them shortly. He was found walking down the road by a passing car, which took him back to civilization. Meantime, the police apprehended the villain brothers – with guns drawn - at a

traffic circle and hauled them off to jail for the night. The EA had been part of this affair, but he did not return directly to the



campus. He went to see his girlfriend in NJ and was arrested at her house by the police. Everyone eventually made it back to school the following day –thoroughly chastened.

The Maryland boy was taken to an area near the Conowingo Dam and released on a back road. Everything was taken from him but his cigarettes. Having had a premonition of something like this adventure, he had secreted a ten-dollar bill in one of his cigarettes. He walked down the road and came to a farmer working in his barn. The farmer directed the pledge to walk across a couple fields to US 1, where he was able to flag down a bus. He made it back to campus only a short time after his abductors.

The NJ kidnapping caused a campus furor and resulted in an editorial and political cartoon in the Philadelphia Inquirer about

college boys playing around while other boys were dying in Korea. The result was a five-day suspension for the culprits and six weeks of social probation for the house. Those involved in the Maryland stunt escaped detection – and punishment - which was fortunate because I was EDA and had been part of that affair. I had to humbly represent the house to the dean and promise no further such high jinks. The end of the school year was not far away, but the probation

cramped our social life. Other houses helped, and we survived.

We want to know the best stories from your SAE days! Send your submissions to our editors at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

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