

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Homecoming 2009

November 7  
vs. Princeton

Make plans to meet up with other Penn Thetas using the online directory and message boards at [www.saeopath.org](http://www.saeopath.org)!

## NEW BROTHERS

### Nathaniel Ashton

Hanover, NH

### Oliver Backes

Philadelphia, PA

### Samuel Barrett

Albany, NY

### Ramzi Ghannam

Philadelphia, PA

### Greyson Gregory

New Haven, CT

### Raymond Harari

Panama City, Panama

### Seth Harrison

San Diego, CA

### James Karivalis

Hammonton, NJ

### Chresten Knaff

Kalispell, MT

### Henry Litman

Boston, MA

### Vincent Mannino

Philadelphia, PA

### Evan Mossop

Danville, CA

### Benjamin Piersall

Kalispell, MT

### Nitin Puri

Los Angeles, CA

### Aqib Rashid

Scottsdale, AZ

### Nicolas Rivard

Ann Arbor, MI

### David Thomas

Atlanta, GA

### Anthony Xie

Dallas, TX

# SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON PENNSYLVANIA

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## CHAPTER REPORT

### Penn Theta to Boast a Full House for 2009-10 Academic Year *Stop By to Meet the Active Chapter and See Summer House Improvements*

*By Jotham Klein, Eminent Archon*

The Pennsylvania Theta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon continues to thrive at the University of Pennsylvania. This spring, we hosted a variety of events, from parties and mixers, to brotherhood outings and alumni events, but we are most proud of the 18 freshman and sophomores who completed their pledge program and were initiated into our brotherhood (see them listed to the left). We also sent two brothers to the Leadership School cruise in San Diego as well as one brother to the SAE National Convention in New Orleans this summer.

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Over this past year, we have hosted a Homecoming reception, a Career Panel, and, most recently, an exceptionally successful and memorable Beer Die tournament. If you were there, we thank you again for coming and hope you had a great time. If you could not make it, you missed out on an entertaining evening.

The brotherhood's relationships with University administration, SAE National, and most importantly our alumni, continue to strengthen as we make a conscious effort to improve our relations with all of these groups. Some of you may be aware of the extra

attention the University administration has been giving the Greek community at Penn.

*Penn Theta continues to build on the solid foundation of years past and will continue to improve in years to come. We welcome your involvement in Penn Theta and encourage you to visit the house and contact us whenever you are able to do so.*

However, despite this scrutiny, SAE has been able to fully enjoy our chapter house and keep a very active social schedule without coming under probation or serious issue with administrators. Our brothers individually continue to exemplify the spirit of the True Gentleman through our many leadership positions on campus, including Chair of the University Assembly, Chair of the College Republicans, Chair of Penn Players Theater Company, Mask and Wig tour director, and IFC Judicial Board Chair, among others.

We are very excited for the new year, as we will have a full chapter house in 2009-2010, thanks to an enthusiastic new class and recent house improvements. Penn Theta continues to build on the solid foundation of years past and will continue to improve in years to come. We deeply appreciate all the support, suggestions, and contributions from alumni. We welcome your involvement in Penn Theta and encourage you to visit the house and contact us whenever you are able to do so.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Which Era Had the Most Fun?

We love hearing great stories and seeing great photos from throughout our chapter's history, including this picture of the chapter in 1960.

*As published in the 1960 edition of The Record... "During the winter months of the past year, the social life of Sigma Alpha Epsilon reached its apex in its annual Christmas Formal. Later in the year the fraternity brothers decorated their house in the style of a southern mansion for their Old South Ball. In the spring a Bacchanalian night was recreated when the brothers and their dates came Roman-style to the*

*SAE Toga Party. The house participated in the Campus Chest Carnival and other philanthropic endeavors, while ranking twelfth scholastically in the I.F. ratings."*

This makes us wonder, which era had the most fun? Let us be the judge! Share your stories and pictures online at [www.saepath.org](http://www.saepath.org), and we'll publish the best of the best in upcoming editions of our newsletter and monthly e-Letter.

*Penn Theta brothers and friends in 1960.*



## ALUMNI STORIES

### Remember When?

*As we continue on our quest to publish the best of the best stories from our archives, we wanted to share a few that our alumni have told us over the years.*

"The memory that makes me laugh hardest today is the police raid at a rowbottom."

– **Leon M. Mielcarek Jr. MD '58**

"One of my best memories is of playing pick-up bridge after dinner in the living room... 'Hey John, just one hand... r-i-i-g-h-t!'"

– **John McConnell '62**

"The most enjoyable parties we had in my era were the spring outings to New Hope. We took a bus from the house after lunch and spent the afternoon wandering around the shops. At dinnertime we had two barges that went on the canal along the Delaware. One barge had a combo on it for dancing. The other barge had drinks and box dinners with room to sit, eat and drink. A bus home with an onboard nightcap topped off the day. It was a very popular event for the brothers and our dates."

– **George Johnson '64**

"I remember Paul Cucchissi performing Meatloaf's song and reenacting 'he's rounding third and he's heading home.'"

– **Daniel Povia '80**

"I would have never learned how to do the moon chug, play wallball or sing the Hottie Tottie were I not a Penn Theta."

– **Jeffrey Karp '88**

*What is YOUR best memory from your SAE days? Share it online at [www.saepath.org](http://www.saepath.org).*

## IN MEMORY

**Rick Steingraber '76** reports:

"I am very, very sorry to report on the recent untimely passing of **Ben Lichtenberg '76**. We lost Ben in tragic swimming accident on May 22, shortly after he remarried in Boca Raton, Fla."

In addition, we have also learned of the deaths of the following brothers since publication of our last newsletter:

**James Ogden '40**  
**Herbert Valentine '40 (5/5/08)**  
**John Stern Jr. '48**  
**Thomas Bradley Jr. '50 (6/13/09)**

Penn Theta mourns their losses and extends condolences to their families and friends.

# THANK YOU!

You're receiving this issue of our newsletter exclusively thanks to your past support of The Penn Theta Alumni Association. We hope you enjoy this edition, and thank you for your continued support. See page 3 for more information on how to renew your gift in our new giving year.

# FUNDRAISING

## Renew Your Support - and Strengthen Support from Your Class - as We Kick Off another Record Giving Year!

Thank you for your continued support as we wind down from what was our best fundraising year ever! We finished the 2008-09 giving year with a record \$13,305 in annual fund contributions!

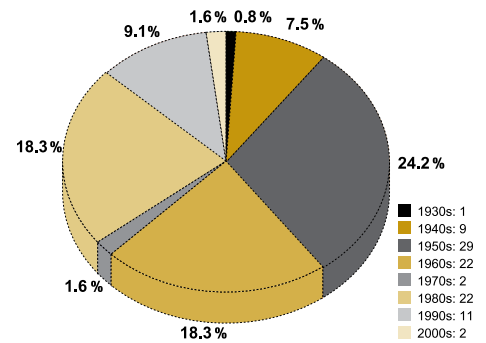
We need your renewed support as we kick off the 2009-10 giving year (which began September 1), to continue our communications program keeping you connected with Penn Theta brothers across time and distance. Renew your gift today, and

encourage other brothers from your era to join the ranks in strengthening the numbers for your decade of graduation!

There are two ways to make a gift: online at [www.saepath.org](http://www.saepath.org) or by calling 800-975-6699. Here's to making 2009-10 another record year!

*The chart to the right represents our donors per decade of graduation. In 2008-09 we had 120 total annual fund donors out of an active alumni base of 1,113 (or 10.78%).*

Donors by Decade (2008-09)



## 2008-09 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

### Thank You to our 2008-09 Contributors!

Thank you to the following alumni for their support of the annual fund, which has made publication of this newsletter possible. If you aren't listed below, please renew your gift this year!

#### Penn Theta Legacy Society (\$500 - \$999)

Timothy J. Ballard	1989
Harry J. Fisher	1989
Michael B. Schaedle Esq.	1989
Paul Reed Maurer III	1990

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

James C. Warner	1959
Lewis D. Friedland	1981

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

Robert E. Lamb	1958
James L. Tito	1959
Richard D. Sawyer	1961
Jack D. Neal Jr.	1962
George R. Johnson	1964
B. Franklin Reinauer III	1965
Steven R. Sloan	1977
Kenneth V. Athaide	1984
Yon Ku Cho	1984
Eric J. Marsh	1984
Michael C. Ault	1989
James V. Rao	1989
Robert A. Schmeltzer	1989
Enrique Javier Abeyta	1995

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

John D. Meier	1959
Charles H. Bolton III	1961
Kenneth A. Pipher Jr.	1961
Stephen Goff	1962
Richard B. Steinkamp	1963
John Vander Wiele	1963
Dudley H. Moeckel	1965
Andrew J. White	1965
Brett Barth	1993

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

Richard R. Brown	1946
William D. Bain Jr.	1947
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William T. Green	1951
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Edward D. Ging	1958
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Christopher D. Kager	1990
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Timothy B. Guild	1999
Vijay Singh Chattha	1999
Timur Kocaoglu	2005

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

Charles S. Schwarz	1936
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Allan Ray Putnam	1942
David E. Jones	1946
Raymond L. Mossing	1946
William B. Grant	1949
Stanley P. Mayers Jr.	1949
Norman Stevens	1950
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Charles J. Tornetta	1953
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George Schall	1956
Walter B. Bull Jr.	1958
Richard Lundquist	1958
Kenneth A. Thorn	1958
Ronald M. Bond	1959
Charles E. Hansing	1960
Jere Blackwelder	1963
Daniel W. Povia	1980
Howard Tai	1982
John K. Mak	1983
Lawrence B. Shaffer Jr.	1986
Eric H. Berger	1987
Michael Harris Feinberg	1991
Eric D. Friedlander	1991
Jonathan Michaels	1994
Joe Fehrman	2005

#### Other

Emery W. Wheeler	1944
John W. Laufer Jr.	1950
William A. Meredith	1952
Leonard E. Anderson	1954
Ronald E. Ditz	1962
Leslie G. Callahan III	1972
Steven F. Morris	1986

*Reflects gifts received as of August 24.*

## ON THE WEB

### Are You Registered at [www.saepath.org](http://www.saepath.org)? If Not, be Sure to Do So Today!

If you haven't yet been to our web site (or even haven't visited in a while), please take a few moments to explore the site today and to reconnect with Penn Theta and your alumni brothers.

- As a registered user, you can:
- Search for brothers' contact info in the online directory
- Browse the online photos and post personal albums
- Read and share alumni updates
- Register for upcoming events

- And much more!
- While you're on the site, be sure to also update your email address (click on "Edit Info" once you log in) to get on the list to receive our monthly e-Letter.

If you don't yet have a username and password for our site, use your Member ID (found above your name and address on this newsletter) to follow the first time login instructions on the home page at [www.saepath.org](http://www.saepath.org).



## THE ALUMNI EXPERIENCE

### How Does the SAE Experience Live in Your Alumni Years?

Within this newsletter, we share the best stories from brothers reliving the memories from their college years (and ask you to share yours too!). But we also want to know how the alumni experience lives in your alumni years. For example, Charles Earl Hansing '60 says that "SAE provided many friends while in college," many whom he's still friends with today!

We also want to hear the stories of reunions and get-togethers you've had with other Penn Thetas! Whether you get together

with your pledge class annually or recently reunited with your old roommate after many years (or even decades!), we want to hear about it. Share your stories and photos with our editors at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention SAE at Penn in the subject).

*Have you recently gotten together with SAE friends, like this group of Penn Thetas at Homecoming 2007? If so, share your story (and pictures!) with us for publication in a future issue.*



*We're on a quest to find which era in our chapter's history had the most fun! See page 2 for details on how to submit the best stories and pictures from your SAE days.*

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