

The House Bird

Phi Kappa Theta

The Ohio Gamma Theta Chapter
Newsletter

Spring 2013

A Successful Chapter

I would like to thank you for reading this, the first of what will now be a bi-annual newsletter that will keep you informed of what the house is trying to accomplish over each semester. Why include you in the discussion? Because one of the biggest mistakes of the chapter over the past 20 years has been not actively informing the alumni base of our activities and efforts. A strong alumni base is as crucial to a successful chapter as a strong rush. It is important for you to know that we are actively seeking your participation. There are going to be a lot of firsts this year. We will be holding the first Alumni-Active House improvement day this summer. The house is the greatest rush tool we have

and including you in its makeover is crucial to the continued success of Phi Kappa Theta. But make no mistake, this is not a cry for money. Brotherhood has always stopped at the treasurer's door and it will continue to be that way. Far more important than money is time and yours is valuable. We want to bring the Alumni back more than just once a year at Founders Day. We will accomplish this through events outside of this newsletter, and look here for the dates to do so. Some of my fondest memories are shared with alumni in events outside of the house, where years of Phi Kapps come together to celebrate a common heritage. The house will lead those events, because we need you in order to be successful just as you need

Important Dates

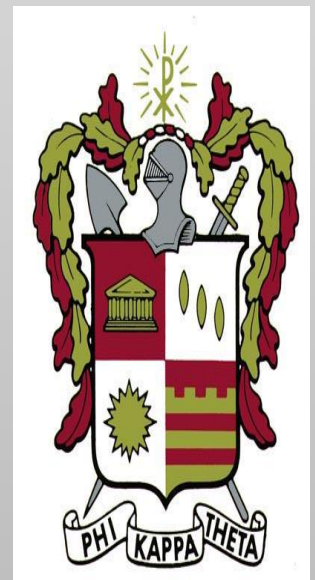
4/4 Snow cones for Kids Philanthropy event

4/13 Formal to Windsor, Canada

4/27 Founders Day observed

5/25 Alumni-Active House Improvement Day

5/26 Cabrewing



us to carry on your legacy.
I look forward to hearing
from you and know that I
am actively working

toward a dialogue between
us. Thank you for your
support.

Chris Beckman
Chapter President

The 2013 Executive Board

President Chris Beckman

I am a junior here at Ohio State back in school after a year and a half hiatus abroad. My main efforts this year will be focused on house restoration and filling the house full of brothers.

Vice President Sean Maholic

I'm a junior majoring in agricultural business. My current goals are to participate in more philanthropy events and host more as well. We've already gone to five philanthropy events this past semester and plan to do the same this semester.

Treasurer Chris Corrigan

I'm an engineering major elected to serve as Treasurer of this fine establishment. So far I've revamped the house budget and been strict with due collection. I hope to bring the house current on dues and keep the budget steady.

Secretary Andy Greene

I am an International Development Studies major serving as the chapter's Secretary. I'm happy to be a part of this fraternity's history and also getting to share laughs during weekly elections. I look forward to keeping communications open with you all as well.

Associate Member Educator Alex Lane

I'm a junior here at OSU and have been a member of this Fraternity for slightly under a year. I will be transferring to OU next year to study Music Therapy, which is why I am sharing this position with Quinn. I fully intend to continue my involvement with Phi Kappa Theta in Athens as well. I have a tremendous amount of respect for the Associate Member Process and look forward to shaping the gentlemen who choose to join this House into fully-fledged Phi Kapp Men. By guiding our associate members on their path to brotherhood I want to instill in them the same amount of respect, dedication, loyalty and love for this House that I believe we all share.

Associate Member Educator Quinn Prendergast

I joined the house almost a year ago, and have already achieved the Executive Board position of Associate Member Educator. This past year has been a great learning and growing experience as a person. Throughout high school I never imagined I would join a fraternity, but today I couldn't be happier.

Rush Chairman Sam Sohnly

I am taking a new proactive approach to rush, getting all brothers active, and participating in new and unique activities to attract quality new members. I am very excited to help breed a new generation of Phi Kapp.

Social Chairman Sean Johnson

I am a sophomore Security and Intelligence student, and I am honored to have been elected to the position of Social Chair this year. This semester, we have participated in a Themed Gathering with the ladies of DZ and hosted our annual winter after hours party, Pimps and Hoes. We have a packed year coming up, filled with brotherhoods, another major after hours party, and our formal in Windsor, Canada. Greek Week is coming up in April and Cabrewing will be this summer. It is exciting to be a Phi Kapp this year and will continue to be for years to come.

Risk Manager Jared Chambers

My goals for this semester are to help the house stay in a good standing with IFC by making sure necessary rules are being followed and by managing other risks to the best of my ability.

House Manager Alex Zeto

I am a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering. My plan for this year is to do a house improvement project every month. Already we have put a combined 80+ hours of work into the house. Many more projects are planned and there will be a large-scale improvement day over the summer.



Improving Ohio Gamma Theta

Although we have many aspirations for this year, the chapter has made significant strides towards fulfilling the goals we have set. We have already made repairs to the laundry room, which had been water-damaged for years, and are looking for a washer and dryer currently to make the room usable for brothers once again. We have reorganized the parking lot to assign spaces according to room with the extra spaces designated by seniority. Our weekly chapter meetings are once again being held in the Active Room, as the lights have been fixed and are working for the first time in almost three years. To help improve the fraternity's standing with the university, we have reinstated an appointed Scholarship Chairman who has established a studying database of class notes for active brothers to use and, therefore, improve our cumulative GPA. In terms of social events, we are holding a Brotherhood every month and will be having two Afterhours per semester in addition to the Afterhours that is planned by Associate Members. A Recycling Chairman has been appointed to collect cans and other recyclables from parties and from brothers' rooms to provide the House with extra

money. To fulfill our goal of increasing membership, we have made significant improvements to our rush strategy. Our plan is to hand out several dozens of bids and wean our Associate Members from the process if we believe they will be problematic before the issue can arise. The most important goal we share is to fill the House with brothers who have been made worthy of membership of Phi Kappa Theta through the Associate Member Process. To help us meet our goals, we wish to keep open communication with our alumni brothers. Memorial Day weekend, we invite you to the House to take part in the Alumni-Active Improvement Day and to stay and join us for Cabrewing if you are able. Projects for the improvement day will be posted during our Founders Day celebration. This generation of Phi Kapps has a lot of work to do, but with your help we can continue to grow and to dare to be better.

"Give, expecting nothing thereof",

Andy Greene, Chapter Secretary

p.s. Fuck Michigan!