

CANDLELIGHT

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OUTSTANDING YEAR FOR THE PIKES

- *Foundation Board Details Operating Expenditures for 2009*
- *Generous Alumni Contribute to an Excellent Year*
- *New Foundation Directors and Officers Appointed*

We are pleased to report that the Beta Phi Foundation had a great year. The foundation used \$30,550 of its assets to remodel two main floor rooms into study/library rooms. One large room is equipped with a long center table and has Internet access. This is of particular importance as most of the undergraduates use laptops in the classroom and in the new study rooms. Operating expenditures for 2009 were \$39,115, leaving a year-end net worth for the foundation of \$359,445. A complete profit and loss statement for 2009 is available on request.

The directors of the foundation wish to express our appreciation for the generous contributions from Beta Phi alumni. Last year we held a successful golf tournament in June and an expanded Pike reunion weekend in October. We held our fourth annual Pike Old Masters Program, honoring three successful alumni, in December. We have now honored 14 Purdue Pike Old Masters. We continue publishing a spring and fall *Candlelight* newsletter and update news on the foundation's Web site, www.pikapurdue.org.

At the end of 2009, our loyal friend, director **Bob Rain '55**, retired from the foundation after 10 years of dedicated service. However the board has grown with two new directors elected. **Mike Kristakis '86** graduated with a degree in supervision and is owner and president of a decorating and wall covering company. Mike and his family reside in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. **Dick Duncan '69** earned a degree in industrial management and holds a law degree from the University of Cincinnati. Dick is semi-retired and resides with his family in Dayton, Ohio.

New officers for 2010 are Secretary and Historian **Rex Martin '72** and Vice President **Brian Doolittle '70**. The directors meet three times each year. A complete listing of the directors can be found on page four. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. We look forward to another great year for the Beta Phi Pikes.

In the bonds of φφκκα,
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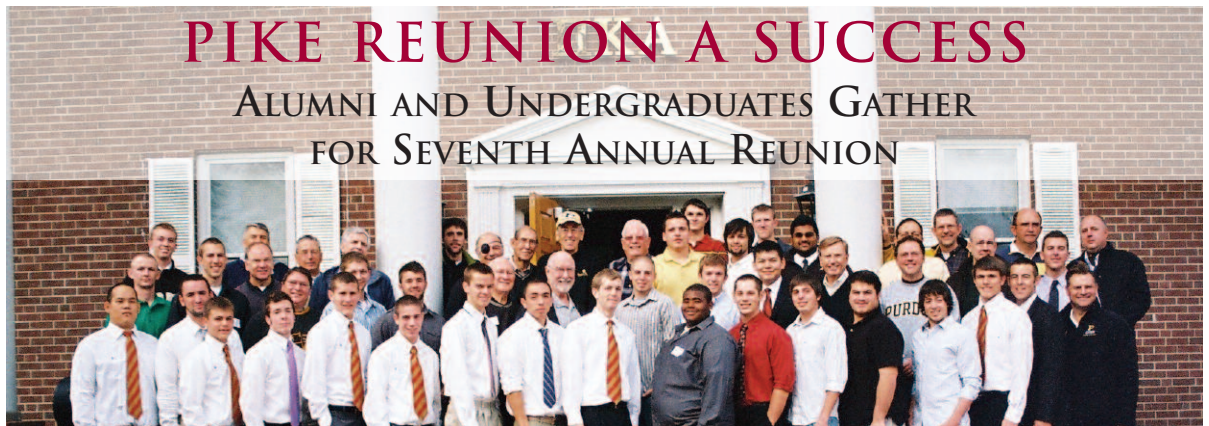
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PIKE REUNION A SUCCESS

ALUMNI AND UNDERGRADUATES GATHER
FOR SEVENTH ANNUAL REUNION



The seventh annual Pike reunion was held October 23–25, 2009, at Purdue. On Friday morning members of the foundation board of directors, home association directors, the Chapter officers, and the new alumni advisory board joined together for a very productive meeting at the Dick and Sandy Dauch Alumni Center. Later that evening, alumni and their spouses gathered for a reception and delicious dinner.

On Saturday morning we were graciously greeted at the Pike house by sharply dressed new members who handed out gorgeous corsages to wives and lady guests. **Jim Thompson '57** led the brothers in the traditional group sing, and **Bob Rain '55** was given the special recognition of board member emeritus as he transitions out of his position on the Beta Phi Foundation. Two scholarships were then presented: the Arthur S. Bowes Scholarship to

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PIKE REUNION A SUCCESS

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Rich Russell '58 and Mary Lou and Bob Rain '55 with the scholarship winners.

Drew Seeley '10 and the Robert L. Rain Scholarship to **Kyle Russell '10**. Following the presentations, a group picture was taken in front of the house, and the undergraduates enjoyed looking over the Dream Girl calendars from the 1970s and 1980s.

After a wonderful brunch provided by the collegians and some time for conversation and reminiscing, we headed to Ross-Ade Stadium for the game against Illinois. Later, we celebrated a hard-earned victory at our annual banquet at the Lafayette Country Club. Yet another successful Pike reunion was but a memory as we parted ways knowing, in time, we would meet again to share the precious bonds of brotherhood.

Mark your calendars now for the weekend of November 6th!

In the bonds of φφκκ,

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Leadership from the Foundation board, Home Association, and Chapter Advisors with the Boilermaker special.



Dick Duncan '69, Stephen Peppler '71, Kirk '89 and Kelly Cerny, and Brian Doolittle '70 enjoy a lull in the action before heading to the Purdue vs. Illinois football game.



Tom '71 and Elaine Eyre and Lynne and Rex Martin '72 enjoy a Saturday brunch hosted by the undergraduates



Back-to-back intramural basketball champions. Front: Kyle Brookey '10, Bryce Espey '10 Nick Burchfield '10, and Alex Toth '10. Back: Jacob Hutt '10, Danny Williams '11, Grant Tribbett '10, and David Yates '10.



Brothers from Pi Kappa Alpha, sisters from Delta Zeta, and children from Head Start at a Christmas party.

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UNDERGRADUATE G.P.A. ASCENDS THE RANKS

- Brothers Participate in Interfraternity Processes and Athletics
- Big Plans for Grand Prix with Two Entries

The brothers of Beta Phi Chapter are working hard and taking large strides to become one of the elite fraternities at Purdue University.

RECRUITMENT

We are in our spring semester of recruitment and have set a goal of bidding 12 to 15 new members. Our fall class saw the initiation of 22 new members. We are proud of these brothers and look forward to the ways they will advance the standing of Pike on campus.

ACTIVITIES

Our Chapter is represented on the Interfraternity Council with two brothers, **Chaz Reeves '11** and **Matt Rall '12**, holding seats on the board of directors. On the athletic field we have started spring sports, which showcase the brothers' strongest events. Last year we sent two teams to the basketball finals but unfortunately played against each other. We are excited about athletics and plan to make a strong push for a great finish to the year. Along with intramurals we have a number of brothers who are involved in club sports at Purdue such as lacrosse, rugby, and indoor hockey.

ACADEMICS

Increasing focus on academics was a significant effort last semester and will continue during my presidency. We have implemented a strict academic policy that will help improve the overall Chapter G.P.A. We have moved up 11 spots in the rankings since last fall. We are working hard to reach our goal of achieving the highest grade point average among all fraternities. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Mr. and Mrs. Kent for the scholarship they have provided. This news should help our focus on academics for the coming year.

GRAND PRIX

The brothers are extremely excited about this year's Grand Prix. We plan to enter two cars in the race and bring the trophy back to Pi Kappa Alpha. The entire Chapter is eager for what the new semester will bring and plan on great things for the future.



In the bonds of φφκκ,
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MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES FILL CHAPTER'S CALENDAR

REPORT FROM THE CHAPTER ADVISOR

I could not be more excited to write this report. There are several Beta Phi projects I have personally been involved with over the last several years and it does my heart proud to see them all prosper.

The fourth annual Pike Old Masters was held on December 5. The weekend began with an alumni dinner and a Boiler basketball victory on Saturday. Sunday brought meetings and speaking engagements with the undergraduates. The weekend featured:

- **Wade Miquelon '87**, vice president and chief financial officer of Walgreens Co. Wade resides in the Chicago area with his wife, Claudia, and their three children: William, Isabella, and Nicholas.

- **Dave Jankowski '86**, executive vice president for Weigand Construction in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Dave and his wife, Sara, have four children: Cameron, Andrew, Kaysie, and Alexis.

- **Bill Kinder '95**, owner of Michael Kinder and Sons Construction in Ft. Wayne. Bill resides in Ft. Wayne with his wife, Lisa, and two children, Brooke and Billy.

The undergraduates and alumni were thrilled with the weekend, and we plan to hold our fifth annual event in December 2010. If you are interested in becoming one of our old masters, please contact me at your convenience.

Several of our alumni have graciously volunteered on the Alumni Advisory Committee and are actively working with the undergraduates. They are a tremendous addition to the continuity of Beta Phi, giving the undergraduates a big brother to go to for history and advice as they perform their duties. We have added a new position to the committee; **Bill Kinder '95** is the HIM advisor. We feel strongly that with the proper guidance and continued support of Dick Cypherd Property Management, the undergraduates can hold to the high standard of maintenance we have set.

This year's **Grand Prix** is the 25th anniversary of the victory of our own **Doug Wright '86** in 1985. Doug is our alumni advisor to the Grand Prix Committee. While last year produced a seventh place finish, it is the goal

of the Chapter to have two karts in the race and be on the podium in 2010. Join us the morning of April 24 at the house to see the race at the new Grand Prix Complex. I have spoken to numerous alumni who will be back for this event. The Chapter will roll out the red carpet and hopefully roll into the victory lane. **Choose fun – 25 years later!**

Finally, mark your calendars for the annual golf outing on June 12. We are working to reach the number of golfers that would allow us to have a shotgun start. Those of you who have attended in the past, we look forward to seeing you again. Those of you who have not attended, you are missing a truly great time. Get a group of your pledge brothers and we will put all of your four-somes together on the course. Once a Pike—Always a Pike.

In the bonds of φφκκ,
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BETA PHI FOUNDATION RECEIVES GENEROUS BEQUEST

In August the Beta Phi Foundation inherited \$80,000 from Ms. Patricia Anne Barton's estate in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Emory Barton Jr. and **Dale B. Louiso '54**. It is the largest donation the foundation has ever received. When Ms. Barton's estate closes in March, the foundation will receive an additional \$5,000.

Ms. Barton and brother Louiso were a couple for many years. When Dale died in September 2000, he left his estate to Ms. Barton. In 2001 her attorney of many years prepared a will that designated the foundation, prominent Chicago cultural institutions, and others as beneficiaries.

Shortly after Ms. Barton died in April 2003, a purported will written in 2002 was delivered to Barton's attorney. This will made a Constantinos Alexander Peabody-Zombanakis (a.k.a. Alexander Nicholas Pandis) the principal beneficiary and, in effect, disinherited many of the 2001 beneficiaries, including the foundation.

Attorneys representing Barton's estate and disinherited institutions (I represented the foundation) were suspicious of the 2002 will, particularly after our investigation revealed that Mr. Pandis had a criminal record, a history of preying upon older women, and was being investigated by the federal government for various misconduct.

The estate and disinherited beneficiaries contested the 2002 will. In October of 2007 a two-day trial was held in the Circuit Court of Cook County in Chicago. After post-trial briefing, on November 20, 2007, the judge ruled that the 2002 will was invalid and that the distribution of the estate's assets were determined by the 2001 will.

Mr. Pandis appealed, but the Illinois Appellate Court affirmed the decision on September 30, 2008. At this stage, Mr. Pandis capitulated and the estate could start the process of distributing the estate's assets. Since the foundation is a residual beneficiary, it is among the last to receive its entire gift.

Meanwhile, Mr. Pandis pleaded guilty to certain federal charges. The judge, however, refused to send him to jail but did impose a long and stringent probation.

Roy Hofer '57

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A LIFETIME OF GIVING

Planned Giving Made Possible Through Estate Gifts

The Beta Phi Foundation is able to make tax-exempt estate gifts a reality through its filing as a 501(c)(3). This was recently seen when the foundation received a generous gift of \$80,000 from the estate of Patricia Barton.

We have received inquiries from alumni expressing interest in planned giving to the Beta Phi Chapter through estate planning. For brothers who have experienced the bonds of lifelong friendships, life-changing lessons, and lasting memories, an estate gift is a meaningful way to provide a gift that will secure Pike Purdue bonds for future generations.

In planning for an estate gift, the foundation can provide you, your accountant, or lawyer a copy of our IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. If an alumnus or family wishes to include Beta Phi in their estate planning, special recognition will be provided without listing an amount. The foundation cannot provide legal advice regarding estate planning but recommends alumni contact their accountants or lawyers. For more information on estate planning, contact President **Rich Russell '58** at rich@richandphyllis.com or Treasurer Bruce Pershing at blpershing@comcast.net. The Beta Phi Foundation sincerely appreciates and will appropriately acknowledge any estate gift.



Alumnus Chooses to Support Education

Spotlight on **Charlie "Tex" Kent '60**

to meet good people who would do anything for a brother."

*"The way I see things,
if something or someone has
been good to me in the past,
I better return the favor.
Beta Phi prepared me
for a lifetime of success."*

Two days after being accepted as a transfer student at Purdue, **Charlie Kent '60** was on a train headed to the new world of Indiana from his home state of Texas. Without a clue as to where he would even sleep upon arrival, Charlie met a Pike on the train who offered him a place to spend the night. As fate would have it, the warm Beta Phi hospitality led to an Indiana home for Charlie, who pledged soon after arrival.

"I had never experienced the type of camaraderie that I shared at Pi Kappa Alpha. My years in the Chapter at Purdue helped me to discover who I was and allowed me

After graduating from Purdue, Charlie served in the Marines and in the reserves for several years, achieving the rank of Captain. He also returned home to earn a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas. His career took him all over the country, from New York as an engineer for Eastman Kodak to a consultant in Rhode Island to a vice president of operations for a Black and Decker subsidiary in Wisconsin. Ultimately, Charlie found his niche developing a software program for distribution companies. The software was

written up in a selling brochure by IBM and the phone started ringing.

As business grew, Charlie looked for ways to give back. For Beta Phi, this meant two significant scholarships. One for the top Marine candidate each year and one for the undergraduate with the most improved G.P.A. over two consecutive semesters.

"The way I see things, if something or someone has been good to me in the past, I better return the favor. Beta Phi prepared me for a lifetime of success. It was there that I learned leadership skills, broadened my horizons, and developed connections that would last a lifetime. Life has taught me never to pass up the opportunity to help another person."

Charlie and his wife, Mary Lynn, make their home near Houston. They have two daughters and six grandchildren. Charlie keeps busy running his business, making product improvements, and traveling with Mary Lynn and friends. E-mail: Charlie@tyroldata.com

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL _____

Henry R. Simmons Sr. '50 passed on to Chapter Eternal on July 19, 2009.

John C. Hampton Jr. '52 entered Chapter Eternal in May 2009. He had many fond memories of his time at Purdue and enjoyed hearing news from ΠKA.

Robert B. Harwood '56 passed away in May 2009. He was a resident of South Bend, Ind., at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Vivian.

Stewart J. Davis '64 entered Chapter Eternal on August 5, 2008.

Michael J. Ward '91 passed on to Chapter Eternal on December 30, 2009. He worked as a financial advisor for Raymond James Co.

in Wayne, Pa., and was a member of St. Eleanor's R.C. Church. Mike is survived by his parents, wife Lisa, and two daughters.

ALUMNI NEWS _____

David A. Bieker '88 is president and owner of Denali Custom Homes Inc. in Deephaven, Minn. In 2009 the company celebrated its 10th anniversary. Denali designs and builds custom homes in the luxury market. David and his wife, Kim, have four children and spend summers playing golf, riding horseback, and hanging by the pool. E-mail: Denalihomes@hotmail.com

Neil Sisloff '95 and his wife, Cindy, moved to Floyds Knobs, Ind., outside Louisville, Ky. The move means future in-state tuition to Purdue for their daughter, Renee, and son, Ben. E-mail: neil@sisloff.com

Save the Date

SEVENTH ANNUAL PIKE GOLF OUTING

Saturday, June 12,
at Purdue Kampen Course

More information to follow
on www.pikapurdue.org.



EIGHTH ANNUAL PIKE REUNION

November 5-7
Purdue vs. Wisconsin

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ATTENTION:

*This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates, and parents.
If your Pi Kappa Alpha son is still attending Purdue University, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House.
If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.*

THANK YOU, GENEROUS ALUMNI

Thank you to all alumni who gave to Beta Phi in fall 2009! Your contributions amounted to more than \$8,000 and are greatly appreciated. You allow us to provide an environment where our brothers gain valuable leadership skills, are prepared for a lifetime of community involvement, pursue excellence in their values and achievements, and develop a greater appreciation for diverse cultures, workplaces, and communities. These gifts make it possible for Beta Phi to continue its tradition of excellence at Purdue.

To see a complete list of donors, please visit the Beta Phi Web site at www.pikapurdue.org.



*Thanks to alumni donations,
two main floor rooms were remodeled
into fully equipped study rooms.*



Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your referrals.
Please submit recommendations to
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WEB SITE

Visit the Purdue Pike Web site for news
about the Chapter, fellow alumni,
and upcoming events!

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