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Alumni Donations Allow Beta Phi Foundation to Create New Opportunities for Brothers

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Sorrowful and difficult circumstances can sometimes inspire a wave of thoughtfulness and generosity. Since our last publication, our Beta Phi family has experienced two such notable occasions.

We recently lost Charlotte Hetrick, wife of **Charlie Hetrick '63**. Charlie is one of the founding fathers of the Beta Phi Foundation, and he remains an integral part of our regular meetings and other events. The Foundation, with the approval of Charlie and his family, are announcing the creation of the Charles & Charlotte Hetrick Scholarship.

Many of us brothers truly understand that without the support of our wives and family, we would not be able to dedicate our time to the Chapter. Charlotte was no exception. She was supportive of Charlie and the time he has devoted to Beta Phi. This scholarship is now fully funded and will be self-funded and perpetual, and it will be awarded for the first time during our reunion on October 10, 2020. In recognition of Charlie's character and Charlotte's support, the scholarship will be awarded to a member living in the house who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the internal operations of the Chapter through financial management, risk management, and facility management. We are honored and delighted to know that Charlie will be with us to award this scholarship this fall.

Recently, the Beta Phi Foundation had been planning to announce a fundraising campaign to fully fund our

Chapter's tutoring program. Since the advent of the tutoring program, more than 10 years ago, our Chapter GPA has risen from 2.65 to over 3.10 and has remained above 3.0 for the last several semesters. It is our intent to fully endow that program so it will be fully funded and perpetual. We believe it would require \$140,000 to make that a reality.

Another example of Beta Phi thoughtfulness and generosity arrived in March with the notification that Brother **Charles Glasgow '48** had passed away. Brother Glasgow, through his wife, Johanna, and his estate, has generously donated \$80,000 to the Beta Phi Foundation. In conjunction with this lead donation, we are kicking off a campaign to fully endow the tutoring program. Our goal is to achieve this objective by the fall semester of 2022, marking our 100-year anniversary celebration. The foundation board approaches such campaigns with a cautious optimism, especially following the recent alumni generosity toward our Chapter capital campaign. However, with the catalyst of Charles' generosity, we are ready to take on the challenge with 57% of our endowment goal achieved.

We issue our sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Hetrick and Glasgow families, and we are truly humbled by their generosity. The Beta Phi Foundation has always done everything possible to be wise stewards of the contributions and resources entrusted to us—and will continue to do so. A contribution to the Beta Phi Foundation, in support of endowing the Chapter tutoring program, would be tax deductible since the foundation has a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt IRS status.

As you consider your personal philanthropy, we ask you to consider joining the Hetricks and Glasgows in supporting our outstanding undergraduates.

Make October 10 a date to join us at the Beta Phi Chapter House, and if you're unable join us this year or next, please target the fall of 2022 for the 100-year anniversary.

In the Bonds,
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Tutoring Program Endowment Campaign Status

As of April 16, 2020

Will you help us raise the remaining \$60,000 by Beta Phi's centennial in 2022?

*Estate donation from Johanna Glasgow on behalf of the late Charles Glasgow '48



THANK YOU, GENEROUS BETA PHI BROTHERS

We are so thankful and proud of what Beta Phi accomplished in 2019. The 76 alumni and friends listed below stepped up to invest in Beta Phi's future, and we could not be more grateful. Thank you for supporting the Leadership School for the Chapter and the general foundation fund. We would not be on our way to 100 years without you!

Glenn E. Omholt '50
 C. Craig Hudson '56
 Frank S. Rekosik '56
 Jim M. Thompson '57
 William R. Morgan '58
 Don W. Rain '58
 Richard L. Russell '58
 Harry G. Chase '59
 Dale J. Frost '59
 Edward L. Neufer '59
 Harry F. Hixson Jr. '60
 Charles D. Kent '60
 Fredric C. Westendorf '60
 Richard A. Justice '61
 Donald J. Orr '61
 Merlin G. Bell '62
 William C. Young '62
 Charles N. Hetrick '63
 Roger A. Bair '64
 David C. Follmer '64
 James A. Schwai '64
 John W. Bevelhimer III '65
 W. Harvey Hegarty '65
 Ronald J. Laub '65
 Raymond J. Norris Sr. '65
 Wendell L. Pieper '65
 Robert W. Raichle '65
 Robert K. Rosler '65
 James W. Barr II '66
 Kenneth A. Probst '66
 David A. Walters '66
 Robert D. Baker '67
 Raymond J. Nardelli '67
 Jeffrey B. Orwig '67
 Robert D. Blue '68
 Jeffrey L. Copeland '69
 Donald M. Swanson '69
 Geoffrey C. Boling '70
 Thomas D. Pogue '70
 Robert S. Barrett '71
 Dennis E. Dreyer '71
 Thomas W. Eyre '71
 John L. Hammond Jr. '71

Thomas L. Maddox '71
 Bruce C. Bailey '72
 Rex A. Martin '72
 Randall S. Meyerholtz '72
 Alvin G. Rohrer '72
 Gregory L. Delaney '73
 William A. Samuelson '73
 Jeffrey M. Etter '77
 Larry J. Lautner '77
 Kentton C. Grant '81
 Brian W. Walker '81
 Christopher J. Inglot '82
 Robert J. Shusta '82
 Michael R. Sutton '82
 Eric P. Sorenson '83
 Stephen R. Hanon '84
 Scott E. Thompson '84
 Joseph A. Conti '85
 Michael D. Wright '85
 Thomas A. Lavins '87
 Timothy J. Lorenc '88
 Michael A. Leetz '89
 Marshall M. Parker '89
 Steve S. Sczurek '90
 Thomas C. Callahan '92
 Jeffery C. Langston '92
 Mark L. Ackerman '93
 Mark E. Teixeira '93
 William A. Kinder '95
 Jason C. Lew '98
 Brad E. Ritchie '00
 Robert Kozel '08
 Dane Anderson '15



Still Searching for Lost Beta Phi Chapter Composites Can You Help with Alumni Archive Efforts?

Hope everyone is staying healthy in this difficult time. We had a great response to my initial request for copies of the composites, but not much in the last six months. Since so many of us are stuck at home, this might be a good time to check in your closets, desks, attics, garages, and basements for your old copies of past composites. Alumni from the 1950s, '60s, and especially the '70s have come through in a big way, but there are still a few years left to complete the '50s and '60s decades.

That being said, we really need your help for the years 1982 through 2017. I think it would be a great gift to our Chapter's 100th anniversary celebration if we can complete this project by 2022. Don't forget, I will be glad to return your original copy, if you are reluctant to give it up.

Thanks again to all those who have contributed a photo already. You can reach me at rexmartinpiano@gmail.com and by phone or text at (317) 445-5077. Photos can be sent to my home address listed below.

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Following are the years that are still needed to complete the project:

All dates prior to 1950	
1950	1986
1951	1987
1952	1988
1953	1989
1955	1990
1957	1991
1959	1992
1960	1993
1961	1994
1968	1995
1983	1996
1984	1998
1985	1999
2000 through 2017	

Spring 2020 Initiates

Eric Billy Danville, Calif.	Benjamin Hartley Fishers, Ind.	Chad Wang San Jose, Calif.
Nathaniel Cramer Fishers, Ind.	Jacob Richard Galena, Ohio	Matthew Wilson Rose Valley, Pa.
Jimmy Drescher Portage, Ind.	Max VanAusdall Fishers, Ind.	

BROTHERS STAY FOCUSED ON FUTURE DESPITE ABRUPT END TO SPRING SEMESTER AMID PANDEMIC

As is the case for most organizations in the nation, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused things to look a lot different for Beta Phi. The Chapter House closed to residents on April 1, forcing all Chapter communication and interaction to be done virtually. While this has not been an easy transition, we are glad to do our part to ensure that we can return to campus and have life back to normal in the Chapter House in August.

The cancellation of the Grand Prix race has been a major disappointment to the men of Beta Phi. Our two drivers, **Jake Seyfried '20** and **Will Weisbrod '21**, had PIKE Motorsports looking in a positive direction after passing technical inspections with ease and having a good feeling about the speed of the carts.

While Jake won't have the chance to race next year, Will and the other members of the crew are eager to start working toward a big race in 2021.

COVID-19 also caused Beta Phi's spring philanthropic efforts to be diminished. We had a trivia night event planned with the women of Alpha Xi Delta, and we were greatly looking forward to hosting this in the Chapter House and raising money for Riley Children's Hospital. We were also looking into hosting a second philanthropy event, during Grand Prix week, in hopes of finishing the semester strong. Despite the COVID-19 outbreak, **Ryan Carr '22** has used this as an opportunity to make a difference. Originally from New England, he is raising money along with friends from his

hometown to support medical professionals during this difficult time.

Beta Phi hosted our Chapter consultant, **Paxton Crider**, through a virtual visit in early April. We received great feedback on how to improve our recruitment, and we are excited to put this to work this fall as we expand our presence and recruit the best men on Purdue's campus. I look forward to seeing you all at the reunion in the fall.



In the bonds of φφκα,
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Brian Doolittle '70 Proud of PIKE Roots

Brian Doolittle '70 already had a good first impression of PIKE from his brother-in-law, **Jim Brinsley '59**, but once it came time for him to go through fraternity recruitment at Purdue, he realized there was much more to Beta Phi Chapter. Brian didn't need much convincing to move into Beta Phi's then-almost-new Chapter House after he got to know his brothers. More than 40 years after graduating from Purdue, he served as the campaign chairman to remodel the current Chapter House.



While serving on the Beta Phi Foundation for 12 years, it was important to Brian that Pikes at Purdue have opportunities for service and leadership.

"There's something that we call a servant leader," Brian said. "You most effectively lead people by serving them. You learn how to invest in others and, by investing in others, you will both be blessed in ways you can't even comprehend."

Brian experienced the highest highs and lowest lows as an undergraduate member. He always enjoys reminiscing about the 1970 semester break trip to Acapulco with six of his brothers. But Brian also remembers attending the

funerals for the four brothers who died in a car accident in 1969. Through it all he matured and remained dedicated to the fraternity.

"We had fun, but sometimes there were consequences from having too much fun. They were all learning experiences. As an upperclassman, I learned how to make decisions, gain confidence, and how to lead," Brian said. "We became good friends and brothers. I continued to build on my gifts that were developed when I was an undergraduate at Purdue and have taken advantage of those gifts during my career."

His career in the marketing and sales industry spanned more than 40 years, including stops at Unisys, Kirchman Corporation, Morton Metalcraft Co., and Red Lambda before retiring in 2013. Brian claims that one of his best hires was fellow Purdue Pike **Ryan Raber '05** at Morton Metalcraft Co. Today Ryan is with Mayville Engineering Company, where he's the executive vice president of sales, strategy, and marketing.

"I miss helping close that next big deal and particularly working with young professionals, but at the same time, I've always tried to teach balance in life," Brian said. "We even had

opportunities at our company to do a noon bible study, which is a great way to grow men. I tell people if you're going to judge my career, then let it be judged by the success of the people who have worked with me."

Brian continues to serve on several local boards and is an Elder at his church. Retirement has allotted him more time to travel with his wife, Julie, with whom he will celebrate 50 years of marriage later this year. "Last summer, we had the chance to go paragliding in the Swiss Alps," Brian said. "At 70, we're proving we've still got it. We're always looking for the next great adventure." One trip they always enjoy making is to Purdue to spend time with his brothers.

Brian and Julie live in Morton, Illinois. You can connect with Brian at brdoo@comcast.net.



Brian Doolittle '70 and his wife, Julie.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 10

Beta Phi Alumni Reunion

OCTOBER 31

Homecoming

FALL 2022

Beta Phi Centennial Celebration
during Homecoming

*Stay tuned to Facebook and our alumni website
for more details as we get closer to the events.*

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Alumni News

Harvey Gerry '78 is retiring after 30 years with the DoD Education Activity (school system for the children of U.S. service members stationed overseas); 20 of those in Germany as the chief of staff/deputy director. He now lives in Charlottesville, Va. Email: harv.gerry@gmail.com

SPOTLIGHT SEARCH FOR TRUE PIKES IN ACTION

Beta Phi Chapter needs your help spotlighting brothers in future issues of *Candlelight*. Do you know a Purdue Pike who's making a difference in the world during the coronavirus pandemic? Are you one of them? We want to hear from you!

Tell us stories about healthcare heroes, men handling crisis management, brothers who are involved with nonprofit or volunteer organizations that are community lifelines—any brothers with purpose who we should feature in a future Beta Chi Chapter publication. Let's shine some light on our courageous brothers.

Please send submissions to alehr@penningtonco.com.

Thank you for staying connected with Beta Phi Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. We appreciate your support and encourage you to reach out to your brothers during this time of uncertainty.

If you would prefer to receive the *Candlelight* e-newsletter, please email alehr@penningtonco.com.

Home Association Navigates Housing Changes in Midst of Coronavirus Outbreak

It's impossible to provide an update from the Home Association without mentioning the current circumstances. Purdue University announced on March 10 that it would move to online-only classes starting March 23 and has consistently encouraged students to return home, including announcing a \$750 credit to those students that agreed to move out of the residence halls by March 30. The Home Association Board has attempted to match Purdue University's communications, and I contacted brothers and their parents on March 21, announcing that the Chapter House would close effective April 1, and we would endeavor to provide the same credit to our members as Purdue University was providing.

There are many unknowns at this time, including whether such credit is financially feasible, but the board remains committed to making responsible decisions in a timely manner, that prioritize the health and safety of the brothers we are charged with, which led to our decision to close the Chapter House. We understand that this is not an ideal ending to this academic year, but history tells us that the world will keep turning and, right or wrong, our decision will be judged. In the end, we wanted to be judged for a decision that prioritized our brothers over the financial repercussions of closing the house early.

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