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CHAPTER AWARDS

Congratulations to Beta Pi Undergraduates on Recent Awards

The Phi Phi K A club - Presented to the chapter by the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation recognizing 100% of the chapter's membership support of the Foundation's student member donor society.

The Scholarship Plate - Presented to the chapter in recognition of the academic performance of its membership.

More undergraduate news, including a detailed update on the chapter, is available at www.pika-upenn.org.

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The Alumni Newsletter of the Beta Pi Chapter of
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

FOUNDERS' NIGHT 2006: A TRIBUTE TO "THE OLD GUARD"

Saturday, March 25, 2006
Hotel Information Available at
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On Saturday evening, March 25, 2006, at the Inn At Penn, the BETA PI Chapter of PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY will once again celebrate the special bonds of brotherhood that unite all those who have taken the oath to friendship, love and truth, as its past and present members gather to honor the "legends" of modern day BETA PI -- "THE OLD GUARD" -- at our annual Founders' Night Dinner.

While every opportunity to renew our ties to the traditions and relationships that made our days at Penn so memorable is special, this coming Founders' Night is much deeper and more meaningful, as we plan to honor our own set of "founders" -- the men of the 1940's through late 1960's whose dedication through thick and thin, lean times and good, whose generosity both of time and talents (not to mention cold, hard cash), and whose commitment to Pi Kappa Alpha on the Penn campus exemplifies that which is the best of the bonds of brotherhood. These special BETA PI brothers established a home for the chapter that has endured through many decades, and if we are as true as they were to the values of PI KAPPA ALPHA, BETA PI will shine on through many future generations.

We mean, of course, those whom we refer to with great affection and admiration, as "THE OLD GUARD": chief among them, **Ray Kaelin '49, Joe Livezy '56, Joe Moore '45, Don Schreiber '47 and Dick Sheridan '48.** These five, along with countless others, took it upon themselves to ensure that Pi Kappa Alpha would always have a presence on the Penn campus by virtue of the "new" Beta Pi home most of us now know as 3916 Spruce Street.

An event committee has been formed comprised of co-chairmen **Dave Edman '73, Jerry Herman '72, Don Motaka '71, Richard Myers '69, Richard Sussman '69, and Bruce Wolfson '71.** Its goal is to guarantee that, in terms of attendance and festivities planned, this night will indeed turn out to be a memorable tribute to the honorees who we so highly esteem. The Committee has been working diligently lining up the venue, planning the menu, digging up long-lost but never forgotten brothers, and pulling together a program to make this year's Founders' Night one that will be remembered long after the corks have been popped and the pinochle cards have dropped.

Now we call upon all of you who wear the "garnet and the gold" to gather with us this coming Founders' Night, to honor these men of "THE OLD GUARD" and their generation for their exemplary fraternal loyalty, to thank them for the opportunities their contributions have provided for us during our undergraduate days, and to renew our pledge to follow in their example, and to carry BETA PI far into the 21st century.

Please check your calendars, assess your priorities and recall your best and brightest memories of Pi Kappa Alpha and make a commitment to join us at FOUNDERS NITE on MARCH 25!!! YOUR ATTENDANCE will HONOR "THE OLD GUARD" and send a powerful message to our undergraduates of the importance, the continuity and the benefits of membership in BETA PI throughout the many decades after our years at PENN.

Founders' Night Dinner Committee:

Joel Catania	Richard Myers
Joe DiMauro	Gregg Ormond
David Edman	Scott Rothbord
Matt Greenberger	Gary Sachs
Jeff Kaufman	Rich Silver
Joel Levine	Richard Sussman
Justin Levine	Ross Weiner
Mark Mancini	Bruce Wolfson
Adam Michaels	John Woodward
Donald Motaka	Paul Zaentz

Join the Beta Pi Alumni group on the Yahoo website. To join, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/betapialumni/> or email **Joel Catania** at jlclii@aol.com with a Beta Pi Yahoo Membership Request subject line.

Homecoming 2005 Highlights

Included Ritual Room Unveiling, Visit From Julia Wellons, and Plenty of Food and Brotherhood

By Joel Catania

Dozens of enthusiastic Beta Pi alumni returned to Philadelphia on the first weekend of November to take part in homecoming festivities. The date happened to coincide with a Pike University Summit being hosted in town by the International Fraternity at the University Sheraton Hotel. Several early arriving alums attended the summit's alumni cocktail hour on Friday evening.

The following morning, the Beta Pi Alumni Association held a breakfast meeting graciously hosted by Brother **Bruce Wolfson '71**. At the meeting, a planning committee was formed to formulate plans for a special Founders' Day event, which is detailed in the feature article of this newsletter. Brothers **Rich Sussman '69**, **Rich Myers '69**, **Jerry Herman '72**, **Dave Edman '73**, **Don Motaka '71** and **Bruce Wolfson '71** have since

held a series of conference calls to plan what will be a memorable evening in the annals of Beta Pi history. After attending the game, alumni returned to the house for a post-game reception, which featured a visit from our chef emeritus, Julia Wellons.

Unveiling of the Ritual Room was a great highlight of the weekend. The project was a labor of loyalty and dedication by undergraduate Alex Brodsky. Over the preceding summer, he collected and dusted off as much Beta Pi memorabilia that he could uncover and assembled it into an organized and attractive display of Beta Pi history. Returning alumni spent much of their time at the house looking through the old archives. **Alex is to be commended on completing a project that means so much to Beta Pi alumni.**

Association Secretary **Robert Bryan '02** arranged a great dinner for alumni and family at Twenty21 Restaurant downtown on Market Street. Since the planning of the Beta Pi Alumni Association began in the summer of 2002, Homecoming at Penn has proven to be a popular venue for alumni to renew the bonds of brotherhood. We hope to see more of our brethren at future Homecomings.

Julia Wellons Fund

Following a suggestion by **Dave Edman '73** to lend a helping hand to our Chef Emeritus, Julia Wellons, dozens of alumni have stepped up to support the cause. Julia served the brotherhood for many years and retired without a pension. The Julia Wellons Fund is our way of showing our appreciation for her efforts.

Thanks to the generous alumni donations, the alumni association has been sending Julia a stipend of \$150 a month until recently. Following a successful campaign requesting alumni to make the cause an object of annual donations to the fund and, in particular, a generous donation from brother **Paul Zaentz '69**, the stipend will be increased to \$500 a month for 2006. In order to sustain the fund in future years, it has been suggested that any alumnus interested in contributing on an annual basis do so in the month of his own birthday.

All contributions, whether on a one-time or annual

basis, are welcome and can be sent to "The Beta Pi Alumni Association of PiKA" with a "Wellons Fund" memo on the check. Checks can be mailed to Gregg J. Ormond, P.A., 330 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, FL 33134. All contributions made on behalf of this fund are accounted for separately for the sole benefit of supporting Julia in her retirement.





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