

## SAVE THE DATE

The next Founder's Day event will be held on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Stay tuned to [www.pika-upenn.org](http://www.pika-upenn.org) for details to follow.

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## CHAPTER AWARDS

### Our Thanks to Generous Beta Pi Alumni

We are grateful to the following brothers for achieving new levels of cumulative contributions to the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation:

Shield & Diamond Society:  
(\$1,000 - \$2,499)  
**Harvey A. Mackler '72**  
**Mark A. Mancini '69**  
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Lily of the Valley Society  
(\$2,500-\$4,999):  
**Richard Myers '69**

President's Council:  
(\$1,000+ annual contribution)  
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# Slices of Beta Pi

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

## Dedicated Planning Make Founders' Night 2006 a Rousing Good Time and a Meaningful Tribute to the "Old Guard"

*Special Appearance and Thanks from Beta Pi's Chef Emeritus,  
Julia Wellons*

On Saturday evening March 25, 2006, over seventy Beta Pi alumni joined the current undergraduates to celebrate a unique and memorable Founders' Day event. Members of "The Old Guard" of Beta Pi—initiates from the early '40s through the late '60s—were honored for their dedication to the chapter and their work to ensure the building of a new fraternity



*Special honorees: Dick Sheridan '48, Ray Kaelin '49, Joe Livezey '56, Don Schreiber '47 and Joseph Moore III accepting for Joseph Moore Jr. '45.*

house after notification that the Locust Walk house would be demolished to make way for "Superblock."

The following were singled out as chief "movers and shakers" in getting the Spruce Street house built: **Ray Kaelin '49, Joe Livezey '56, Joseph Moore Jr. '45, Don Schreiber '47 and Dick Sheridan '48.** These five loyal and generous brothers spearheaded the drive to ensure that Pi Kappa Alpha would retain a presence on the Penn campus.

Through a series of conference calls, the dinner committee put together an extraordinary program to honor our esteemed alumni. The committee consisted of **Dave Edman '73, Jerry Herman '72, Don Motaka '71, Richard Myers '69, Richard Sussman '69 and Bruce Wolfson '71.** The committee not only planned the event, but they also generously subsidized a significant portion of the costs associated with the evening. Special thanks goes out to brother **Paul Zaentz '69,** who covered the costs of dinner for all "Old Guard" attendees.

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## Julia Wellons Fund Requires Alumni Contributions to Help Support Retirement

*Association Requests Yearly Birthday Donations from Alumni*

Many generous alumni have been contributing regularly to a retirement fund for our "Chef Emeritus," Julia Wellons. The alumni association has suggested that anyone who would like to help us sustain this fund please make an annual contribution during his birthday month. So why not mark your calendar now and designate an annual amount in support of Julia?

The Wellons Fund is kept separate from alumni association operating funds, and she receives a monthly stipend based upon the

current size of the fund and projections for future contributions. Julia graciously thanked the brotherhood for the support at Founders' Night 2006.

Additional contributions are welcome and can be sent to the Beta Pi Alumni Association, re: Wellons Fund, c/o Gregg J. Ormond PA, 330 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, FL 33134. More than 50 alumni have contributed to this fund. Why not add your name to the list? Send in your donation today!

## Scott Mackler 5K Run/Walk Raised More Than \$90,000 for ALS Research, \$5000 from Beta Pi Alumni Alone

### Scott Mackler '77 Helps Others Afflicted with ALS to Continue Communicating

Thanks to generous donations totaling over \$5,000 from two dozen Beta Pi Alumni, Beta Pi has won once again the "Family Challenge" grant from the Mackler Family. The chapter

will be receiving a \$500 award. More than \$90,000 was raised in this year's annual Scott Mackler 5K Run/Walk event.

Since its inception eight years ago, this

event has raised nearly \$900,000 in the battle against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease). Brother **Scott Mackler '77** has been bravely battling this disease and has been on the leading edge of technological advances helping those afflicted with the disease to continue communicating. Kudos to the Mackler family for its dedication to the battle against ALS and to Beta Pi for its continued support of the family's fundraising efforts.

### Attention All Alumni: We Need Your E-mail Addresses!

Send E-mail to Joel Catania at [jlclii@aol.com](mailto:jlclii@aol.com), with "Beta Pi Alum Address" in the Subject Line

Given the financial constraints on the alumni association, our newsletters are limited to being published once or twice annually. The newsletter reaches a significant portion of Beta Pi graduates. However, timing issues make it difficult to keep you apprised of significant events, such as Homecoming and Founders' Day.

The fastest and easiest way to reach our brethren is via e-mail, through our Beta Pi Yahoo group. Via this medium, we can keep you up-to-date instantaneously on all alumni news and events. But, while our mailing list contains over seven hundred current addresses, our yahoo group has only

slightly more than two hundred members.

PLEASE, if you have an e-mail address, send it to the alumni association. We will add you to the yahoo group and you will be reconnected immediately to the Beta Pi internet alumni brotherhood.

Do not worry, we can tailor your subscription to the group so that you won't be flooded with messages in your mailbox. Everything will be explained to you upon your inclusion in the group.

Please send a "Beta Pi Alum Address" subject line message to Joel Catania at [jlclii@aol.com](mailto:jlclii@aol.com) to be added to the group.

### Beta Pi Alumni Attend 2006 PiKA National Convention



**Bruce Wolfson '71, Richard Sussman '69, Gregg Ormond '74 and Harvey Mackler '72** at the Pi Kappa Alpha National Convention in Orlando August 2006.

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The attendees walked into a beautiful reception room at the Inn At Penn, with tables named for significant Beta Pi affiliations. These included: "The Bachelor's Barge Club," "Billy B's," "Fossil Rock," "Pinochle," "3900 Locust," "1920 Founding Fathers," and "The Rathskeller," among others.

Richard Myers did a masterful job of emceeding the program, which featured reports by Bruce Wolfson on the fraternity's "True Pike" initiative, **Joel Catania '71** on the Beta Pi Alumni Association, and **Gregg Ormond '74** on the Beta Pi Endowment Fund.

Undergraduate officers **Jeremy Rosenman** (SMC) and **Justin Levine** (IMC) presented the annual "SLAG" (Scholar, Leader, Athlete, Gentleman) awards to the winners. And Donald Motaka presented the annual Dave Herman Award to senior **David Kuhn**. A special appearance was made by Beta Pi's Chef Emeritus, Julia Wellons, who thanked the alumni for the support they provided

her in her retirement via the Julia Wellons Fund, which is administered by the alumni association and sustained by continuing contributions from alumni.

But, far and away, the highlight of the evening was recognition of the "Old Guard"



"Old Guard" members being recognized by their brethren during the dinner ceremony.

and the special brothers of honor. Over thirty "Old Guard" alumni attended the evening and it was clear to all that the bonds of brotherhood had withstood the test of time, despite years and miles of separation.

Friendships were renewed quickly during the cocktail hour preceding the dinner, and the affection for Beta Pi was demonstrated over and over as each of the featured honorees, along with several other members of "The Old Guard," provided acceptance remarks and memories of their experiences as undergraduates. Cameras flashed and applause was loud as each speaker recalled his own unique fond memories. Each of the special honorees was presented with a beautiful set of marble bookends with fraternity logos. Brother **Harvey Mackler '72** was responsible for their fabrication.

At the end of the program, our esteemed Alumnus and Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity Supreme Council Vice-President, Bruce Wolfson, led the assemblage in the songs of brotherhood: "Down In Old Virginy" and "How'd You Like To Be A PiKA?" Voices were loud and smiles were broad as generations of Beta Pi alumni joined together to bring a memorable evening to a rousing close.