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More than 100 brothers came together for our annual summer golf outing.

THE LATEST FROM BETA MU

GOLF SCRAMBLE SUCCESS

Our second annual summer golf outing was another huge success. More than 100 alumni and undergraduates came together for a day of brotherhood. We had brunch at the house followed by a golf scramble at Purdue's Ackerman-Allen course and, finally, a barbecue dinner back at the house. Everyone picked up right where we left off the last time we saw each other—with lots of great stories of our time at 150 Littleton. Thanks to the organizing committee and all who attended.

Next year's event will be on Saturday, May 31! Please save the date and encourage brothers you're still in touch with to join you.

HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

Remnants of Hurricane Helene stayed away from West Lafayette, giving our Homecoming reunion the chance to be its own great event (it was!). The football team's struggles did not deter a large tailgate gathering outside the stadium from having a terrific time. A group from the 1960s came back together and toured the house after the game. Thanks as always to **John Laurie '85** for hosting and organizing such a great event every year!

CHAPTER STANDING

The undergraduates are making great progress in addressing issues that resulted in

the probationary status with the university and General Fraternity. The leadership is committed to enhancing the culture, holding brothers accountable, and adhering to sanctions. They have successfully navigated their way through the initial (full social probation) phase and are on track to return to good standing in the spring. The alumni board continues to monitor this closely.

HOUSE MAINTENANCE

Regarding the Chapter House, as we have mentioned over the last few issues of *Beta Mu Link*, we need to replace our 97-year-old roof. It has served us well, but the patches to maintain it over the years are no longer effective. We are in the early planning stages of replacing it next summer.

We are also in discussion with contractors to select a material. We are considering a slate material (same as before), a black solar roof, or a lower cost (and lower lifespan) composite material. Contact me at thoover6060@gmail.com if you have feedback to share regarding the best route forward.

Many of you have already provided financial support, and we are very appreciative of that. To meet our financial goals, we are currently assessing what the best path forward is.

Yours in _kai_,

Tom Hoover '82

Beta Mu House Corporation President



Betas from all generations came together for our annual Homecoming tailgate.

LEARNING ALL THE TIME

Why Terri Earnest '66 Pays the Beta Experience Forward

Hailing from the small town of Rushville, Indiana, **Terri Earnest '66** came to Purdue with an awareness of Beta Theta Pi because of high school friends who joined at IU. Terri and freshman roommate **Ed Harris '67** made the decision to join Beta Mu Chapter, and he continues to appreciate the fraternal foundation that prepared him for life beyond college.

BROTHERHOOD AT THE CORE

"I grew up later in life than most of my peers," Terri said. As a Beta Mu brother, he appreciated the chance to learn through trial and error while developing himself through Beta's values and principles. "I was learning all that time—relationships, integrity, responsibility for your actions, and the tremendous value of having a core group of brothers with similar interests."

Beta Theta Pi offered tremendous social opportunities, and Terri especially recalls riding the "Beta Hack" school bus to football games, serenades, and other events. Though life in Arizona makes it tough to stay in touch with Beta alumni in the Midwest, he'd enjoy reconnecting with brothers and sharing those undergraduate memories from the 1960s.

LIFE BEYOND COLLEGE

After graduating, Terri was unsure about his career path and decided to attend Navy OCS. Afterward, he returned to the Krannert School of Management to earn his M.S. in human resources. "My assignments during three years in the Navy, along with my Beta experience, are two of the most significant influences on my development."



"Beta Mu gave me the opportunity to better realize my potential."

Terri expected to spend just a couple years working at Ford but went on to enjoy a 30-year career in HR management for the company. His three decades in Ford's HR department included three years working in Mexico in the mid-1980s. He and his wife, Cathy, retired to Arizona in the early 2000s.

FOCUSING ON PHILANTHROPY

Situated in a golf community near Tucson, Terri became a founder of a non-profit foundation to support children in need within the region. As of 2024, the community has donated more than \$4 million to help Tucson children with their development to the point of finishing high school. "Being able to experience the importance of giving people a chance to be more than they ever anticipated is overwhelmingly satisfying."

Terri recognized that the Beta brotherhood's support helped him realize his goals later in life, which is why he extended his philanthropic efforts by making an estate pledge to Beta Mu Chapter.

"The pledge enables us to provide that same opportunity to other young men. As we all know, today's world is incredibly complicated and often crazy. This makes providing principles to help guide our future leaders even more important."

In their retirement, Terri and Cathy enjoy traveling with friends at Stone Canyon and sharing their Midwestern roots. Terri is also an avid golfer who currently takes things more social and less competitive. However, he reports his handicap is lower than that of **Randy Ellspermann '68**. You can connect with him at tearnest14@gmail.com.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Garrick Addison
Noblesville, Ind.

Eli Fangman
Cambridge, Mass.

Cole Loudon
Fishers, Ind.

Joshua Peek
Noblesville, Ind.

Qingyang Sun
West Lafayette, Ind.

Pablo Alatorre
Indianapolis, Ind.

Michael Griffith
McCordsville, Ind.

Spencer Luhrs
Carmel, Ind.

Parker Perdue
Fishers, Ind.

Landon Weyer
Westfield, Ind.

Carter Bell
Avon, Ind.

Kade Hasen
Naples, Fla.

Keegan Lynch
Fishers, Ind.

Jake Pilkey
Fishers, Ind.

Ethan Wood
Noblesville, Ind.

Dakota Bozell[^]
Noblesville, Ind.

Nolan Jones
Brownsburg, Ind.

Benjamin Malek
Indianapolis, Ind.

Eliezer Rudolph-Harris
Mountain View, Calif.

Nicholas Wu
Carmel, Ind.

Liam Cassidy
Excelsior, Minn.

Chase Koester
Greenwood, Ind.

Marcus Manna
Glenview, Ill.

Colin Ryan
Waukesha, Wis.

Jack Yochum
Westfield, Ind.

Kieran Ciarletta
Westfield, N.J.

Neil Lapsia
Englewood Cliffs, N.J.

John Markos
Munster, Ind.

William Schmidt
Austin, Texas

Andrew York
Northbrook, Ill.

William Claypool
Des Moines, Iowa

Ryan Lee
Northbrook, Ill.

Rion Montaperto
Charlotte, N.C.

Liam Shepard
Noblesville, Ind.

All our new brothers are freshman unless marked with a ^ to indicate a sophomore.

Brenden Estus
Rapid City, S.D.

Jason Lew
Southlake, Texas

Max Munkholm
Fishers, Ind.

Damon Smiley
Fishers, Ind.

Memory and Our Mystic Shrine

Dale E. Roberts '50 entered Our Mystic Shrine on August 10, 2023.

George Shortle '62 entered Our Mystic Shrine on April 18, 2023.

Donald M. Gwinnup '53 entered Our Mystic Shrine on September 17, 2023.

John D. Walter Jr. '65 entered Our Mystic Shrine on June 9, 2023.

William Wesely '54 entered Our Mystic Shrine on July 27, 2022.

Randall Saal '67 entered Our Mystic Shrine on June 23, 2023.

John D. McDougale '60 entered Our Mystic Shrine on April 9, 2023.

Stephen Main '74 entered Our Mystic Shrine on March 26, 2022.

Jeff Joslin '79 entered Our Mystic Shrine on May 8, 2024.



Beta Mu Aims High

BROTHERS FOCUS ON BEING WELL-ROUNDED

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

We had a 3.24 semester and a 3.32 cumulative GPA—both well above IFC and undergraduate averages. Continued studies and the pursuit of the cultivation of intellect have helped Beta Mu achieve our academic goals.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITY

Beta Mu put together teams for every major sport in the spring, contending for championships in each. This fall, we look to win championships in football, soccer, volleyball, and more!

Our Greek Basketball Association team is competing hard, as they are mid-season. Brother **Matthew Soyka '27** helped start the Greek Golf Association here at Purdue in its first season, and we have several members competing in that as well.

BETA EVENTS

Last year, Buzz-a-Beta helped us raise more than \$70,000 for the Purdue Center for Cancer

Research. This fall, we look to surpass that number, as brothers are passionate in their want to give to others. We are looking to bring other events to our Chapter in an effort to increase our philanthropic efforts!

Vice President of Brotherhood **Michael Setiawan '25** helped to organize events for brothers to strengthen their bonds. As we returned to campus, he set up the Back to Beta Cookout. Here, brothers enjoyed burgers, hot dogs, and cornhole while catching up on our summers.

Beta Mu Chapter is hot in the pursuit of excellence this academic year. We are excited to achieve our goals, and even surpass them. Thankfully, Beta Mu cultivates great leaders that will guide the Chapter well. We thank you all for your continued support of the Chapter, and we wish you the absolute best in your endeavors.

Yours in _kai_,
Magwire Graybill '26
President



New Beta alumni (from left) Gabe Vaughn, John Law, Carter Bailey, Owen Mahin, Eli Everson, Owen Reno, and Luke Etchison graduated this spring. We couldn't be prouder of them and the legacies they left in the house and on campus.



Brothers worked hard this spring to clean up the sides of Highway 52. From left: Hunter Austel '27, Kyle Collett '27, JC Hernandez '26, Parker Slane '27, Austin Knott '27, Stephen Blaes '27, and Henry Balagtas '26.

WE'RE ON A HOT STREAK FOR 2024! THANK YOU, GENEROUS DONORS

We appreciate every donor on this list who has prioritized Beta Mu Chapter. Because of you, we've raised a whopping \$57,000 since our last newsletter and as of October 17, 2024—and the year isn't over yet!

John Wooden Club
(\$5,000 and above)
James E. Corliss '61
David McKinley '69
Robert N. St. Jean '69

John Riley Knox Club
(\$1,000 to \$4,999)
John Young '56
In honor of
The Mystic Four
Ronald R. Jensen '63
Robert Terri Earnest '66
Kevin Comer '71
Geoffrey J. Hibner '71
Thomas H. Lupfer '79

Doug Meeker '82
In memory of
HR Meeker Sr. 1914
and HR Meeker Jr. '47
John Tyrpin '94

Beta Mu Founders Club
(\$500 to \$999)
Robert McLean '62
Vincent K. Jones III '63
Jan Deemer '68
Robert Toth '81
Thomas Brazina '86
Cary B. Wood '89
Marcus Murrell '94
Neal A. Lux '99
Beau Pahud '12

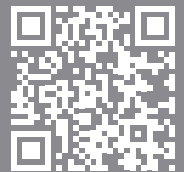
Kai Club
(\$200 to \$499)
Thomas R. Hensal '63
Nick Pearce '63
Bill A. Espich '66
Grant Martin '67
Roger Bishop '75
Jay L. Carpenter '76
Robert Junke '76
Michael J. Kosta '89
Anthony J. Wisniewski '90
David Nagel '95
Jeffrey A. Steurer '02

Wooglin Club
(\$100 to \$199)
Howard Harman '51
George R. Caruso '58
Samuel C. Malsbary '58
Richard H. Price '62
Robert L. Risser '64
John Canterbury '65
Richard Bond '68
Walter Bender '69
Daryl A. Fields '69
William Horton '70
Paul Wheeler '70
Michael S. McCoy '73
Frank Kaufman '79
Stephen Marsh '81
David P. Todd '82
James E. Dora Jr. '86
Kelly J. Eads '89

Darren Lueking '93
Sam Bondi '20
Cooper Feeney '21
Timothy Feeney
In honor of
Cooper Feeney '21

Beta Dragon Club
(Up to \$99)
Robert Lotz '62
Michael Tucker '70
Theresa Main
In memory of
Steve Main '74
James Dechert '78
Matthew Kraushar '07
Griffin Hoover '18
Noah Kestler '23

WE APPRECIATE
YOUR SUPPORT



Your financial support allows us to keep growing our proud brotherhood at Purdue. Add your name to this list or add to your existing 2024 contributions and help us have our strongest giving year yet by visiting purduebeta.com or scanning the QR code.

It's easier than ever to support the future of Beta Theta Pi at Purdue University!

You can donate to the Chapter by scanning the QR code to visit btpuannual.causevox.com. Your annual dues payment helps us maintain the Chapter House while funding alumni communications and undergraduate programming.

2024 is shaping up to be a huge year for alumni giving! Turn to page 3 to see where we're at so far and how you can join us in this landmark chapter for Beta Mu.



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ALUMNI NEWS

Jim Eibel '58 and Sue reside in Carmel, Ind., after enjoying 30 great winters in Bonita Bay. They continue to enjoy their home at Woodland Golf Course and plan to move to a senior living community in the future. They enjoy each day and appreciate time with family and friends. Email: jae1936@gmail.com

Daryl Fields '69 lives in Pershing, Ind. He spends his time gardening, welding, and fabricating for local farmers. He also pet sits for family members and has a growing coin and gun collection.

Don La Fon '72 continues to develop his photography skills learned in a dark room where Armstrong Hall now sits. He won two blue ribbons at last year's county fair and three this year. "It had been 50 years since I competed at the county fair and got my first win."

Thomas Clark '73 lives in Norristown, Pa. He was a scratch golfer for more than 30 years and once tried to qualify for the U.S. Senior Open, falling seven shots short. Email: tacsik76@yahoo.com

Beckett Whelden '73 retired from a 40-year career with the U.S. Army and Marine Corps and is now a best-selling author, corporate keynote speaker, and guest lecturer with three luxury cruise lines. Beckett resides in Bluffton, S.C. Email: wheldenrcraig@gmail.com

Dan Weis '87 had a great time seeing fellow alumni at the second annual golf outing. He lives in Kennesaw, Ga. Email: dan.wcs@comcast.net



Left: From left: Nate Weis '98, Justin Noel '98, Scott Swiger '98, Byron Wheeler '98, and Neal Lux '98 at the golf outing. **Below:** A large group of Purdue Betas come together outside the stadium for a tailgate to root for Purdue basketball team's run to the National Championship game in Phoenix.

