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OHIO ZETA – A BOND UNBROKEN

Thoughts on Why We Give

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Have you ever asked yourself why you give-if you give, that is? If the statisticians are right, only one brother in ten is likely to give back regularly once they put on their cap and gown.

There are lots of good reasons to give, of course. Do you believe in affording the next generation of young men the same experience you had with Ohio Zeta? Maybe something good happened to you just by being together in that house, sharing those experiences that helped make you who you are now.

We wanted to find out more about why people give, so we surveyed Phi Delta Theta members from various chapters around the country about why they have given and continue to give back to our organization. Here's what they said:

“I thoroughly enjoyed my college years spent as a member of Phi Delta Theta and continue many of my friendships made as a direct result of that membership. When I meet a brother, unseen or without contact over many years, the connection is still felt.”

“For my 10-year reunion, I caught up with a very broad range of people but spent most of my time with my wife and the guys that were from my fraternity class.”

“I am thankful for my fraternity experience and realize that it was only possible because of the investment of time and money from many previous members who built and

maintained the facility and the culture. For this, I feel a responsibility to contribute to the continuation of Phi Delta Theta on-campus.”

“The last bachelor party that I went to at age 32 included 5 guys that were all from my fraternity.”

“Some of my fondest memories of my college experience are of my brothers and the times that we had together at the house. Contributing to the Annual Fund is a way of staying in touch with those days and providing, in some small way, a chance for the current brothers to have that same experience.”

“For my 30th birthday, we threw a party at the Phi Delta Theta house.”

“Phi Delta Theta was a major factor in my being able to graduate and teaching me how to act as a responsible adult. Through the fraternity and the many campus activities I was involved with, I made life-long friends. After 50+ years, our pledge class has regular reunions, so we are brothers beyond our college years. The best four years of my life!”

Is there a lesson in these responses? Certainly a common theme is connection-undimmed by time or distance-a bond unbroken.

Visit our website, ohiozeta.com, and select the Donate tab to give back to your brothers and the memories they provided.



CAN YOU HELP A BROTHER?

Jack Sperry '85 has been transplant-approved

Brother Jack Sperry has a problem – he needs a kidney. Jack's brother Henry shared the details in a recent Facebook post:

“Jack ... is a beloved brother and the father of two beautiful teen-aged daughters, Alex and Emma Sperry.

Fifteen years ago, Jack was diagnosed with Berger's Syndrome (IgA Neuropathy), a kidney disease that occurs when a specific antibody lodges in one's kidneys. THERE IS NO CURE. The disease slowly progresses over years until eventually, the kidneys cease functioning. When Jack was diagnosed, the hope was that the disease would progress so slowly that medical intervention would not be required in his lifetime.

Sadly, this is not the case. His kidney function is below the critical threshold. It is time for serious medical intervention. Last fall, Jack's local nephrologist referred Jack to both the University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University transplant centers. I am pleased to report that after thorough and comprehensive medical evaluations, Jack has been approved by both centers for organ transplant.

Jack has three options, but only one which offers the promise of a normal life expectancy. Option 1 is kidney dialysis. While this option does extend life expectancy, it is burdensome and for someone Jack's age, the average life expectancy on dialysis is 10 years. Option 2 is a kidney transplant from a deceased donor. But the wait for such a donor can be up to 5 years. The average useful life expectancy of a deceased donor transplant is 10 – 15 years.

By far the most favorable option is the third one, live donor transplant. Live donor transplants can last 20 – 25 years (even longer). Such a transplant would carry Jack into his late 70's or even his 80's, allowing him the joy of walking his daughters down the aisle, sharing love and life with his grandchildren, continuing to cherish his friends and family, and giving him the opportunity to pay forward the generosity of the hero who saved him.”

Jack's brothers are not acceptable candidates for kidney donation, so they are reaching out through social media to find a donor. You can help by sharing his need and/or reaching out to the transplant centers directly to see if you might qualify.

The donor match process begins with a phone call or going on-line. For both Medical Centers you will need to use Jack's legal name (John P. Sperry) and his birthdate (March 4, 1963).

To reach the Ohio State Program:

<https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/transplant/kidney>

Call 1-800-293-8965 Option #3

To reach the University of Cincinnati Program:

<http://www.uchealth.com/Transplant>

Call UC Health's waitlist coordinator, Beth Sanders, at (513) 584-0784.



Jack Sperry '85 with his daughters

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Here's a final word from Jack's brother: “My intention is not to give anyone a guilt trip. My goal is simply to get the word out to as many as people as possible so that a potential hero for my brother can be found. Even if you aren't interested in being a donor, would you mind sharing this with your contacts in some shape or form so that the word can be spread? From all of us who love Jack Sperry, God bless you.”

OHIO ZETA CHAPTER NEWS



In recent news, our Chapter just began the pledging process with the Spring Class of 2019. There are 33 new phikeia that we feel will be a great addition to the Chapter. Over the past month we have turned over the executive board and have all been working hard to fulfill our roles. With football season over, it has generally been a pretty quiet semester compared to the fall. We have been continuing our usual social schedule with sororities and of course having pizza Friday every week. We had a Super Bowl watch party in the front room, but I don't think many brothers were happy with the outcome (besides the few from the New England area). We continue to try and make renovations to the house, as our new president **Cory Miller** renovated the phibrary over winter break.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

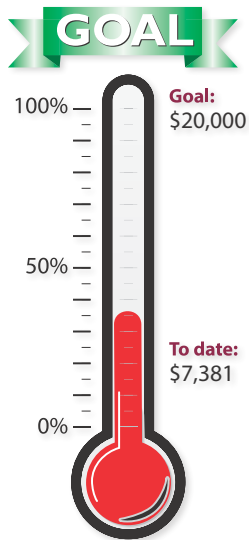
Thank You, Donors!

Congratulations to the following brothers who have already shown their support for Ohio Zeta this year! Please join them in supporting Phi Delta Theta by making your contribution today!

Founder's Circle (\$500 - \$999.99)	Thomas Eyerman	1961	Walter Wyatt	1962	Steven Custenborder	1981	
John Schoedinger	1964	Ronald Bell	1964	Nelson Embrey	1963	Thomas Young	1991
Steven Julian	1989	Frank Chasar	1973	James Gross	1963	Ethan Young	1992
1848 Society (\$250 - \$499.99)	J. Mullen	1976	Jerry Hainen	1965	Argent Club (\$50-\$99.99)		
Frederick Blesi	1959	Mark Mesec	1978	Thomas McFadden	1967	Richard Baker	1967
Jonathan Pavey	1961	Jeffrey Dahl	1982	Antal Zaborszki	1967	Gregg Rothermund	1978
Glenn Baker	1963	Darren Hissong	1984	William Koenig	1968	Thomas Fairgrieve	1980
Leland Moree	1981	John Jacobs	1984	Richard Terapak	1968	Anthony Phillips	1986
Jack Sperry	1985	Bradley Borders	1992	Patrick Fahey	1971	Shannon Shinaberry	1991
Brian Bandi	1986	Azure Club (\$100 - \$194.19)		Mark Sheehan	1971	Shannon Shinaberry	1991
1942 Iuka Ave Society (\$194.20)	James Hartley	1957	James List	1972	Richard Byrnes	2012	
A Smith	1952	John Zettler	1960	Timothy Hawley	1973	Michael Haddock	2012
Daniel Winzeler	1956	John Thomas	1962	Brian Darah	1976	Other	
				James Yavorcik	1976	G. Allen Gano	1973

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE—A CALL TO ACTION

2018-19 Annual Fund



Help Us Make the 2018-19 Giving Year Strong

Our 2018/2019 giving year, which began on September 1, is half over with \$7,381.00 collected from 48 brothers. We want to thank those 48 brothers (you can find them under the Honor Roll tab at our website) who have already made a contribution to Ohio Zeta so far this giving year!

"I contribute because Ohio Zeta is an experience you can't put a price on."

Our 2018-19 giving year goal was for \$20,000.00. Last year only 87 out of 1,706 alumni chose to make a voluntary gift. We still have the potential to meet our goal—but we need your *immediate* help.

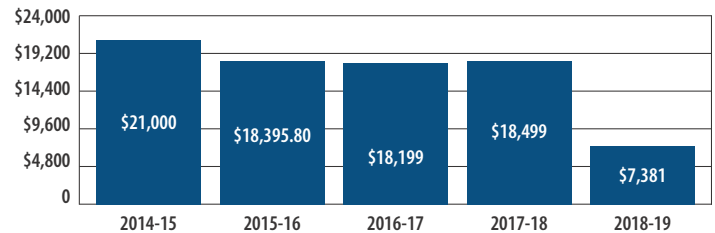
Who will be next to join our 2018-2019 Honor Roll?

You can donate online by simply going to our website, ohiozeta.com and selecting the Donate button at the top of the page. Donations can also be made through our toll-free Donation Hotline at 1-800-975-6699, or by sending a check made payable to **Phi Delta Theta—Ohio Zeta Chapter** to:

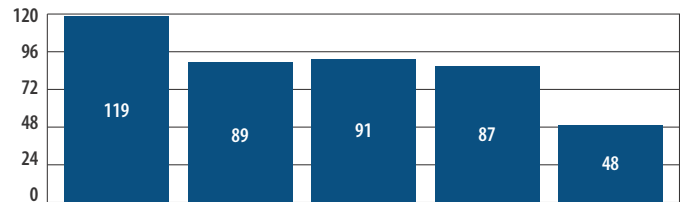
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Our college days came and went, but the real Ohio Zeta experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift *Today!*

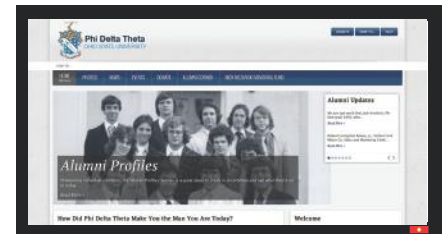
Annual Totals



Annual Donors



"The fellowship I experienced during those years meant so much to me. I gladly support Ohio Zeta annually."



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Another Way to Get Involved



We are still recruiting for a job-networking connection between the alumni and the active chapter, so if you work for a company that is actively recruiting and want to offer any applications or information to Phi Delt, please contact **Nick Dawson** at dawson.599@osu.edu. We are trying to work with the current scholarship chair (**Jack McGinness**) to get as many people as possible involved. If any of you have any questions feel free to contact Nick as well for this via email. Additionally, follow us on our Instagram ([@phi_deltosu](https://www.instagram.com/phi_deltosu)), twitter ([@PhiDeltOSU](https://twitter.com/PhiDeltOSU)), and Facebook group ([Ohio Zeta Phi Delta Theta](https://www.facebook.com/OhioZetaPhiDeltaTheta)) to stay up to date on Ohio Zeta's whereabouts.

We look forward to meeting many of you and continue to build a relationship between the current and former members of this chapter!

GO BUCKS!

Class of '71 Ohio Zeta Brothers Meet Up

Chuck & Linda Miller (Scottsdale, AZ) traveled east to visit **Kevin & Nancy Burns** (Bethesda, MD) last fall and enjoyed an exciting OT win by the Buckeyes!

If you have recently met up with or plan to meet up with any of your Ohio Zeta Brothers for a sporting events, holiday parties or just to grab a drink...snap a picture and send it in to our managing editor seth@affinityconnection.com for consideration to be published in a future edition of the Buckeye Phi and/or one of our monthly eLetters.

We love to see what you are up and what old Ohio Zeta circles have remained tight after all these years. After all, Brotherhood is for life!



Left to right: Chuck Miller ('71), Linda Miller, Nancy Burns, Kevin Burns ('71)

