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THE THETA XI ALLEGHENY REGIONAL

A Quarterly Newsletter from the TXEFOP for Brothers & Friends of the Theta Xi National Fraternity from the Allegheny District including chapters, both active and dormant, in Pennsylvania, Ohio, & West Virginia.

Dear Ronald,

Welcome to the Theta Xi Educational Foundation of Pittsburgh. On behalf of the Foundation, it is my pleasure to provide you with this first edition of the "Theta Xi Allegheny Regional," our very own Newsletter. The Board of Directors recently allocated funding to provide for regular correspondence to the Brotherhood, both active and alumni, throughout the region. We are very excited to share the good news with you about our service to Theta Xi in the Allegheny Region.



Our mission and goals are to produce exceptional collegiate educational experiences and outstanding student leaders within the Allegheny District of Theta Xi National Fraternity. We are proud of our educational resources for chapters and members. This is because of our loyal donors to the Foundation's mission and vision, which each of you make possible.

If you have any questions regarding the Foundation, please do not hesitate to contact myself (shideman@vt.edu) or a member of the Board. We are always in search of Alumni Brothers who can serve as active volunteers for our Foundation with the ongoing efforts to serve to meet the academic, educational, and leadership needs of our undergraduate members.

And I also hope that you will consider joining me by supporting the Theta Xi Educational Foundation of Pittsburgh's educational efforts by making a financial contribution. By giving, you will have the satisfaction of making a positive difference in the lives of each present, and each future member, of Theta Xi Fraternity - tomorrow's American & World leaders!!

Yours in the Bonds,

Ron Shidemantle
Beta Upsilon 173

Allegheny Regional Chapters

Lambda
Penn State
April 26, 1907

Pi
Carnegie Mellon
June 5, 1912

Kappa Alpha
Youngstown State
September 5, 1939

Kappa Gamma
Fairmount State
October 2, 1945

Kappa Epsilon
Concord College
May 1, 1946

Kappa Zeta
University of Charleston
April 16, 1947

Kappa Eta
Glenville State
April 28, 1947

Kappa Tau
West Virginia Wesleyan
December 2, 1955

Beta Lambda
IUP
October 28, 1961

Beta Omicron
Clarion University
May 11, 1963

Beta Sigma
California University of Pa
May 28, 1965

Beta Upsilon

YOUR BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors is a volunteer group committed to serving the mission of our founders to foster, promote, sponsor, aid, and encourage the education of students at our institutions of higher education within the Allegheny Region of Theta Xi Fraternity. We are always in search of dedicated Theta Xi Men who can give of their time, talents, energy, and yes, financial support, to provide the necessary assistance to our students in today's college environment. Please consider helping us help our fellow Theta Xi Men throughout the Allegheny Region.

Ron Shidemantle, BY 173 - Chairman/President

Brother Shidemantle is a past Beta Upsilon Chapter President, past Student Body President at Slippery Rock University, and currently serves as the Allegheny Regional Director of Theta Xi where he has received four (4) National Regional Director of the Year Awards. Ron is the Director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, where he supervises the 4th largest Greek Community in America.

Tom Kijowski, KΓ 184 - Vice President

Brother Kijowski is a past Kappa Gamma Chapter Executive Officer and currently serves as President of the Kappa Gamma (Fairmont State University) Theta Xi Alumni Association. Tom is the owner of the Thomas Kijowski Investment Consulting Group and is a resident of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

John Shepherd - Π 779 - Treasurer

Brother Shepherd is a past Pi Chapter Executive Officer, has a long record of service on the Theta Xi Foundation of Pittsburgh, and serves as Treasurer of the Theta Xi Club of Pittsburgh. Dr. Shepherd currently serves as Associate Professor and Chairman of the Journalism and Multimedia Arts Department at Duquesne University, and resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Brett Covert, KΤ 710 - Secretary

Brother Covert is a past Chapter President of our Kappa Tau Chapter at West Virginia Wesleyan, past Student Body President on campus, past Undergraduate Director on the Grand Lodge of our Fraternity, and currently serves as the Regional Director of the Allegheny District - Region 3. Upon graduating with his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the College of Law at West Virginia University, Brett moved to Raleigh, NC, and currently works for a wealth management firm that assists high net worth individuals with all of their estate/financial planning, business succession planning, family dynamics, investment management, and charitable giving needs.

Jesse W. Whitlow, Π 771 - Board Member

Brother Whitlow is a long and dedicated alumni volunteer of the fraternity, having served for many years as the Pi Chapter Advisor, past President of the Theta Xi Club of Pittsburgh, and long-time member of the Theta Xi Educational Foundation of Pittsburgh Board of Directors. Jesse is a Fellow Engineer at Bechtel Bettis, Incorporated and is a resident of South Park Township, Pennsylvania.

Vito Cedro III, Π 795 - Board Member

Brother Cedro is a past Pi Chapter President, who has been a Chapter Representative on the CMU Greek Council, a long-time member of the Theta Xi Educational Foundation of Pittsburgh Board of Directors, and in that capacity is currently serving as the Pi Endowment Fund Advisor for the Pi Chapter Trust held at CMU. Vito is the past Vice President of Engineering of Alcoa World Alumina, Atlantic Division, and is a resident of Export, Pennsylvania.

Mike Guido, Π 862 - Board Member

Brother Guido is a past Pi Chapter Executive Officer who is the immediate past

Slippery Rock University
May 13, 1966

Beta Phi

West Liberty State
November 6, 1966

Gamma Alpha

Shepherd College
October 27, 1972

Gamma Lambda

Edinboro University
January 18, 1992

Juncti Juvant

President and Chairman of the Theta Xi Educational Foundation of Pittsburgh. Dr. Guido is a past Pi Chapter Advisor who currently serves on the management staff of Mallet Technology, Incorporated as an Applications Engineer. Mike is a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Larry Sebek, BΣ 315 - Board Member

Brother Sebek is a past Chapter Executive Officer of our Beta Sigma Chapter at California University of Pennsylvania, the current alumni advisor and volunteer for the Chapter. Larry is the Dean for Student Services at California University and is a resident of Monessen, Pennsylvania.

Michael Davis, BO 477 - Board Member

Brother Davis is a past Beta Omicron Chapter President, past President of the Clarion University Interfraternity Council, and past Allegheny Regional Director. Mike is on the staff for the Department of the Army, currently serves as an officer in the United States Army Reserve, and resides in Clarion, Pennsylvania.

Vito Cedro, BO 446 - Board Member

Brother Cedro is a past Beta Omicron Executive Officer, and member of the Beta Omicron Alumni Association. Vito is a Senior Associate of Solenture Inc., and Chief Compliance Officer and Investment Advisory Representative of Solenture Advisors LLC. Vito currently resides in Ross Township, Pennsylvania.

Beta Omicron 477 & Board Member Brother Michael Davis with General David Petraeus of U.S. Central Command. Brother Davis lives the Motto of Theta Xi Fraternity in his service to America.



ANNUAL 6294 LUNCHEON

Please consider this **your personal invitation** to attend the Annual 6294 Luncheon for all Theta Xi Actives and Alumni in the Allegheny Region. The details are as follows:

Saturday, April 4, 2009 at Noon
Amici's Ristorante (formerly Louis Tambellini's)
860 Saw Mill Run Boulevard (Rt. 51) - Pittsburgh, Pa 15226
\$13.95 Per Brother + Gratuity & Tax

http://www.amicipittsburgh.com/Amici_Ristorante/index.html

<http://www.thetaxiphqhfoundation.org/images/TX%20-%206294%20Banquet%20Invitation%202009.pdf>

At this year's 6294 luncheon, we will again be awarding one lucky undergraduate member in the district with the *Elmer D. Kaelin Scholarship*. In addition, the foundation is pleased to announce the newly created Distinguished Alumni Awards. There are many Brothers from throughout the Allegheny Region who have made significant contributions to the Fraternity. It will be our honor to recognize two of our well-loved Friends and Brothers on April 4th, who we believe have lived the Motto of our Beloved Fraternity in service to our undergraduate and alumni membership.

So please consider joining us on April 4th in Pittsburgh to celebrate the Founding of Theta Xi, and share in the fellowship and recognition of America's Premiere Collegiate Fraternal Organization!

Gamma Lambda Chapter Active & Alumni Brothers



2007 KAELIN SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Brother Kyle Hendrickson, Gamma Alpha 111, was selected to be the 2007 recipient of the Elmer D. Kaelin Foundation Scholarship Award. Chosen for his dedication to the principles of the Fraternity, Brother Hendrickson has demonstrated real leadership in countless positions within Gamma Alpha Chapter, most notably as the Chapter's former President.



"Winning the Kaelin Scholarship changed my college life drastically. It enabled me to live on campus for the first time in my college career, and as a result, I had my best year at Shepherd University with new opportunities to serve Gamma Alpha Chapter and Theta Xi. I would like to thank all of my Alumni Brothers across the country for giving to the Kaelin Scholarship to support my efforts to be the best student and Brother possible." Gamma Alpha 111 has been so successful in Greek Life on campus, that he was awarded the *Greek Man of Distinction Award*, the top award for a Fraternity Man at Shepherd. Congratulations Brother on your outstanding service to Theta Xi!!

2008 KAELIN SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Brother Paul DiTomasso, Beta Upsilon 360, was selected to be the 2008 recipient of the Elmer D. Kaelin Foundation Scholarship Award. Chosen for his service to the Greek Community at Slippery Rock University, and his leadership not just with Theta Xi but also as a top leader in the Interfraternity Council, Paul has made us all proud with his success in Law School at Liberty University.



"This scholarship has really aided my law school experience. Being in a fraternity is more than just a four year undergraduate commitment, and this scholarship shows that if you give yourself to the chapter it will never stop giving back." Paul was a top Fraternity Man at SRU and will certainly take his leadership experience in Theta Xi throughout his life as a successful professional in the field of law. Congratulations Brother on your outstanding service to Theta Xi!!

Beta Sigma Alumni & Active Chapter Members



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ABOUT OUR 501C3 FOUNDATION

The Foundation's primary mission is to raise tax deductible funds in support of the educational needs of students in the Allegheny District of Theta Xi National Fraternity. Our Board is comprised entirely of alumni volunteers. At the present time the Foundation continues to support the Fraternity through contributions toward the Regional and National Leadership Academies as well as through providing financial assistance directly to students in the form of scholarships. The Foundation continues to search and find additional ways in which it may increase its support to the Fraternity in the Region, but this may only be achieved through thoughtful contributions by alumni members of the Fraternity. It is through your generous and proportionate gifts, that we will be able to ensure the Foundation can increase its principal while continuing to improve its returns on those dollars. Donations to the Theta Xi Educational Foundation of Pittsburgh can and will help our Fraternity in the Allegheny Region grow to heights never before imagined. In whatever manner and in whatever capacity, please give generously to support our students. To contribute, please contact Dr. John Shepherd at shepherd@duq.edu. Such contributions are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes. The Theta Xi Educational Foundation of Pittsburgh is a 501C3 non-profit corporation. In advance, Thank You & Juncti Juvant!!

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