



MANIFESTO

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF GAMMA UPSILON CHAPTER OF THETA CHI FRATERNITY AT BRADLEY UNIVERSITY - SPRING 2016

Second Annual Theta Chi Night at the Chicago Wolves a Thrilling Winner!

By Bob Carroll '88, Director for Alumni Events

On February 27, the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation sponsored the second annual Theta Chi Night as the Chicago Wolves faced off against the first-place Milwaukee Admirals at Allstate Arena in Rosemont. The game featured end-to-end action, three major fights and 42 combined shots on goal. Ultimately, the Wolves emerged with a hard-fought, but well-earned 2-1 victory.

Alumni and their families congregated on a private party deck to enjoy a dedicated bartender, buffet of appealing appetizers and the company of each other. For many, it was the first opportunity to interact with brothers this winter. **Wally Habbas '94** won the "mileage" award by driving all the way from his home in Indianapolis to enjoy an evening out with brothers. **Eric Goeckler '92**, **Bill Kauke '93**,

Karl Kulhanek '91 and **Jeff Rozovics '92** made certain the fun continued with a trip to the nearby Hofbrauhaus restaurant and beer garden after the game.

Larry Santello '00 brought his wife, Annette, and their two lovely daughters, but only received runner-up in the "largest brood" category as **Pat Carmody '01**, brought his wife, Jen, and their four energetic children. The 2000's alumni outnumbered other decades in the house that evening. Joining Larry and Pat were **Mike Scheve '02**, **Dave D'Amico '03**, **Tom Rodgers '05**, **Jeff Albrecht '07**, **Mitch Frondal '07** and **Ryan Phelps '07**.

Ray Asher '82 earned the prize for the "most senior and respected" alumnus brother at the game, edging out **Alex Wolf '85**, **Bob Carroll '88** and **Marty Deering '89**. Marty recruited the



Brother Patrick Carmody '01 enjoyed the game with his wife, Jen, and children Chloe (9), Cora (7), Caden (6) and Curran (6).

most people by persuading his cousin, Chris Schaurte, and his neighbor, Chad Rich, to join him along with their families, his wife, Deborah, and son! Thanks to those who came for a fun and eventful night of brotherhood!

Save the Dates!

Saturday, June 4, 2016 | Schaumburg Boomers Baseball Game
1999 S Springinsguth Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60193

Due to the success of last year's Theta Chi Night at the Kane County Cougars, the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation is sponsoring another baseball event this summer! Instead of traveling to Geneva, join us as the Schaumburg Boomers take on the River City Rascals. We will have a private suite, cash bar with our own dedicated bartender, a spread of appetizers, snacks and door prizes. Bring your entire family for an evening of fun and fellowship. We can accommodate up to 25 people in our suite - there is no limit to the number of tickets each brother may reserve.

Time: Doors and deck open - 5:00 p.m.; First pitch - 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$30/each adult*; \$20/each for children (age 13 and younger)*

* Purchase tickets for \$20/each adult and \$10/each child (age 13 and younger) when you contribute to the *2016 Theta Chi for Life Campaign* between January 1 and June 3.

Tickets will go fast! To reserve yours now, please contact **Bob Carroll '88** at rcocarroll@aol.com. Please bring cash or a personal check as payment the day of the event, and present your name at the Will Call window to pick up your reserved tickets.

Sunday, August 7, 2016 | 16th Annual Summer Family Picnic
Busse Woods Forest Preserve, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Mark your calendars for the 16th Annual Summer Family Picnic! This year, the picnic will be in Grove 31 of the Busse Woods division of the Cook County Forest Preserve instead of Grove 28. The date change from the last weekend in July to the first weekend in August ensures the picnic will not interfere with the Lollapalooza Music Festival.

The fun begins at noon and runs until dusk. The GUAC will provide food and drinks, but please feel free to bring a dish to share. There will be games for both children and adults, so come prepared to play!

Time: 12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10/each adult*; \$5/each for children (age 13 and younger)*

Free for children under 5*

*Contributions made to the *2016 Theta Chi for Life Campaign* between January 1 and August 6 allow the entire family to attend free of cost.



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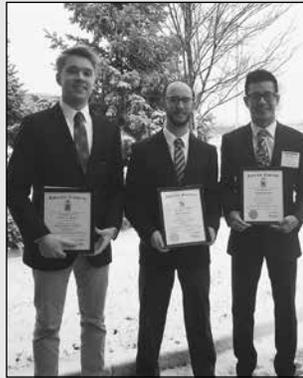
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Chapter President Kevin Oyster '17 and two fellow presidents mingle at the Sasser's Presidents Conference in Indiana.



L-R: Kevin Oyster '17, Matthew Moccio '17, Josh Herrmann '18, Anthony Gedvilas '18, Zach Wright '18 and Dylan Peyton '17 show off awards from Grand Chapter.

Gamma Upsilon Active Chapter Update

Individual Awards

Dave Jensen '18 and Tom Gouger '18 won the "I am Brave" award from Bradley University. "I am Brave" is a leadership recognition program that recognizes student leaders who display and utilize strong leadership skills contributing to the university, community and beyond.

Grand Chapter Awards

- Most Improved GPA Spring 2015
- Highest New Member GPA Spring 2015
- Highest Overall GPA Fall 2015
- Highest New Member GPA Fall 2015
- Most Philanthropy Hours Spring 2015

Happenings and Upcoming Events

Gamma Upsilon partnered with The Lewis J. Burger Center for Student Leadership and Public Service, ROTC and BU Veterans Support Services to host a Veterans Supply drive during the month of March. They collected items for veterans

transitioning into new homes in the central Illinois area, placed the donations in "Welcome Home Baskets" and gave them to the Salvation Army to distribute.

Four brothers participated in the Emerging Greek Leaders Retreat hosted by Bradley University Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Harrison Spanyer '18, Greg Newman '18, Tom Gouger '18, and Jared Spilky '18 spent the day immersed in leadership training and team-building exercises. These Greek leaders committed themselves to improving the quality of their chapter and the campus.

Three brothers attended the Mid-Year Leadership Conference (MYLC) hosted at Drake University. The regionally based leadership development experience is open to all Theta Chi brothers. The attendees from Gamma Upsilon met fellow brothers and experienced specific leadership tracks according to their role in the chapter.

What Do 25 Brothers and the 2016 Theta Chi for Life Campaign Have in Common?

In 2015, Gamma Upsilon brothers raised an outstanding \$12,728 to contribute to the much-awaited renovation of the men's bathroom. After kicking off in January, the 2016 Theta Chi for Life Campaign is off to a stunning start. With last year's bathroom renovation in the rearview, our sights are set on enhancing the kitchen with new cabinets, counter tops, flooring, refrigerator and dishwasher.

This year's campaign goal is \$11,000 with 44% pledged already thanks to the fine brothers listed on the reverse. Help us replenish our cash reserve to ensure improvements are possible this year and in the years to come. Visit gammaupsilon.org today and make 2016 the year you start giving back to Gamma Upsilon.



Alumni Spotlight: Michael Deering



It is always an honor to try to help another brother with a Helping Hand...the networking and lifelong friendships owed to Theta Chi Fraternity should never

be taken for granted. -Michael Deering

Brother **Michael Deering '85** knows what it means to extend the Helping Hand and to have the Helping Hand extended to him. Throughout his career, he saw much success, and never let small bumps in the road keep him from moving forward. With a little help from brothers, and a lot of determination, Michael's stories throughout his career will inspire you to work hard and help a brother out any chance you get.

Michael graduated in 1985 and immediately joined the workforce. He convinced management at the local community television station where he worked to let him drive a remote production van to Sarasota, Florida to cover the Chicago White Sox during Spring Training. Along with fellow journalism and television production graduate Brother **Steve Bartlebaugh '85**, he produced a unique local cable program that earned the highest ratings ever for a local origination program at the time. Not too shabby for some kids fresh out of college!

After a little brotherly networking from Brother **John Rettke '84** and his mother, Michael started his career in the corporate world. He honed his skills as a speechwriter for executives, to include the CEO of the company. After that, he went on to work for Bell & Howell Corp., then a few years doing freelance work and later, media production at Beltone Electronics. Though Michael lost his job at Beltone due to layoffs, a safety net appeared in the form of Brother **Larry Rosenstiel '79**, who taught him and Brother **Marty Deering '89** to be electricians. Larry recommended Michael to a general contractor friend who hired him to do drywall and framing for six months. He believed those trade jobs were a real salvation, and he continues to be grateful for Larry's Helping Hand to this day.

After the kind gestures shown to him early



Michael was responsible for the festive messages that lit up the BlueCross BlueShield building during the Cubs stellar 2015 season.

in his career, Michael had the opportunity to extend his own Helping Hand. While working for Motorola, he hired two interns: first Brother **Steve Szymke '96** and then Brother **Jef Verneuil '93**. Steve joined a group of veteran film and video producers to learn the ropes and went on to start his production company that is still in operation today. Jef joined the production department as an intern and fixture in the editing suite. Michael helped him land a position at Beltone as a production professional where he still works today. While working at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital as the Director of Communications and Government Relations he hired Brother **Tim Belter '13** as an intern who honed his writing skills in preparation for work in communications at Caterpillar.

Currently, Michael works for BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois as the Senior Director of Media & Public Relations. His work includes all building lighting messaging on the Blue Cross Tower - including the Cubs' playoff run last year. His story is one of true brotherhood. As the Theta Chi Creed states, our fraternity inspires true friendship; teaches truth, temperance and tolerance, extols virtue, exacts harmony and extends a helping hand to all who seek it. Make an effort to be more like Michael and help more brothers this year and every year.

Want to be featured? Leave a Brother to Brother note in the Alumni section of gammaupsilon.org and you could be in the next edition of the Manifesto!

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2016 Theta Chi for Life Campaign

\$4,790 pledged as of March 23, 2016

Platinum Level

\$1,000 - \$5,000

James R. Frey '50
Dru A. Neikirk '88

Gold Level

\$500 - \$999

Gregory L. Fletcher '70

Silver Level

\$250 - \$499

William E. McKinley '55
C. Merrill York '68

Bronze Level

\$100 - \$249

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Participant Level

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