



MANIFESTO

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE GAMMA UPSILON CHAPTER OF THETA CHI FRATERNITY AT BRADLEY UNIVERSITY • SUMMER 2013

2012 GOLDEN GUARD LUNCHEON: LUCKY SEVENTH YEAR AT THE LARIAT!

By Bob Carroll '88 (708.254.2058 or woocarroll@aol.com)

Recently reopened after an extensive renovation, the remodeled Lariat Steakhouse was home for the Golden Guard Luncheon for a lucky seventh consecutive year. The building now boasts an impressive bar with floor-to-ceiling windows that look out on Glen Avenue, but dining rooms retained their homey charm. The event also coincided with the Friday of Bradley University's Homecoming festivities and continued to draw a strong crowd. Despite health and mobility issues, Brother **John Johnson '53**, the founder of this annual event, returned for a second consecutive year and was in good spirits and as witty and charming as ever; as always, it was great to see him with his brothers and visibly enjoying himself.

The luncheon featured visits from several brothers who undertook significant journeys in order to attend: **Ken Hollman '54** and his wife Nancy, as well as **Bruce Bagge '62** and his wife Collen both traveled all the way from Florida, although not together, to attend Homecoming and participate in the luncheon. **Les Podgorny '54** visited from his home outside of Seattle, Washington and **Roger Hill '57** and his wife Judy made the trip from their home outside of Dallas, Texas. Also present for the afternoon were **Lou Deardorff '58**, **Dick Gillett '56**, **Bill Griffin '59**, **Lynn Gundersen '57**, **Dick Heller '62**, **Willis Hunziker '53**, **Fred Knop '54**, **Bill Kohler '58**, **Ron McGauvran '55** (who drove in from his home in Clinton, Iowa), **Mike Unruh '57** and his wife Jan, **Bob Wall '58** and his wife Audrey, and **Budd Wilkening '52** and his wife Marcia. The class of 1962, which was celebrating its 50th anniversary, was represented by Brothers Bagge and Heller, who received their Golden Guard certificates for attending. Also present was alumni corporation president **Bob Carroll '88**. As always, a brief update as to the status of the Fraternity, the chapter and alumni corporation was presented. Most of the time, however, was spent talking to alumni, asking questions about brothers not

present or missing for several years and providing each other updates as to what everyone is doing now.

Given another customarily mild and sunny afternoon, it was filled with the usual, but unforgettable, stories of past Homecomings, lawn and house decoration contests, parade float creation parties and of dream girls past and present. This year also featured a tribute to the much respected and admired Brother **Bill Martin '52**, who joined the Chapter Eternal in May. Brother Podgorny also shared the stories associated with him attending the memorial service for **John M. Shalikashvili '58** in 2011.



The success of this year's event was due to its organization and management by two committed members of the Golden Guard: **Dick Gillet '56** (309.657.1945) and **Mike Unruh '57** (217.877.2806 or golfguy@comcast.net). Please contact them if you have questions or want to provide input on next year's event, which they are already busily preparing.

SAVE THE DATE!

The **11th Annual Golden Guard Luncheon** is already on the calendar at the **Lariat Steakhouse** once again for **Friday, October 18, 2013**, the Friday of Homecoming weekend (see master schedule on page 2). As usual, our guests of honor for this celebration include alumni brothers from two significant groups. The first are the newest members of the Golden Guard who were initiated into Theta Chi Fraternity during the 1963 calendar year, either in the spring (April 7: **Harold Balent '64**, **Jack Carcara '65**, **Fred Doubet '65**, **Chuck Ebeling '65**, **Bruce Johnson '66**, **Tom Juliano '66**, **Louie Ligeno '66**, **Larry Peterson '65** and **Lawrence Summers '63**) or fall (October 9: **Harold Beniot**, **Chris Caille '66**, **Norm Giebner '66** and **Mike King '66**). If you will attend, please contact Brother Carroll at 708.254.2058 or woocarroll@aol.com by September 18 so that he can order your Golden Guard certificate and present it to you at the luncheon.

The second are those alumni brothers celebrating their 50th Anniversary Reunion this year from the Bradley Class of 1963 (**Gil Cook '63**, **John Hudak '62**, **Jim Kelly '63**, **Dick Leshane '63**, **Steve Novak '63**, **Brian O'Neill '63**, **David Ross '63**, **Lawrence Summers '63** and **Arno "Duck" Wehr '63**). We are presently looking for an alumnus brother from this class to organize the reunion for his graduating class for that weekend, which would use the Golden Guard luncheon to kick off our festivities. So if you are interested, please contact Brother Carroll at 708.254.2058 or woocarroll@aol.com to volunteer your services.



BRADLEY UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2013

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THETA CHI FRATERNITY

Thursday, October 17, 2013

6:00 p.m. Centurion Dinner (Hayden-Clark Alumni Center – Peplow Pavillion)

Friday, October 18, 2013

10:00 a.m. Founder's Day Convocation (Markin Recreation Center)
 12:00 p.m. *Theta Chi Golden Guard Luncheon (Lariat Steakhouse – order from menu)*
 12:30 p.m. Founder's Day Luncheon (Michel Student Center Ballroom)
 8:00 p.m. Red & White Scrimmage (Renaissance Coliseum)
 9:00 p.m. Late Night BU (Renaissance Coliseum – games and fun until the wee hours)

Saturday, October 19, 2013

8:00 a.m. Tippet Memorial 5K Race (Markin Center)
 12:00 p.m. Bradley Class of 1963 50th Anniversary Reunion Luncheon (Location TBD)
 12:00 p.m. Volunteer Luncheon (Hayden-Clark Alumni Center – Peplow Pavillion)
 1:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social (Alumni Quad – in front of Hayden-Clark Alumni Center)
 2:00 p.m. *Gamma Upsilon Chapter Advisory Board Meeting (Chapter House - free)*
 3:00 p.m. *Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation Annual Meeting (Chapter House - free)*
 7:00 p.m. Soccer Game & Fireworks (Shea Stadium)



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MIKE GOLDEN '73 RECEIVES 2012 BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mike Golden '73 was honored by the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce as their Business Person of the Year for 2012 at a Hollywood themed gala held at the Wildlife Experience in Parker, Colorado on May 11, 2012. The Chamber recognizes business owners and/or management demonstrating strong financial performance in their industry by competitively positioning their business, achieving success through growth of their company, utilizing innovative and creative business methods in response to economic adversity and demonstrating a solid commitment to the enrichment of the Castle Rock community.

Brother Golden has constructed over 50 significant projects in Castle Rock over the past 27 years, some including the Douglas County Events Center, Castle Rock Fire Station 151 and is currently constructing the

design/build improvements at the Burgess Pool. He is a proud member of the Castle Rock Chamber for over 25 years and has been providing professional construction services within Colorado since 1984.

Only a few weeks earlier, Mike's company, MW Golden Constructors, received the 2012 National Construction Company Award of Excellence from the Construction Certification Commission of the American Institute of Constructors at their annual forum in Tampa, Florida on April 20, 2012. It received this award for its support of AIC Constructor Certification and professionalism of the individual constructor; having two certified professional constructors on staff and four associate constructors and has been providing professional construction services within Colorado since 1984.



St. Baldrics 2013



Queen of Hearts



Formal 2013

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MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

- **10 new members** have been added in the 2012/2013 school year: 6 fall 2012 and 4 spring 2013
- **Total membership** is at 42 men
- **18 brothers** will be living in the chapter house for fall 2013



2012 GAMMA UPSILON ANNUAL CAMPAIGN SUMMARY

By Bob Carroll '88, GUAC President (708.254.2058 or woocarroll@aol.com)

In 2012, the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation completed its eighth annual campaign. The news for the year was, unfortunately, not good as good as previous years. Twenty-eight brothers contributed to the campaign last year, down one from 2011. Total donations declined by \$750, or down 13.5% from the previous year.

The 2012 *Theta Chi for Life Campaign* was the first to be operated by OmegaFi and we believe this change will be positive in the long run. In order to allow the GUAC Board of Directors to focus on strategic planning, event development, housing facility management, and advising the undergraduate chapter, the administrative tasks of the Board were professionalized and delegated to OmegaFi, our communications, database and fundraising partner. Therefore, since January 1, 2012, all donations are now made payable to OmegaFi and are postal mailed to its headquarters in

	2005-2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean contributions (as of 12/31/2012)	\$6,933	\$9,025	\$5,550	\$4,700
Actual/percentage change	--	+2,092 (+30.2%)	-3,475 (-38.5%)	-750 (-13.5%)
Mean contributors	29	25	29	28
Actual/percentage change	--	-4 (-13.8%)	+4 (+16.0%)	-1 (-0.34%)

Columbus, GA. You may also call or email Megan Johns at 800.955.2586 or mjohns@omegafi.com to set up a pledge to be paid over the course of a year.

OmegaFi can accept payments via methods GUAC could not, such as credit and debit cards, and can establish automatic deduction programs whereby a set fee is charge to or debited from an account each month or quarter or year on a standing date. In the long term, this will significantly expand our fundraising efforts by making it easier and more convenient for our alumni brothers to donate; we hope that you will take advantages of these expended opportunities to give.

We would like to close by thanking all brothers who contributed to our campaign in 2012 and those brothers who contributed a total of \$1,000 or more since 2005. Without your assistance, the significant growth and development of our chapter over the past eight years would not have been possible.

We are grateful that the 2013 *Theta Chi for Life Campaign* has already surpassed the 2012 mark and is well on its way to meeting the fundraising success of prior years. Thank you to the 24 donors that have already given \$5,325 to this year's campaign! To join in this important effort, please complete the pledge form insert or contact Megan today.

2013 THETA CHI FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

\$5,325 pledged as of July 23, 2013

Platinum Level

\$1,000 - \$5,000

Dru A. Neikirk '88

Gold Level

\$500 - \$999

John W. Lynch '86

Ronald J. McGauvran '55

Silver Level

\$250 - \$499

Michael G. Friedel

Terence S. McGraw '83

Michael G. O'Neill '82

Bronze Level

\$100 - \$249

Robert D. Bruce '87

Richard L. Drobnick '67

Richard J. Heller '62

Roger H. Hill '59

John W. Johnson '53

Hamilton I. Jones '51

Michael S. Mueller '70

David R. Pfeltz '85

Lester A. Podgorny '54

William K. Pratt '59

John R. Rice '80

Frank F. Rowell '62

David D. Tauer '61

Arno A. Wehr, Jr. '63

Participant Level

\$1 - \$99

William H. Haynes '60

William R. Kohler, DDS '58

Craig M. Sjurset '73

Ronald H. Snyder '58



GAMMA UPSILON ALUMNI CORPORATION TO DEDICATE THE BRADLEY - THETA CHI FRATERNITY WALL OF FAME AT FESTIVITIES MARKING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INSTALLATION

In 2009, at the 60th Anniversary Reunion, it was decided to create a Bradley Theta Chi Wall of Fame in our chapter house to commemorate the accomplishments and service of significant alumni brothers in our history. This Wall of Fame will be dedicated at festivities marking the 65th anniversary of our installation into Theta Chi in 2014 (see page 6 for details). Every five years thereafter, another brother or brothers will be added to the Wall should he receive one of the following five awards recognizing career accomplishments, University service, or Fraternal service.

* *Chapter Eternal*

1. *Inductees into the Bradley University's Centurion Society (includes recipients of The BUAA Distinguished Alumnus Award)*

1. Gilbert Gordon '55, Ph.D. (1986)
2. Gen. John M. D. Shalikashvili '58 (1998) -- also recipient, Theta Chi Distinguished Achievement Award (2009)*
3. Keith L. Alm '65, MBA (1999)
4. Bruce P. Bagge '62 (2002)
5. Judge Howard D. McKibben '62, JD (2002)
6. Keith J. Bane '62, JD (2005)

2. *Recipients of the Bradley University Department of Athletics' Orville Nothdurft Lifetime Achievement Award*

5. Judge Howard D. McKibben '62, JD (2006)
7. M. Paul Moore '62 (2008)*

3. *Recipients of the Bradley University Alumni Association's Lydia Moss Bradley Distinguished Service Award*

8. William C. Martin '52 (1986)*
9. Carl M. Birkelbach '62 (2000)
7. M. Paul Moore '62 (2009)*

4. *Recipients of Theta Chi Fraternity's Earl D. "Dusty" Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award*

10. Willis L. Hunziker '53, MBA (1999)
11. Thomas C. McClintick '52 (1999)

5. *Recipients of the Bradley University Alumni Association's Outstanding Young Graduate Award*

12. Dru A. Neikirk '88 (2005)

THE MANIFESTO IS NOW ACCEPTING ADVERTISING!

If you are a business owner or marketing manager and would like to let your fellow Gamma Upsilon alumni know about the products and services you offer, please contact **Marty Deering '89** for pricing and options at (847) 334-7776 or deerman89@hotmail.com. This is truly a win-win opportunity...your advertising will help pay for the Manifesto and other projects and you will get your message out to the best customers you can ever hope to find. Plus, it is all done as a legitimate business expense!

For any brother who would like to post a job opportunity or who is looking for a new position, please post on the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Facebook page (www.facebook.com/gammaupsilon). This will get your message out in a more timely manner.

FRANK BRANSON RAINEY (1927-2013)

Frank Branson Rainey '85, passed away on January 21, 2013 due to congestive heart failure at his home in Mulberry, Florida.

Brother Rainey was born July 28, 1927 in Petersburg, Illinois to Frank Branson Rainey, Sr., and Helene Sturhahn Rainey. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mary Rainey Hobart. Frank is survived by his wife Janet of 56 years, daughters Patricia Ann (Earle) Stramoski, Greensboro NC; Suzanne Lynne (John) Oro, Denver CO; Anne Helene (Michael) Fields of Greenville, NC;

and Richard Alan (Kathy) Rainey, Brandon, FL; sixteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Brother Rainey graduated from Petersburg Harris High School and entered the US Navy, serving in the Seabees at the end of WWII, receiving the WWII Victory Ribbon. He entered Bradley University studying civil engineering, and was called back to the service for the Korean conflict, serving in the Air Force. Upon returning home, he completed his studies at Bradley and graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He worked for the Illinois Division of Highways for 2 years, then worked for 36 years for the architectural and engineer-

ing firm of Sverdrup and Parcel based in St. Louis, MO, from which he retired in 1991. Frank was a member of the American Legion Effingham, Illinois Post 120 for 66 years, Lions clubs in Tennessee and Florida, and St. David's Episcopal Church of Mulberry, Florida.

A celebration of Brother Rainey's life was conducted by Father Rob Moses on Friday, January 25, 2013, at St. David's Episcopal Church. Cremation was provided by Gentry-Morrison with interment at St. David's Columbarium following the service.



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GAMMA UPSILON ALUMNI CORPORATION ORGANIZING 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR 2014!

In 2014, Gamma Upsilon will celebrate its 65th anniversary. Since our Golden Anniversary Reunion in 1999, the alumni corporation organizes a major reunion to celebrate these land marks every five years (55th in 2004, 60th in 2009). We are now organizing a committee that will meet via conference call and email during the 2013-14 academic year to plan and implement the festivities of this anniversary. All alumni and undergraduate brothers are invited to join us!

The first, and most important task before this committee is to determine if the festivities will be held in the spring (last weekend of April or first weekend of May) or in autumn during Homecoming in October.

We will appoint the membership of this committee by Homecoming, so if you are interested in serving on this committee, you can either (a) attend the alumni corporation meeting held at Homecoming this year (Saturday, October 19) or (b) notify **Bob Carroll '88**, GUAC president (708) 254.2058 or woocarroll@aol.com, of your interest before then.

