

# MANIFESTO

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

## Theta Chi Night at the Chicago Wolves Highlights 2017 GUAC Social Calendar!

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The Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation (GUAC) is busily preparing the social calendar for the 2017 calendar year. Responding to alumni input and feedback, we made a couple of changes to ensure there are events for everyone's tastes and budget.

The first event is our Third Annual Theta Chi Night at the Chicago Wolves. This event will take place on Saturday, February 25 on the home ice of Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Illinois against the Iowa Wild. We will have a private party deck with room for 40 alumni brothers and guests to include a bartender and appetizer spread, so there is no need to wait in line for beverages or food! Hang out and socialize with alumni brothers old and new while watching an entertaining night of hockey. This event is a perfect night for the family, a night out with the boys or even an evening out with your partner. We expect another fun crowd, another great night of hockey action and another superb time for all attendees!

Time: Doors open - 6:00 p.m.

Puck drops - 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30/each adults\*

\$20/each for children (age 13 and younger)\*

\* Purchase an unlimited amount of tickets at \$20/each for adults and \$10/each for children (age 13 and younger) when you contribute to the 2017 Theta Chi for Life Campaign between January 1 and February 24. As an additional bonus, donate to the 2016 Theta Chi for Life Campaign between now and December 31, and you can purchase an unlimited

number of tickets at only \$15/each for adults and \$7.50/each for children (age 13 and younger).

Tickets will go fast; this event is extremely popular and sold out the past two years! To reserve your tickets now, please contact **Bob Carroll '88** at [rc Carroll@aol.com](mailto:rc Carroll@aol.com). Please bring payment in the form of cash or a personal check on the day of the event, and present your name at the Will Call window in the business office across the street from the Allstate Arena to pick up your reserved tickets.



Brothers gathered for the Annual Summer Family Picnic earlier this year.

In addition to this event, GUAC will organize at least four other events during 2017. The second event will be A Day at the Races at Arlington Park Racetrack in Arlington Heights, Illinois. We expect this event to take place on a Saturday afternoon in June.

The third event is the Summer Family Picnic held during July in the Elk Grove Village at the Ned Brown Preserve (Busse Woods), which is part of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

The fourth event will be a meet-up at a home Chicago Cubs game in August at Wrigley Field. Purchase a bleachers general admission ticket and meet up with our group (date announced soon).

The fifth event will be Homecoming at Bradley University around the third or fourth weekend in September.

Stay tuned for more information regarding all Gamma Upsilon alumni events to come!

## 2016 Theta Chi for Life Campaign Raised Nearly \$7,000 Thus Far

Thus far, we raised \$6,780 toward our goal of \$11,000 for the calendar year, or 61.64% of our total! If you have not made a contribution this year, please visit our alumni website at [gammaupsilon.org](http://gammaupsilon.org), click 'Support the Campaign' and make a safe, secure online donation today.

A big brotherhood shout-out to the following alumni brothers who already participated in the 2016 edition of our annual campaign! Join them by adding your name to the list today!

### 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

Scott G. Dolven '70  
Richard L. Drobnick '67

Ronald J. McGauvran '55

William E. McKinley '55

C. Merrill York '68

### Bronze Level

\$100 - \$249

Patrick M. Carmody, Jr. '01

Robert C. Carroll '88

Thomas W. Cullinan '56

Martin T. Deering '89

Mitchell A. Frondal '07

Robert D. Goodale '69

William T. Griffin '59

Lynn E. Gundersen '57

John T. Gura, USAF (Ret) '61

Karin S. Herrmann Hamilton I. Jones '51

Roger H. Hill '59

Roger L. Koehler '70

William N. Lynn '93

Michael S. Mueller '70

John E. Muskara '85

Jeffrey A. Nelson '88

David R. Pfeltz '85

Ryan A. Phelps '07

Lester A. Podgorny '54

Lawrence M. Santello '00

Michael A. Scheve '02

Thomas J. Wedig '13

Dwain W. Weese '59

Arno A. Wehr, Jr. '63

Alexander W. Wolf '85

### Participant Level

\$1 - \$99

Edward P. Erdman '75

John E. Kemp '60

William R. Kohler, DDS '58

Thomas J. Rodgers '05

Craig M. Sjurset '73



# 14th Annual Golden Guard Luncheon

Gamma Upsilon hosted the 14th Annual Golden Guard Luncheon on September 16, celebrating brothers with fifty or more years of membership. These remarkable men shared stories of athletics, social functions, Greek Week, living in two separate houses and our rise to the top of Bradley's fraternity conference. Some brought yearbooks and photos illustrating our incredible heritage

and evolution. The following brothers and wives attended:

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| Walt Baselt '52                      | Lou Deardorff '58   |
| Marty Deering '89                    | Mitch Frondal '03   |
| Lynn Gundersen '57 (Aline)           | John Gura '62       |
| Roger Hill '59 (Judy '60)            | Willis Hunziker '53 |
| Bill Kohler '68                      | Tom McClintick '52  |
| Kevin Oyster '17 (Chapter President) |                     |
| William Shoemaker '16                | Daryl Steele '60    |
| Mike Unruh '57 (Jan '59)             | Budd Wilkening '52  |



The Lariat Steakhouse played host to another great luncheon for Gamma Upsilon.

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GUAC President **Marty Deering '89** presented **John "Terry" Gura '62** with his Golden Guard Certificate. Conversation opened to discuss how GUAC could improve and better serve all alumni. Ideas included moving the luncheon date to a Saturday to encourage more attendance from all generations and ensuring the event did not appear as an exclusive club. Others suggested rotating the location, possibly closer to the Chicago area. All agreed the Lariat Steakhouse was a great fit for us for decades.

Shortly after this event, **Lou Deardorff '58** passed away from complications after a fall in his home. **Mike Unruh '57** shared, "Lou is the third member of

the pledge class of September 1954 to pass away in the past six months - **Bob Wall '58, Ron Snyder '58** and Lou. Bob was in my wedding, and I roomed with Lou in the "Penthouse" for two years. I threw about a dozen touchdown passes to Ron the fall of my senior year. They represent a ton of memories for the Bradley years. I forgot to mention that Bob and I joined the National Guard at the same time and defended the nation for six years between active and reserve tours." Our thoughts are with Lou and his family as well as all brothers who joined Chapter Eternal in 2016.

## Gamma Upsilon Chapter Eternal 2016

**Ronald M. Snyder '58**  
*April 12, 2016*

Brother Snyder, 79, a resident of Benton County, Arkansas, is survived by his wife, Evelyn.

**Robert E. Wall '58**  
*April 20, 2016*

Brother Wall, 79, a longtime resident of Lacon, Illinois, passed away peacefully at his home with his family at his side.

Bob grew up in Springfield, Illinois and graduated from Bloomington High School. He attended Bradley University where he was a two-time letterman in tennis. After his graduation in 1958, he joined the U.S. Army. In the mid 1960's, Bob became an insurance agent working with Walter Head of the Head Insurance Agency. Soon after, Bob and Walter Head formed a partnership, the Head and Wall Insurance Agency, which lasted over forty years. Bob retired in 2001.

Bob was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. He also enjoyed reading history books, playing tennis and golf and managing several men's fast pitch softball teams. He was a member of the Lacon Country Club, Lacon Rotary and Lacon American Legion Post #593.

He married Elizabeth (Lay) Crawford in 1959, and they had two children. In 1990, Bob remarried to Audrey Miller.

Bob is survived by his wife, Audrey, son Michael, daughter Cynthia (Wall) Milligan, stepdaughter Julie Bogner, stepson Jay Miller, four grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren.

**Salvatore Piunti '57**  
*June 4, 2016*

Brother Piunti, 81, was a lifelong resident of Chicago Heights. He graduated from Bloom High School in 1952 and Bradley University in 1957. He worked as a

receiving manager for Dominick's Finer Foods for 25 years and operated his own supermarket, G&S Foods. After retirement, he volunteered at the Secretary of State's Office, the Illinois Montessori Children's House and IMCH Babyland, which he owned and operated with his wife. He was also a veteran of the US Army.

Sam and his wife Darnell had three children, Nancy Karpus, Jason and Kristi Porcelli and five grandchildren.

**David M. D'Amico '03**  
*June 7, 2016*

Brother D'Amico, 35, was a resident of Westmont, Illinois. He attended Driscoll Catholic High School before graduating from Bradley University in 2003. He was a huge Cubs fan as well as a riverboat gambler.

Dave is survived by his father, Hank, his stepmother, Marilyn,  
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## Gamma Upsilon Active Chapter Update

The chapter is looking forward to an exciting and busy fall semester, which will be full of social, campus and of course, scholarly activities. Fall began with the following eight new members accepting bids at the Interfraternity Bid Ceremony on September 4. These brothers officially joined our brotherhood on initiation night, November 11.

**Connor Barnhill**  
*Freshman*  
Game Design Major

**Patrick Haeffele**  
*Freshman*  
Pre-Business Major

**Max Mansell**  
*Freshman*  
Game Design Major

**Glenn Dodge**  
*Freshman*  
Electrical Engineering Major

**Colin Killian**  
*Sophomore*  
Mechanical Engineering Major

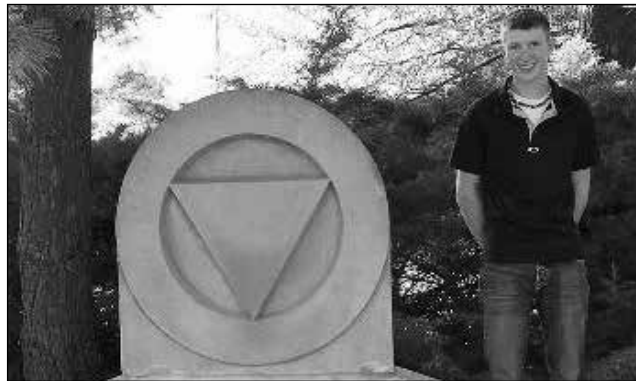
**Nate Merrill**  
*Freshman*  
Mechanical Engineering Major

Bradley University hosted Homecoming 2016 the week of September 12-17. Among the festivities, on September 14, contestants competed in a pageant to determine this year's Homecoming King and Queen. Our own **Dave Hensen '18** was officially crowned Homecoming King, along with queen, Taylor Provax '17 at the Bradley University soccer game held on Saturday, September 16.

Brother **Josh Herrmann '18**, a finance and management and leadership double major, won 'The Intern Challenge' as Rockford, Illinois, area students competed in a series of business-focused tasks. Not only did he receive a paid internship at an organization of his choice but also a \$1,500 scholarship.



Brother Dave Hensen '18 and Taylor Provax were crowned Bradley University's Homecoming King and Queen on September 14.



Brother Josh Herrmann '18 won The Intern Challenge in Rockford, Illinois.

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## Alumni Spotlight: Jeff Rozovics '92

Jeff Rozovics '92 proves the lessons learned in Theta Chi can last far longer than the four years spent at Bradley University. Whether he is working as an accountant, practicing martial arts or spending time with family, Gamma Upsilon will always be with him.

As a sophomore, Jeff became pledge marshal and ran initiation week for over thirty pledges after the original pledge marshal took a semester off from school. "I think from a leadership standpoint, that was my first test, and I have taken those lessons well into my professional career as well as my martial arts career, too."

With his newfound skills and discipline, Jeff graduated with his Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Bradley and went on to obtain a Master's degree in Taxation from Northern

Illinois University. He currently works as the managing partner of the Rozovics Group, LLP located in Park Ridge, Illinois. His father started the firm in 1977 and the firm will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2017. The firm has grown significantly over the past few years and will have close to twenty employees by the beginning of next year. They specialize in litigation support, international taxes, business valuations, forensic accounting and wealth management to name a few.

Jeff married his wife Shannon in 1991, and they celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on October 16. They have a thirteen-year-old daughter, Riley, who was born with a chromosome abnormality known as Chromosome 15q duplication syndrome. Children affected by this syndrome can



Jeff embraces Riley at the golf outing.



Jeff gained interest in martial arts after college

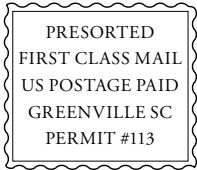
have a wide variety of issues such as global developmental delays, seizures, speech delays and autism spectrum disorders. Riley is non-verbal and once had a significant amount of seizures. After they saw a doctor at a Dup15q Clinic in St. Paul, Minnesota, they were able to control the seizure activity and essentially eliminate it.

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his sister Lori Raia, two nephews, two stepsisters, Robyn Stephens and Nancy Przybycien, four step-nephews and one step-niece.

#### Louis Deardorff '58 October 5, 2016

Brother Deardorff, 80, was a longtime resident of Wheaton, but was born in Cicero and raised in Lombard.

After graduating from Bradley

University in 1958 with a degree in mechanical engineering, Lou married his Glenbard West High School sweetheart, Meredyth (Boots). He began working in Chicago at Automatic Electric Corp., a telephone equipment supplier, which made around 80 percent of the world's dial-operated automatic telephone equipment and later merged with GTE Corp.

Lou held a variety of positions,

including design engineer, for electromechanical devices. He received his MBA in 1967 from the University of Chicago. Lou retired from GTE when he was 52 but said, "I got bored because I loved working." Therefore, Lou returned to the workforce where he finished his career at Minuteman International in the northwest suburbs.

During retirement, Lou was a

longtime member of the Lions Club in Wheaton and an avid cyclist, riding in fifteen consecutive Bike the Drive events on Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. He was one of the oldest registered participants last May.

In addition to his wife, Brother Deardorff is survived by two daughters, Amy Immermann and Julie van Leer, and three grandchildren.

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The Rozovics' are part of an international organizational called Dup15q Alliance, growing significantly over the past ten years. The goal of the organization is to create awareness, medical research and offer family support. His wife and another parent involved with the organization plan a biennial golf event and the fourth golf outing in September 2016 proved to be the most successful ever. Jeff stated, "Riley is a true treasure and we are blessed to be her parents!"

When he is not working or spending time with his family, Jeff has one particular hobby

he practices more than the rest. He was always interested in martial arts and decided to join a Hapkido Academy (a Korean martial art) a few years after graduation. He attended a grappling class once a week, right when UFC fighting became popular. He joined the Carlson Gracie Team, where he received a high level of training from the very beginning, and the rest is history. He visited Rio de Janeiro four times for BJJ (Brazilian Jiu Jitsu) training camps and competed across the US and internationally. He is currently a 3rd degree black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

Today, Jeff still keeps in contact with many

Theta Chis around the Chicagoland area. "It is incredible that you spend only four to five years of your life in college, but make bonds that last a lifetime. Theta Chi was always a diverse fraternity and it clearly helped in my accounting practice and teaching Jiu-Jitsu students. I have many diverse clients and students on the team. I truly treasure my time at Bradley and Theta Chi; they aren't kidding when they say that college is the best four years of your life!"

As an alumnus, Jeff served as the treasurer for the GUAC from 2009-2013.