

The Paragon

Newsletter of the Ohio Alpha Beta Alumni Association

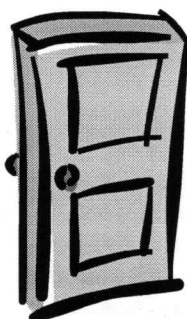
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Alumni House Improvement Project: Door Replacement

The Housing Corporation and Alumni Board are continuing to move forward with the door replacement project. Neither the front door, nor the side door currently locks or closes properly. The door jams are crumbling due to age and wear. In short, the doors currently present a major security problem for our brothers and chapter property.

For what may be the first time in chapter history since Ernie Schmidt stepped forward to help solidify the purchase of the chapter house, we hope to have the doors replaced solely through the generosity of our alumni. It is time that we support the chapter so that it can spend more of its time and money on chapter activities and less on major house repairs. This project is to be administrated by the alumni board and housing corporation, the first-ever house improvement project that the active chapter doesn't have to worry about or pay for.



The new doors will be custom made of Spanish cedar and built to look very similar to the original doors (crest and all!) in an effort to maintain the historical aesthetic of the chapter house while upgrading to meet safety and fire codes. New hardware, panic bars, locks, and door jams will also be installed for a total cost of \$7,435.37. With \$3,735 collected in donations, we are 50% of the way to our goal.

Everybody that has lived in the chapter house remembers how things break down and deteriorate. It is simply a fact of life in a fraternity house. For decades, the chapter has worked very hard to keep the property maintained through general repairs with little to no help from alumni. With the recent replacement of the all the house windows, we are slowly and steadily moving the property in the right direction. Please support the chapter by making a donation to the door replacement project.

Thirty-six alumni have stepped forward with donations totaling \$3,735. That is approximately 4% of our total alumni membership. If 4% of our membership is capable of raising over \$3,000 dollars, just imagine what 800 alumni are capable of doing! Donations have been as large as \$1,000 and as small as \$10, the most common amount being \$75. Every donation is worthwhile and extremely helpful, no matter the amount. We are extremely grateful to those 36 alumni, and hope that even more will choose to contribute and abide by our motto, "Give, expecting nothing thereof..."

**ONLY \$3,000 MORE TO GO,
PLEASE DONATE TODAY!**

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Upcoming Dates of Interest

11/20	Alumni Board Meeting	4/19	Spring Formal at Jacob's Field
12/18	Alumni Board Meeting		
1/1	Winter Paragon Articles Due	8/7-9	ΦΚΘ Leadership Conference
1/22	Alumni Board Meeting	Did I forget an important date? Let me know at djackal@gmail.com so I can include it in future issues!	
1/14	Spring Rush Begins		
4/2-6	Greek Week		

In order to accommodate everyone's busy weekend schedules, alumni board meetings are being moved to Tuesday evenings. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 20th at 8:30pm. Meetings typically last about 45 minutes. To join the conference call, dial 1-605-475-4150 and enter 11016# as the pass code. We hope to see (or hear) you there!

Letter From the President

Dear Brothers,

I was recently elected to a second term as President of the Ohio Alpha Beta Alumni Association, and I wanted to take the time to provide all our alumni an update, highlighting what we have accomplished so far, and what we hope to accomplish in the next two years.

Accomplishments:

- The OAB Alumni Association is recognized by the IRS as a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of the U.S. 501c7 organizations exist to function as social clubs, alumni organizations, or similar entities.
- The OAB Housing Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the OAB Alumni Association, was created and is recognized as a non-profit organization under Section 501 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a 501c2, the Housing Corp exists solely to own, maintain and operate the House, and return any profits back to the Alumni Association.
- The deed to the house was transferred to the OAB Housing Corporation.
- Thanks in part to your donations, all the windows in the chapter house were replaced at a cost of \$70,000. This will help immensely in lowering the house's heating bills, and improves the livability of the house.
- A tremendous effort was made to collect alumni debt. The funds recovered were sufficient to pay down the loan taken to finance the 2000 renovations to the Kitchen, as well as provide some of the funds for the windows.
- Thanks to your donations and the efforts of Brother Dave Jaklitsch, we returned to quarterly publications of the Paragon.

Near-Term Plans:

- Complete the new website at www.oabphikaps.org
- Complete the replacement of the front and side doors to the house at a cost of roughly \$7,500.
- Complete an architectural assessment of the house, including plans and blueprints for renovation of the house.
- Launch a sustaining monthly membership program.
- Launch Alumni happy hours in the Cleveland area.

A sustaining monthly membership program would consist of asking you, our brothers and members, to commit to a monthly donation for a period of time that would automatically be billed to your credit card, bank account, or other method of payment. This would ensure us a steady, reliable stream of income and enable us to move closer to our goal of completely renovating the chapter house.

Something else I would like to ask you to do is to mark your calendars now for our Memorial Day Alumni House Improvements project, as we recently have suffered poor turnout at these events, and I would like to ask everyone to make their best effort to attend this year. Also, please remember alumni brothers are always welcome to attend the spring formal, and our initiation ceremonies.

To those who have already contributed to our efforts, you have my most sincere thanks and appreciation. As always, I am open to your suggestions and offers to help.

Sincerely,
Nick DeCenzo

Would you like to contribute to the next Paragon? Write an article, send a picture, submit your Alumni Spotlight, donate to the chapter, or anything else you can think of. Every submission will help to make the Paragon the best alumni newsletter you can imagine! To make a submission, e-mail Dave Jaklitsch at: djackal@gmail.com.

Formal at Jacob's Field

The chapter will once again host formal at the Terrace Club at Jacob's Field on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Every formal held at the Jake has been a huge success with great food and a fantastic view. Information on pricing and accommodations will be out shortly. Mark your calendars now, we hope to see an unprecedented alumni turnout.

Alumni Spotlight

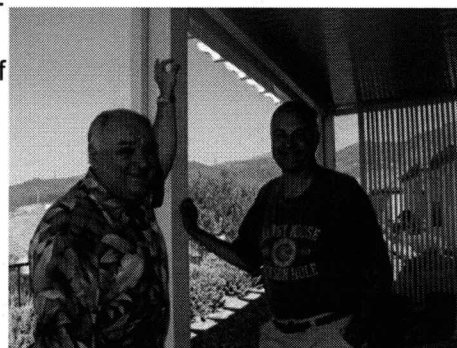
David Beechuk, '68

After graduation in '68 I went to work as a technical service engineer for The Dow Chemical Company in Midland, MI and worked there at the corporate headquarters for the next 36 years, retiring in 2004 as Human Resources Director for the R&D function.

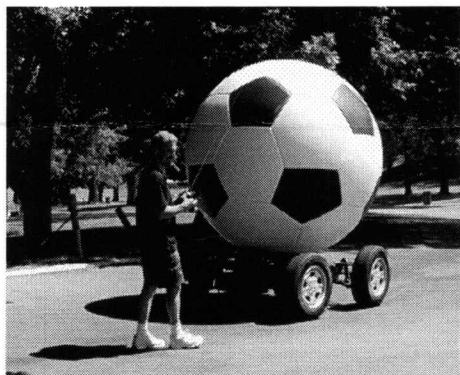
Two months after graduation I married Claudia Grohman, the girl that wore my Phi Kap pin during our college years, and we had two great kids who now both live and work in San Francisco. Scott (BSEE, U of Mich '96) has his own business, a very successful online home furnishings company named eMassive.com.

Robyn (BS Business, U of Mich '01) worked as a litigation consultant in the business world before deciding to pursue her avocation in the culinary world, and now works as a pastry chef at The Bittersweet Chocolate Cafe in Oakland.

My wife retired from her career as a teacher (elementary, middle schools, and college) in 2004, and we moved to Las Vegas, NV where there's more to do than anywhere else in the world and, as my wife says, "you never have to shovel sunshine". We travel a lot and simply enjoy life. I've finally taken up golf but tend to see more success at the craps tables than on a golf course.



Beechuk, left, with Mark Bryan, who was chapter president during the '67-'68 school year.



Stevo Brock

I finally made it to Hollywood! I have been working the last several years doing electronics and motion graphics for the TV/commercial/film industry.

Last summer I worked on Where the Wild Things Are (www.imdb.com/title/tt0386117/) for the Jim Henson Creature Shop. Most recently I helped build some remote con-

trol props for the upcoming 2008 Jeep commercials (see pic). I also started a software company with a partner making professional audio tools (see www.monkey-tools.com).

Beyond that, I'm dating an amazing girl, I play a lot of beach volleyball, and I'm helping to start a church focused on folks in the entertainment industry.

Thanks to all the alumni who have donated this year!

Alumni Board Donors totaling \$855:

Tom Andersen '04	Robert Lubick '51
John Beall '69	Michael McGinty '54
Robert Daniel '68	Gregory Mersol '82
Kevin Duncan '04	John Mioduszeski '58
Sean Dunlop '03	Robert Modic '62
Paul Farley '54	Robert Pardee '51
John Frier '56	Robert Sepsi '75
Pat Glynn '00	Robert Smialek '65
Adam Grauer '00	Rob Stalder '94
Ross Hackel '57	Ed Steigerwald '52
Walter Hees '50	Joseph Svete '60
Wayne Kuenzli '74	Leonard Weiss '61
Thomas Litzler '53	

Door Replacement Project Donors totaling \$3,735:

Anonymous	Mark Francioli '76	Wayne Miller '04
Tom Andersen '04	John Frier '56	John Mioduszeski '58
John Beall '69	Pat Glynn '00	Robert Modic '62
Joseph Besich '57	Walter Hees '50	Robert Pardee '51
Gabriel Bloom '01	Paul Huang '85	Christopher Perry '90
Jason Cartwright '94	Maynard Isabell '60	Robert Sepsi '75
Joseph Curtis '48	Robert Kane '53	Robert Smialek '65
Robert Daniel '68	Wayne Kuenzli '74	Greg Szorc '06
Lawrence Diersen '71	Thomas Litzler '53	Thomas Thornton '56
Jason Dolan '00	Raymond Loehr '53	Ralph Vollbrecht '56
Kevin Duncan '04	Timothy Maloney '66	
Walter F Evans '66	Benjamin Martin '95	
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Sudoku! What is Sudoku? Sudoku is a number puzzle where you must use each number 1-9 in every row, every column, and every 3x3 box without repeating any numbers. Look here each issue for a new puzzle and a new tip for solving Sudoku puzzles!

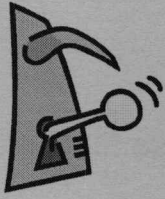
Last Issue's Solution:

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2	3	5	7	8	9	6	4	1
7	6	4	3	1	2	9	8	5
9	8	1	4	6	5	2	3	7
4	7	6	9	2	1	3	5	8
8	1	9	5	7	3	4	6	2
5	2	3	6	4	8	1	7	9

Sudoku Tip #6:

Any rule that applies to 2 numbers also applies to 3 numbers. E.g.: if 3 squares within a row or column can only include 3 numbers, those numbers cannot belong to another square in that same row or column.

		2		6	7	1		9
				1				
1	3	7	4				6	
8							7	6
	4			2			9	
2	5							1
	7				5	6	1	8
				8				
5		8	6	3		4		



**PLEASE HELP US COMPLETE THE DOOR
REPLACEMENT PROJECT! WE'VE GOT \$3,735
IN THE BANK, ONLY \$3,000 MORE TO GO!**

YES! I would like to donate to the Ohio Alpha Beta Housing Corp Door Replacement Project:

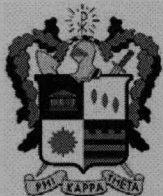
- ☐ A donation in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed
- ☐ I pledge to donate \$_____ over the course of the year, divided into _____ payments. A pledge reminder will be mailed to me before each payment is due.

Make checks payable to Ohio Alpha Beta Housing Corp

YES! I would like to donate to the Cleveland Phi Kappa Theta Alumni Corp to help cover the cost of printing the paragon, alumni social events, rush events, and other alumni activities:

- ☐ A \$25 donation is enclosed
- ☐ A donation in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed
- ☐ I pledge to donate \$_____ over the course of the year, divided into _____ payments. A pledge reminder will be mailed to me before each payment is due.

Make checks payable to Cleveland PKT Alumni Corp



Please mail to: Kevin Duncan, Treasurer
18 Blue Jay Lane
Grand Island, NY 14072

"Give, expecting nothing thereof..."

**Please see the reverse side to update
your contact information!**

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION!

In an effort to keep our online database and records up to date, please fill in the needed information. Thank you!

Name: _____

First Middle Last

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Position/Title: _____

Did you graduate 1994 or earlier? If so, please also complete the information below:

Pledge Class Semester (circle): Fall Spring Pledge Year: _____

Big Brother: _____

Little Brother(s): _____

Graduation Month/Year: _____ Degree Obtained: _____

Major(s): _____

Minor(s): _____

Other Degrees Earned/Schools Attended: _____
