12 MONTHS OF AWESOME!!

Twelve months of awesome indeed! We are fostering Brotherhood at an unprecedented level at Alpha Psi. Our Alumni are involved with Active Chapter activities at a level not seen for many years! Thanks to All for a GREAT YEAR!

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Letter from the President of the Active Chapter

As Active Chapter President for the 2014 school year and the 150th ANNIVERSARY of our fraternity, I first want to begin by expressing my sincerest gratitude towards all the alumni who have donated money, those who have attended work days, and those who recently paid us a visit recently. Your donations and assistance we have introduced a whole new era and GOLDEN AGE of the Alpha Psi chapter of Theta Xi! Together, we have changed the direction and Alpha Psi name forever.

I just recently returned from the 150th Anniversary Annual Convention in Troy, New York and I am pleased to announce that our chapter received THREE national awards. These awards include third place for Best Newsletter (Thank you Brother Andrew Davids, for your efforts to continually engage with our Alumni Brothers. Nationals has really noticed!), a certificate recognizing the Alpha Psi Chapter for being in the top 20 percent among all chapters for Accreditation, and most importantly National’s BENCHMARK Chapter Award for Excellence in Chapter Operations. Each year, only five chapters are presented this prestigious award and we are proud and honored to be one of them this year.

We have also seen improvement in recruitment with larger Associate member classes. Last spring, we were thrilled to initiate eight young men into the bonds of Brotherhood and I’m pleased to report we have already signed nine Associate members for Fall 2014 through the conclusion of Orientation week (and we’re not done yet!).

It has been a year of change for our beloved Alpha Psi Chapter. We have been restoring the house substantially, including new exterior paint, replacing the tiles in the entry way, installing all new doors, and a full restoration of the dining room and stage. I want to say thanks again to all the alumni who have donated money and/or time to help change the face of Theta Xi at MST. It has been a very challenging year for the Alpha Psi Chapter and now I challenge all alumni who are reading this. Please come to see for yourself all the accomplishments and how we as a family have moved forward. Come visit us, have an ice cold beverage with us, and get to know all the new brothers running the house. Remember:

IT’S NOT FOUR YEARS, IT’S FOR LIFE! WE ARE NOT JUST MEN, WE ARE ALL TRUE MEN! WE ARE THETA XI!

Respectfully submitted and yours forever in the bonds,

Joe White - AW591
Chapter President

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Happy Birthday!

7 July: Sean Furman (AV399)
10 July: Patrick VanDeWeile (AV544)
12 July: Steven ‘Catfish’ Caselett (AV548)
14 July: Nick Luiking (AV527)
15 July: Matt Beard (AV437) 40 years!
16 July: Matt Acuff (AV440S) 45 years!
18 July: Alex Lopez (AV574)
20 July: Matt Clipper (AV453); John Thien (AV455)
21 July: Jon Beck (AV541)
22 July: Joe Skeetters (AV393)
23 July: Frank Aubin (AV520)
26 July: Bill Olsen (AV218); Paul Nandico (AV348); Lucas Laughery (AV560); Greg ‘Colonel’ Sanders (AV499) 40 years!
28 July: Joe Mickers (AV87)
30 July: Dion Novak (AV366)
3 August: Volkan Becker (AV429)
6 August: Jim Estes (AV339); Chris Hutson (AV529); Eddy Schuh (AV445) 40 years!; Andrew Castillo (AV592)
8 August: Chris Therrien (AV481)
9 August: Josh Juergens (AV566)
12 August: Jim McGrath (AV368)
13 August: Chris Essig (AV466)
15 August: Roger Hinckley (AV106)
16 August: Thad Boydstun (AV391)
18 August: Tom Blankenship (AV325); Tyler Turner (AV532) 30 years!
19 August: Keith Bellville (AV380)
20 August: Rick Szoke (AV358)
22 August: Bill Stewart (AV335)
23 August: Trent Garton (AV594)
25 August: Nick Ragsdale (AV496)
27 August: Joe Mickers (AV87)
28 August: Jeff Scheibe (AV357)
29 August: Joel House (AV524)

Anniversaries/Weddings/Engagements

11 July: Steve Poulsen (AV489) Anniversary
12 July: Zach and Erica Ryals (AV546) Just Married in 2014!
19 July: Nat and Delene Broeckling (AV386) 17 years!
22 July: Brian and Danielle Mahan (AV562) Just Married in 2014!
24 July: Mark and Danna Burdick (AV549) celebrated 4 years together!
27 July: Nick and Jessica Ragsdale (AV496) First Anniversary!
31 July: Roger and Marilyn Kay Hinckley (AV106) 54 years!; Chris and Brietta Hutson (AV529) Just Married in 2014!
9 August: Mike Jilg (AV238) Anniversary
10 August: Dan and Angela Bellville (AV517) First Anniversary!
11 August: Darrell and Stephanie Haase (AV413) 24 years!
16 August: Bill and Trudie Olsen (AV218) 45 years!
19 August: Gene and Sandy Porter (AV359) 16 years!

Tool Drive: We are collecting tools for the Active Chapter to use throughout the year. If you have tools you don’t use or are going to have replaced, please consider donating them to the Active Chapter!

Summer 2014
House Improvement Projects - UPDATE

We have seen awesome results from summer efforts to complete improvement projects. Much thanks to Brother Lewis Buchanan (AV579) for all of his work this summer taking on these projects as a second (and maybe third) full time commitment in addition to his full time paying job at Meek’s. Were it not for him NONE of this would be possible!!

THANKS BROTHER!!

Powerwash the Parking Lot and repaint the parking

BEFORE
Rebuild and Organize Kitchen Utility Closets
AFTER
Laying concrete to replace the railroad tie frames.

BEFORE
Repair, powerwash, and stain the Back Deck.

THANKS ALUMNII!!!
Next Alumni Work Weekend is 27-29 September.

NEW HOUSE DEMO!!

Plus so much more!!

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Improving the House through investing in it...
Is the Alpha Psi Chapter part of your Estate Plan? You can’t take it with you and Lord knows we can use it. Did you just pay off a debt and free up a chunk of money? We have some great ideas to put that money to good use.

Now That’s Results Brothers!

What a year it has been! Only a year ago contact between the Active Chapter and any Alumni was limited to either the regular conference calls between our two officer boards discussing the dwindling membership numbers, how the house continued to fall into disrepair, and (lack of) money; or the sporadic visits to the Chapter House by Alumni Brothers in town for Career Days, St. Pat’s, or just passing through. It was bad - really bad.

Since then, (1) At least 200 Alumni Brothers are reading the latest Alpha Psi news in the (now) bi-monthly Alumni Newsletter (2) Alumni financial support is averaging just over $1,000/month and (3) at least 85 Alumni Brothers have engaged with the Active Chapter through donations of time and/or money; participating in workdays and Rush events; and visits to the Chapter House. The results just keep on coming in! National HQs is taking notice, evidenced by the three awards we received at this year’s Annual Convention in Troy, NY. We have a 9 man pledge class (so far) this semester in our quest to Get201! The Actives are thrilled with all of the recent improvements which give the house a new look.

We are so-so-so excited about what this next year will bring and hopeful this upward trend in Brotherhood continues.

YITB - AVΘΞ

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The Active Chapter and the Alumni Association always need Alumni support - support in the form of guidance/mentorship/partnerships; in the form of expertise and skills and expertise participating in house improvement projects; and of course financial support in the form of donations. If you are willing and able, we invite you to become part of our alumni support mechanism. Contact your Alumni Association to collaborate on our efforts.

There are different ways to make financial donations in support of the house. The first way is to write a personal check and send it to us in the mail. Please write your preference for specific designation of the funds if applicable on the memo line (i.e. Rush, Property Upkeep, St. Pats).

Make checks out to THETA XI FRATERNITY and mail them to:

**Alpha Psi Alumni Association**
1605 Pine Street
Rolla, MO  65401

OR

**Alpha Psi Alumni Association**
1751 Chestnut Farms Court
Fenton, MO 63026

The second way is to make a secure donation online to the Alumni Association Paypal account.


Username: alphapsi  Password: puresoul

Select the donate button and fill out the information fields to send your secure donation to the Alumni Association today. Currently all donations online default to the PUC account, so if you prefer to designate it for something else please email us (info@alphapsialumni.org or alphapsithetaxi@gmail.com) and let us know what that designation is. For your convenience, you can sign up for automatic withdrawals for monthly donations and provide financial support the house every month without thinking about it.

The next ways are to invest in the educational and professional development of our undergraduate brothers through donations to either the Theta Xi Foundation or the Miner Alumni Association. Donations through both of these means have always been 100% tax deductible and must be designated specifically to our chapter/fraternity when filling out the donation forms (online or hardcopy). Donations to the Theta Xi Foundation can help pay for actives to attend leadership development seminars sponsored by National Headquarters or fund scholarships for undergraduates of our chapter. Go to [www.thetaxi.org](http://www.thetaxi.org) and click the Foundation drop down menu for more information. Don’t forget to designate your donation for the Alpha Psi Chapter when giving. Donations to the Miner Alumni Association fund a scholarship to an undergraduate member in good standing selected by the Active chapter each semester. The amount is equivalent to 2.5% of the account balance, which currently equates to a $500 scholarship each semester. Click [here](http://www.thetaxi.org) to be directed to the Miner Alumni Association website. Don’t forget to designate it for Theta Xi Fraternity Scholarship when making your donations. Brother Nick Ereckson (AVΨ494) is very familiar with giving through this method if you should have any questions or concerns.

Help is always needed and support in any form is appreciated. It’d be great to see any of you at upcoming events. YITB - AVΘΞ
10 Year Strategic Plan –

**DRAFT Overview**

We are still interested in hearing your opinions and thoughts on the 10 year Strategic Plan. So far the feedback has been very positive and we feel very good about what we’ve got on the table so far. We clearly understand that any plan’s success is dependent on buy-in and commitment from our Active and Alumni members. Each one of us needs to step up and say, “I will help us do this!” As we said in June, we understand major milestones have to be accomplished and sustained before we are able to take steps to develop a project plan for a New Construction. We think recent accomplishments show Alumni we are heading in the right direction. We feel this draft 10 year strategic plan is close but could really benefit from a majority Alumni perspective.

The plan is structured along four main lines of effort: (1) Build Alumni Relations; (2) Keep House Full; (3) Current House Upkeep; and (4) Fundraising for New House. Though these lines are distinct you will see they overlap a lot and are very inter-related.

Brother Mark Schlemeier (AW372) helped move his son, Alex, who is one of our new Associate Members, into the house earlier this month. He shared some of his thoughts. He feels we need to decide how we are going to fix the problem this year. Are we going to commit and move forward with the 10 Year Plan or put another 25-30 year band-aid on it which will cost about $150K. We will need to do something over the course of the next two years. The next big project is HVAC ($25K), then replacing the gutters ($10K), then replacing the windows (~$50K), then... well you get the idea. There is always the next thing we can do. We have begun to raise Alpha Psi up out of the ashes and the road to the mountain top is long and arduous. We can’t do this without our Alumni and with our Alumni there isn’t anything we can’t do! YITB-AΨΘΞ

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### Celebrating 65 Years of ΘΞ in Rolla, MO

Homecoming at MST always coincides with the Anniversary of Alpha Psi of Theta Xi on campus. This year we will celebrate 65 Years of Theta Xi together and we plan to do so by taking the time to admire and appreciate all of the great work we’ve accomplished together at Alpha Psi. Homecoming weekend is 17-18 October 2014 and we are planning fun activities to enjoy being affiliated with Theta Xi.

Janet Zeiger and Theresa Schmitt - Alumni wives of Brothers Jeff Zeiger (AW326) and Robb Schmitt (AW329) - have volunteered to be a part of a team of wives that prepare Breakfast/Brunch for the Actives on Saturday morning (it should motivate our young men to get out of bed before noon on a Saturday). If your wife/significant other is interested in helping prepare this Brunch please reach out to us. We can get your better half in touch with these lovely ladies to coordinate the details.

To effectively plan for this awesome day of celebration we need need-need to know if you will be joining us and if your lovely better half will be providing the much needed supervision you need while you both celebrate our awesome year of accomplishments with us. Members of the Active Chapter and our new Associate members will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks to confirm your attendance. To expedite your registration, you can send an email to info@alphapsialumni.org or alphapsithetaxi@gmail.com letting us know you plan to attend. To help offset the costs we ask Alumni to pay $35/person for themselves and their guest if they RSVP before 1 October. Alumni who RSVP after 1 October are asked to pay $62.94/person. There are many lodging options in town, but it is Homecoming weekend and they will be filling up fast so get yours early!

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