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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Beta Rho Property Company Leadership Changes & Looking Ahead

After 125 years of fraternal operation at the University of Pennsylvania, the brothers of Sigma Nu Beta Rho can stand proud, knowing that we have a strong and vibrant chapter. There are currently 55+ active brothers in the house, including 13 brothers initiated this spring. Our active brothers are leaders deeply involved in the University community, carrying a 3.4 average GPA while being involved in over 30 separate University groups. The state of the active brotherhood has never been stronger.

After a long, distinguished tenure of service, spanning 40+ years, **William Herrmann '68** and **Peter Burgum '65** have stepped down from the Board of Beta Rho Property Company. We are forever grateful for their dedication and service. Since 2013, they have overseen nearly \$500,000 in house renovation and upgrades, the result of a strong, collaborative effort between the Brotherhood and Property Company.

Continuing board members include **Ryan Miller '00**, **Patrick McHenry '92**, **Neil Anand '04**, **Sam Verdugo '13**, and **Joshua Chilcote '15**. The newly constituted board, having each served as a board member for over four years, is prepared and invigorated to work with active brothers to strengthen the chapter as Beta Rho begins its next 125 years at Penn.

As the newly constituted board begins its tenure, we want to invite and encourage all alumni to be involved in any way large or small. It never has been easier to incorporate the views and talents of our broad alumni base regardless of geography. We are only 5 of over 800 living alumni from Beta Rho. While active and energetic, as a younger board, we are unfortunately also constrained by personal and professional obligations outside of fraternal and other charitable duties. *Small contributions of your time and talent are immensely impactful and appreciated by the board, active brotherhood and fellow alumni.*

While institutionally strong, challenges exist without question as we begin the next 125 years. In a shift that will undoubtedly diminish Greek Life at the University, school officials have mandated that Sophomore students live in University owned housing (which is not to include any fraternities or sororities). To meet this challenge, we must further strengthen the active brotherhood's membership and make our Chapter House a premier living alternative, so as to attract the strongest students to our fold.

In that vein, nearer term priorities include the continued renovation of 3819 Walnut. Recently, as we continued that work, substantial structural issues were uncovered in the basement, kitchen and annex areas related to rotted joists and framing that require urgent attention. Initial estimates indicate sizeable renovation costs (\$70,000+) and a large time investment from the Board in coordinating and overseeing these repairs. With the enhanced generosity of alumni, we also hope, in the near future, to complete renovations of the kitchen (to commercial level quality), laundry and bathrooms, as well as necessary exterior renovations, including a new roof. It is only with enhanced support of the alumni base that these necessary chapter enhancements will be possible. Your financial support via donations to the Annual Fund are critical, and we look forward to your continued support.

Outside of financial contributions, our near term organizational needs include consultation from brothers in the legal profession who can provide guidance as we revise, update, and institute best practices around governance and risk management.

If you are willing to help us meet and exceed the goals outlined above, please contact **Neil Anand '04**, President of Alumni Relations, at neil.anand@gmail.com or **(203) 362-8705**.

Thank you!

HONOR ROLL

Thank You!

Congratulations to the following brothers who have already shown their support for Beta Rho this year! Please join them in supporting Sigma Nu by making your contribution today!

Ralph "Rox" Reynolds Founder's Circle (\$1,000+)

Michael Armellino 1961
Robin Sommers 1966
Andrew Adelson 1977
Ofer Nemirovsky 1979

Beta Rho Legacy Society (\$750-\$999.99)

Richard Study 1960

Love, Truth, & Honor Circle (\$500-\$749.99)

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Tyler Mahy 1963
Frederick Batrus 1971

David Riddell 1973
Stephan Rodolakis 1984

Zane Grey Society (\$350-\$499.99)

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Mitchell Zimmer 1976

Serpent Society (\$250-\$349.99)

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Kevin Ryan 1987
Brian Moran 1990
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Neil Anand 2004
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ALUMNI UPDATES

What Have Your Beta Rho Brothers Been Up To?

Beta Rho Alum, Now Dean, Meets with Brothers

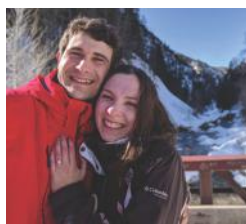


Dean of admissions and Sigma Nu Beta Rho alum, **Eric Furda '89**, came to the house to talk to us about his experiences as a Penn student and in his career. It's always great when alumni share their life experiences with the brothers!

True Love Blooms for Alum and Classmate



Alexander George, Beta Rho '17, announced his recent engagement to his girlfriend of 5 years, **Hannah Rears**, also Penn Class of 2017!



These days, thanks to our great alumni website betarhoalumni.com, you can go online any time

and share your reminiscences and pictures with your brothers. When you post your stories and updates to our alumni website, you may find yourself re-connecting with old friends you haven't been in touch with for years. We want to hear from you!

Robert Anthony '70 Re-elected Oklahoma Commissioner



Robert Anthony, Beta Rho '70, won his sixth consecutive six-year term to the Oklahoma

Corporation Commission in 2018, carrying all 77 counties just as he did in 2012. He has served longer than any other Oklahoma office holder in state history. First elected in 1988, in 1994 he became the first Republican incumbent in Oklahoma history to win statewide re-election to a state office. In 2000, he was re-elected, receiving more votes at that time than any candidate for state office in Oklahoma history. Bob Anthony has served six times as chairman of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. He and his wife Nancy were married in 1975. They are the parents of four daughters and have five grandchildren.

A Call to Action

Help Us Make the 2018-19 Giving Year Strong

Our 2018/2019 giving year, which began on September 1, is half over with \$9,360.00 collected from 44 brothers. We want to thank those 44 brothers (you can find them under the Honor Roll tab at our website) who have already made a contribution to Beta Rho so far this giving year!

"I enjoyed my time at Sigma Nu and want to support the next generation of Brothers."

Our 2018-19 giving year goal was for \$20,000.00. Last year only 90 out of 954 alumni chose to make a voluntary gift. We still have the potential to meet our goal—but we need your *immediate* help. **Who will be next to join our 2018-2019 Honor Roll?**

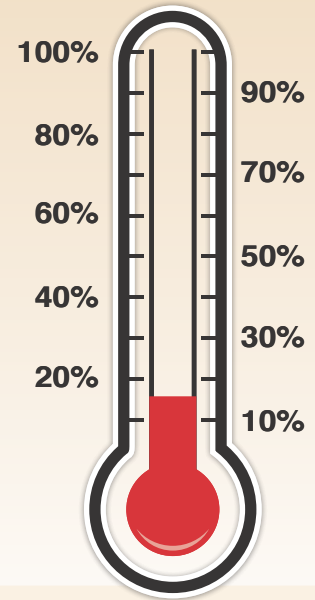
Giving Online is Easy!

You can donate online by simply going to our website, betarhoalumni.com and selecting the **Donate** button at the top of the page. Donations can also be made through our toll-free Donation Hotline at **1-800-975-6699**, or by sending a check made payable to **Sigma Nu—Beta Rho Chapter** to:

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University of Pennsylvania
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P.O. Box 7007
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

Our college days came and went, but the real Beta Rho experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift *Today!*

GOAL: \$20,000



"Supporting Beta Rho is my way of saying Thank You."



2019 SPRING PLEDGE CLASS

We would like to welcome the 2019 pledge class for the Beta Rho Chapter of Sigma Nu at Penn. Keep an eye out for the great things these young men will be accomplishing in the near future!

ALUMNI HONORED



2018 Alumnus of the Year

The recipient of the 2018 Alumnus of the Year Award was **Conrad Foa '62**. He was not able to attend Homecoming where the award is given out but those in attendance accepted the award in his absence. Congrats Brother Foa!



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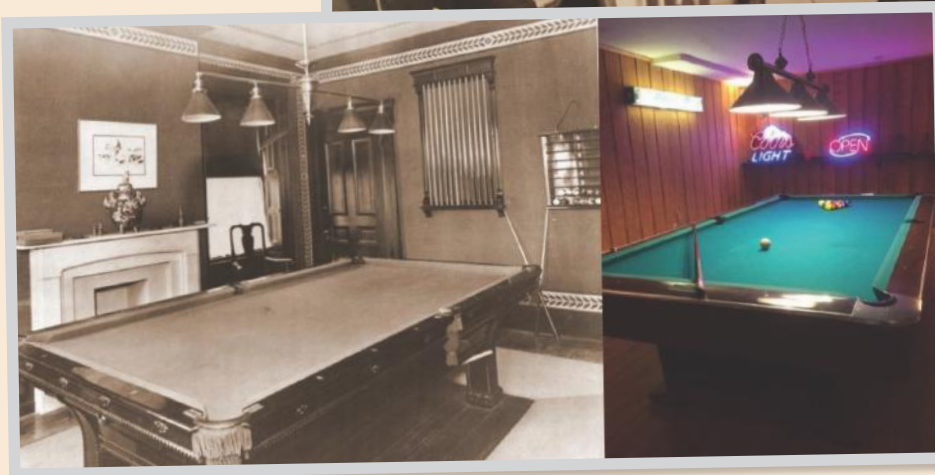
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WAY BACK WHEN

Remember These Guys?

Photo taken in 1960 in the house dining room when Beta Rho brothers met with the University. Pictured from left to right: Tony Adams, Frank Cianculli, John Negrey, Mike Schermerhorn, Don French, Bill Harvey, Drew Mozino (Contributed by Don French '62)



How many great times did you have around the pool table? On the right is the pool table from the early 1990s (check out the tasseled pockets!) and how it is today – Great Times!

Do you have some great old pictures that recall memorable times from your Beta Rho days? We would love to see them! To share your memories, just go to our website, betarhoalumni.com and hit the “Connect” tab. Your photo may help reconnect you with a long-lost brother!