

THE BETA Piper

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Upgrading Our Infrastructure

BETA SOCIETY PREPARING MAINTENANCE PLANS

Dishwasher Project

In October, the over 30-year-old, commercial-grade dishwasher in the kitchen permanently stopped working. Led by efforts of alumnus **Bob Brunmeier '84**, we purchased and installed a new system from Hobart in early November. The total cost to replace the dishwasher is coming in close to \$21,000.



Heating System

As mentioned in prior newsletters, the chapter house's heating pipes throughout most walls and ceilings across the four levels of our building are continuing to decay and leak. The pipes are greater than 100 years old now, and the entire system will need to be replaced. We are starting work to scope this project as well as determine a projected cost and timeline.

Financial Status

As of late September, the society had about \$469,000 in long-term debt. With the expense of the dishwasher project and other building repairs, it is vitally important to get on-time chapter rent payments to the society.

Alumni gifts/donations are also a critical component to help us pay for current and future building projects (e.g., repair/replace appliances). Please read our donor list below to see how to make a gift and to plan for an early contribution in 2025.

Thank you for being part of our Beta Pi brotherhood, and happy holidays to you and yours!

Yours in __kai__,

Scott Heineman '03

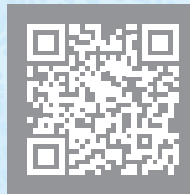
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THANK YOU, GENEROUS DONORS!

We Appreciate Your Support This Year

We extend our sincere gratitude to our brothers and friends listed below for donating \$3,187 to Beta Theta Pi's 2024 annual campaign. These alumni continue to be Men of Principle and are dedicated to ensuring brothers of today and tomorrow will thrive. Our alumni remain an important part of the success of Beta Pi, and your support will go a long way.

Want to prepare Beta for 2025 successes? [Scan the QR code to visit betapiannualcampaign.causevox.com](https://betapiannualcampaign.causevox.com) to make a gift!



Kenneth A. Tessmer '48
Bill Boughton '58
John F. Enghauser II '59
Jan F. Ebbert '63
William L. Valentine '63
Richard L. George '66
Robert A. Stein '69
In memory of
Jim Carter '70
Jeffrey O. Stewart '69

E. Walt Slibeck '70
Alfred S. Alliegro '81
Steven D. Kanner '83
Robert M. Alliegro '84
Brent A. Anderson '85
Paul W. Barber '85
Scott A. Martin '89
Benjamin R. Elliott '05
In honor of
Branden Peterson '05

Branden C. Peterson '05
Alexander C. Pullen '05
Aaron T. Docken '06
John Nerva '06
John J. Hutchinson '07
Ryan A. Marek '12

Welcome,
New Members!
See a Full List Inside!



Beta Pi hosts a Luau-themed recruitment event. We had a pig roast, games, and a bunch more activities for our soon-to-be fall pledge class.



Promoting Mutual Assistance

CHAPTER PROUDLY SERVES COMMUNITY

Beta Pi has many fall successes to share. Our grades, fundraising efforts, and campus activities showcase our members' unwavering dedication and drive to make a difference, both within our group and the larger community.

◆ Making the Grades

This semester, 75% of the chapter earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Fifteen members were even named to the dean's list. Our fall Dean's List Dinner was more than a time to celebrate their dedication—it also allowed our chapter to gather and exchange stories while motivating one another to sustain this progress and keep pursuing success.

◆ Helping Others

Our chapter recently hosted a charity event for Feed My Starving Children, packing more than 50 meals for those in need. A big shoutout to **Paul Goff '25**, whose leadership was instrumental in making this project a success! We're excited to partner with more organizations in 2025 as we support the people in our community.



Thank you to Paul Goff '25 for organizing our volunteer event for Feed My Starving Children!

◆ Staying Engaged on Campus

Positive community engagement starts right here on campus! **Diego Contreras-Gonzalez '27** and **Carson Purdy-Hilts '27**, both dedicated Bystander Prevention Advocates, are committed to ensuring an inclusive environment for all in the Beta experience. Conducting workshops and awareness programs plays a role in educating our members and peers about the significance of intervention and support, promoting respect and responsibility across campus.

◆ Looking Ahead

To sum up, our successes this semester truly reflect the dedication and effort put in by our chapter members. With accomplishments and impactful charity work, along with active engagement in campus events, we have set a solid groundwork for future triumphs. Going forward, our focus is on connecting with our alumni community and venturing into projects to elevate our chapter's influence even more. We are thrilled to nurture a positive community in the upcoming months and urge all members to share their thoughts and enthusiasm as we progress together along our path.

Yours in __kai__,
Mikil R. Foss '26
President
foss0379@umn.edu



Brothers celebrate Nicholas Johnson '26 on his 21st birthday—with a meaningful purpose. In addition to the festivities, we organized a bone marrow testing drive!

Brothers enjoy a Jackbox video game together during Brotherhood Weekend. Laughter and friendly competition filled the air, creating moments of connection and fun.



Welcome, New Members

Westin Allen | Amherst, Wis.
Jing-You Cheng | Taiwan
Liam Clark | Minneapolis, Minn.
Otto Fischboch | St. Louis Park, Minn.
Aidan Flannery | Lake Zurich, Ill.
Benjamin Hallberg | Libertyville, Ill.
William Luther
Damien Lyon | Amery, Wis.
Carter Parkhill* | Scottsdale, Ariz.
Noah Quigley | Hastings, Minn.
Aryan Singh
Payton Whalen | Beloit, Wis.

*Legacy

CHAPTER GOALS

Boosting Academic Achievement

We are committed to fostering triumph within our community through study sessions and workshops that emphasize efficient studying methods and time-management skills. We plan to help more members exceed a 3.6 GPA.

Community Involvement

Our objective is to generate donations and volunteer time by enhancing our community involvement by arranging a minimum of three events this year in collaboration with local nonprofit organizations and service groups.

Strengthen Campus Involvement

We want to enhance our presence and connections within the campus community by organizing activities that encourage inclusivity and safety to raise awareness of Beta's shared values and goals.

ALUMNI NEWS

Bill F. Boughton '58 lives in Missoula, Mont., and enjoys fly fishing at nearby rivers. He also performs stand-up comedy at local saloons and theaters. Email: bill.boughton@yahoo.com

Jon B. Albrightson '60 splits time between Minneapolis and Naples, Fla. Jon is active in a UMN alumni group in Naples and enjoys hiking and skiing in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Email: jonalbrightson@hotmail.com

G. Charlie Champlin '60 is retired and living in both Fort Myers, Fla., and his lake house in northern Minnesota. "Life is good." Email: bcchamplin64@gmail.com

Jon W. Webber '60 retired in 2011 after approximately 50 years in life insurance. Jon and his wife, Marilyn, have four children and 12 grandchildren. They have lived in Simsbury, Conn., since 1969. Email: jonwebber1960@gmail.com

J. Mark Walker Jr. '63 is retired, debt-free, and lives in Marietta, Ga., near two of his four children. His wife, Judy, recently passed away from several ailments. Email: mark@lifechangesinc.net

John R. Gabrielson '63 recently moved back to Hopkins, Minn., from Florida. Email: johngabrielson5@gmail.com

Gordy H. Edberg '64 works in woodworking and designing furniture. He also paints abstract landscapes in oils. Email: gordy@gordyedberg.com

Mark J. Schneider '64 stays busy with his local Austin-Healy club, including car shows, road tours, maintenance, and restoration. He also enjoys playing acoustic guitar daily. In his younger years, Mark enjoyed diving for sport (and later as a fish scientist). He lives in Portland, Ore. Email: marksbj8@icloud.com

John W. Forney Jr. '65 is a board member and the president of the National Loon Center in Crosslake, Minn. Email: jwforney@gmail.com

Mark E. Merrill '66 lives in Phoenix, Ariz., and travels with his spouse, children, grandkids, and friends. Email: merrill_liz@hotmail.com

John P. Boosalis '67 lives in Atlanta, Ga., and loves visiting different beaches whenever possible.

Joseph H. Rosenfield '71 has been retired from Minneapolis schools since 2009. He enjoys traveling, going on cruises, and watching his grandchildren's sports. Joseph lives in Burnsville, Minn. Email: bonnie3312@gmail.com

Ryan D. Fuller '98 is happy to share that his daughter, Remington, was born on June 9, 2021. He lives in Minnetonka, Minn., and has stayed busy as a parent. Email: ryanf1541@gmail.com

Drew Erickson '15 is happily married with two daughters. He is also a partner in two companies: 5 store Financial Group and North Stars Properties. Drew lives in Thief River Falls, Minn., and is president of the Thiet River Golf Club and Rotary; he serves on local boards as well. Email: drew.erickson18@gmail.com



MEET OUR CHAPTER ADVISORS

Becca Bergner, Friend of Beta



Job: Lead Consultant, Learning and Development

Volunteer Role: Advisor-at-Large

Jordan Blair-Paladino '15



Volunteer Role: Recruitment Advisor

Tom Johnson '14



Job: IT Project Manager, Hennepin Justice Integration Program
Volunteer Roles: Chapter Counselor and Ritual Advisor

Nate Wong '15



Job: Graphic and Multimedia Designer – University of Minnesota Housing and Residential Department
Volunteer Roles: Member Education and Alumni Relations Advisor

Garret Zastoupil '15



Job: Community and Leadership Development Educator, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension
Volunteer Role: Brotherhood Advisor

SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS



SCOTT HEINEMAN '02

Job: VP Global Quality Peripheral Interventions and Neuromodulation – Boston Scientific
Volunteer Role: President, Beta Theta Pi Society of Minnesota



BRANDEN PETERSON '05

Job: Human Resources IT – Target Corp.
Volunteer History: Supporting alumni relations, fundraising, events, and Housing Corporation projects since 2007



BOB BRUNMEIER '84

Job: President/CEO of OneNet Global
Volunteer History: Various roles/projects since graduation—now 40 years ago!



DAVID STIFF, INDIANA '77

Job: Retired; formerly Key Account Manager, Application Development Engineering – 3M Company
Volunteer Role: Treasurer; David began volunteering in 2001 and has served Beta Pi for 23 years!



STEVE EDWARDS '05

Job: Engineer, DCMA – Dept. of Defense
Volunteer Role: Housing Corporation since 2008



CIAN CHASE '08

Job: Director of Training and Safety – Paul Davis Restoration of Greater St. Paul/Minneapolis
Volunteer Role: Housing Corporation since 2012



BILL MADDEN JR. '86

Job: Owner at Madden Architects LLC
Volunteer Role: Housing Corporation volunteer supporting building and property issues since 2014



Check Out Urban Wok on Your Next Visit to Campus

Congratulations to Brad Obert '89 (right), who recently opened a new restaurant a few blocks from campus! You can find Urban Wok at 2929 University Avenue SE. Brad, his wife, Terra, and cousin, Jason, are eager to welcome Betas for a visit!

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LEND YOUR TIME AND TALENTS TO BETA PI!

As the saying goes, many hands make light work. You certainly have unique skills, knowledge, or experience that can make a difference at Beta Pi, and we'd love to have you on board!

Volunteers have many meaningful opportunities to make a positive impact while serving Beta Pi—either with the undergraduates or for the historic chapter house—and we invite you to reach out and find a way to support our organization.

Through your time, treasure, or talents, you can support our brothers and show them how Beta impacted your life. You also get a chance to collaborate, socialize, and enjoy time with other dedicated alumni.

We invite you to review the list of volunteer opportunities. To explore opportunities, please reach out to **Scott Heineman '03** at scotth0219@gmail.com.

Remote/Hybrid Options: *thanks to virtual meeting technologies, there are opportunities to serve the chapter no matter where you live!*

Meet some of our
current volunteers
on page 3 inside!

ADVISORY ROLES

Academics Advisor	Financial Advisor	Risk Management Advisor
Advisor-at-Large	Philanthropy Advisor	Ritual Advisor
Faculty Advisor (UMN Faculty)	Programming Advisor	

BETA THETA PI SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

Alumni Database/Information Manager	Event Volunteers	Secretary
Alumni Volunteer Recruiter	Finance Committee Volunteers	Technology Manager/Consultant
Archivist/Historian	Members-at-Large	
Communications/Social Media	Property Committee Volunteers	