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## Beta Alumni Profiles

### CHUCK UNDERWOOD '68, ROLL #1144

By Tom Tatham '56

#### HOMETOWN ITEMS ... PICKING OWU

In the fall of 1964 a young lad from Auburn, N.Y. found his way to the OWU campus. Chuck Underwood achieved his goal of going to a school far from home when he picked Delaware, Ohio and OWU as his home away from home for the next four years. Chuck had graduated from East High in Auburn, where he starred in football, swimming and baseball ... and with a solid academic foundation to tackle the college challenges. How did he pick OWU? He went to one of those college selection information books where he found that his academic background looked like a promising fit with the academic requirements of OWU. Following a visit where he and other candidates were given the red carpet treatment — including a concert by the Kingsmen at the old Edward's Gym, visits to the fraternities and some trips around Delaware — Chuck opted for the campus life at OWU, which he entered in the fall of 1964.

#### BETA EXPERIENCES

It wasn't until the moment it was announced (with all the formalities) that he was becoming a "pledge of Theta chapter of Beta" that Chuck realized for the first time that many of his Thompson dorm classmates were also to be his pledge classmates and brothers for the next four years. Among those freshmen who were close to Chuck were John Johns, Don Cooper, Don Melrose and Rick Stivers. Chuck remembered that he was particularly impressed with the outstanding upperclassmen, including Dale Fredericks '65 (pledge trainer), Bill Niblock '65 (chapter president), Bill Peterson '66 and Dick Slivka '65. He fondly recalled the highlight of his intramural football career when in overtime, as a freshman, he caught the winning touchdown pass thrown by Slivka as the

Betas won the intramural football championship game. (That feat has been repeated often, and is also fondly remembered by the editor as THE WAY it was in the early '50s.) Chuck said, "We won that championship each year, as I remember."

On another occasion, Chuck recalled that on a Friday evening, the entire pledge class "trashed" the house with food, captured an upperclassman ("Spike" Reed '66), disabled the cars of the upperclassmen (tampering with the distributors), rented vehicles and

drove to Northwestern for the weekend. While there, they enjoyed the hospitality of the Northwestern Betas, who "fed and entertained us." It was an event that brings back many fond memories.

Chuck and his "big brother," Art Veley '65, who by chance knew someone from Chuck's home town, took the opportunity on one occasion to spend a great weekend visiting Chuck's family and Art's longtime friend in Auburn, N.Y.

"Our housemother was Mama Stewart" — she liked to play bridge and on many occasion, Chuck could be found in a serious game of bridge at the house with Mama Stewart. More often than not, Chuck could be found at an even more serious "game of chance" on those frequent Friday night games that lasted well into the night (and even on some nights well into the next day).

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Chuck Underwood '68

## ALUMNUS PROFILE: CHUCK UNDERWOOD

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Often they were followed by a visit to the Surrey Restaurant (across from the Strand Theater) for a refreshing breakfast.

### CAMPUS LIFE

The campus was much the same as today, with many of the same traditions. Chuck still has the freshman "dink" that somehow worked at the time but no longer fits his aged head. Majoring in economics, he graduated in the summer of 1968.

OWU had an Air Force ROTC program, but Chuck had no interest while at OWU. However, soon after graduation in 1968, in the midst of the Vietnam conflict, Chuck received his draft notice. Hours later he was at the U.S. Air Force recruiting office where Chuck quizzed them on "what can you do for me?" When told he could enter the Air Force either as an enlisted person or as an officer in pilot or navigator training, Chuck (with all of the smarts gained from four years at OWU) wisely responded "I'll be a pilot."

Soon he was off to OT (officer training) and on his way to what became a very important military career.

### MILITARY LIFE

In 1970 Chuck completed pilot training, received his wings and was piloting the KC-135 tankers at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, supporting missions in Thailand, Vietnam and other parts of Southeast Asia. He concluded his active service in the training of Vietnamese pilots flying the EC-47. He played a major role in assisting the Vietnamese to assume command of

the squadron and its combat mission.

Chuck concluded five years (1969-74) of active service with the Air Force and began a long career in the U.S. Air Force Reserves, flying



Chuck Underwood in the cockpit of a KC-135 USAF tanker.

C-123s at Lockbourne AFB (later Rickenbacker AFB). It was here that on numerous occasions the editor, then a navigator in the same reserve squadron, entrusted his life to Brother Underwood while flying low-level troop and equipment drops. Needless to say, Chuck took good care of me. In 1980, Chuck transferred to the Ohio National Guard, where he returned to flying the "tankers" and served until his retirement in 1998 as a vice-commander of the unit.

During Desert Storm, Chuck experienced his most terrifying flying experience. When returning from what had otherwise been a routine mission over the Persian Gulf, Chuck was preparing to land at Dubai International. While turning for his final approach, he lowered the gear and suddenly an explosion engulfed the cockpit in smoke. Quick action was taken by the crew to go on 100 percent oxygen. With almost no ability to see instruments and the surrounding terrain, the approach was successfully completed with a touchdown and an

immediate shutdown of all engines and power. The crew rapidly evacuated the aircraft while the fire-fighting emergency equipment attempted to put out the fires. Fortunately, all crew members escaped unharmed from what was only moments away from a complete loss of equipment and life. Those "few seconds of sheer terror" have been played over and over many times by the crew. Each of them often concedes that their years of training and teamwork had been instrumental in saving the day.

### CIVILIAN LIFE

In 1974, following his return to civilian life, Chuck attended Capital University in Columbus where he received his MBA in 1977 and his JD in 1979.

Currently Chuck is the city attorney for the city of Whitehall while operating a legal practice with a partner a few steps away from the Whitehall City Hall. It was there that the editor met with Brother Underwood to prepare this article. While there Chuck proudly took me on a tour of the new offices in the city building and then said "let me take you to my new private offices just a block away." Chuck proudly took us on another tour of an old home that he and his partner had remodeled, turning it into first-class legal offices. Of particular note was his collection of golf balls from courses all over the world, which were prominently displayed in an appropriate golf case on the wall.

### BETA ALUMNI

For a number of years Chuck Underwood has been a member of Theta Chapter House Corporation and has supported many of the activities and events at the chapter house. He has continued to stay in touch with a number of the brothers — Tim Carleton '68 (L.A.), Ron Moeller '67 (Detroit), Miles Standish '67 (Dover, Del.) and Bill Rowland '68 (Sunbury, Ohio) — all names that drew a large smile on Chuck's face remembering the many good times and strong supporting relationships that had developed in his Beta experience.

Proudly, Chuck said, "I even wear a Beta watch." Even more visible was his new red Corvette with the Ohio license plates proudly showing "1 Beta — OWU" for all to see.

### FAMILY

While at OWU, Chuck met a coed by the name of Mary Jeanette Traster '68. "It was love at first sight," says Chuck, and soon after graduation, Mary Traster became Mary Underwood.

Mary teaches in the local public school system and will continue for another three years, at which time she will retire. In the meantime, Chuck and Mary, along with 12-year old Chad (he was a "late miracle") will soon be living at a new address — 731 Fairway Blvd., Whitehall, OH 43213 (a suburb of Columbus) — just down the street from their current home. Chuck's e-mail address is cunderhoops@aol.com — (the "hoops" in the e-mail address identifies Chad as the principal user).



Chuck checks out his golfball collection.

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## “QUANTITY IS NOT EVERYTHING”

By Martin Haskell '68, House Corporation President

The 1997-98 school year ended positively for Theta chapter, and the 1998-99 year is off to a great start.

The undergraduate chapter is at a zenith and continues to grow stronger. We ended the year with 28 undergraduates after initiating a pledge class of eight. That places Theta chapter as one of the largest houses at OWU. But quantity is not everything. This is a very fine group of young men who are accepting the challenge of self-governing and are doing very well at it. The house continues to improve in appearance and upkeep. This latter effort is aided by our strong financial position.

We ended last fiscal year slightly in the black on a cash basis, but that is after placing roughly \$15,000 in improvements and upgrades into the house. The chef we hired second semester has done an excellent job of managing our kitchen costs as well as feeding the men very well. He continued to work through the summer performing maintenance and improvements to the house. Brother Urlin Harris '58 has done a superb job of orchestrating a facelift to the living and dining rooms.

This year has had a good start. With 28 resuming undergraduates, the house is near its capacity of 32. We have already met our OWU imposed occupancy quota for the year 2000. We have three fall pledges and the chapter is expecting to pledge at least 10 in the spring. We may actually have the problem of limiting occupancy next year. With these numbers, we hope to end the year with significant cash reserves.

Dick DeVos '54 continues to work hard putting together alumni events. Make plans to attend Theta's 150th birthday gala in the year 2003. Dick promises that it will be memorable. Tom Tatham deserves all our thanks for the excellent *Theta Datas* we have been enjoying for the last several years. Eric Eickhoff '00 has been ably assisting him last year and this year. It is a big job.

Our next House Corporation meeting will be in conjunction with initiation and our Fraternal Fifties ceremony on Saturday, March 20. Please join us for the meeting, these moving ceremonies, and the evening banquet prepared by our superb chef. Wives are invited.

### ANNUAL ALUMNI DUES

Annual alumni dues are the lifeblood of our continued communications with all alumni brothers ... and we have more than 800 living alumni. Fortunately, through the generosity of 111 brothers who contributed in 1997-98, our average gift per contributor has increased from \$51.95 to \$67.86 ... good news ... but, on the other side of the coin, the 111 who contributed was down from 129 the year before! Needless to say, we need the support of all the alumni ... no matter how large or small ... each year ... to ensure our continued ability to “keep in touch.”

Recent history and current year contributions to date are shown below:

| Year     | DOLLARS |            | CONTRIBUTORS  |            |                  |
|----------|---------|------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
|          | Total   | % Increase | #Contributors | % Increase | Ave. Contributor |
| 1990-91  | \$3,245 | —          | 72            | —          | \$45.07          |
| 1991-92  | 4,350   | 34.1       | 95            | 31.9       | 45.79            |
| 1992-93  | 3,440   | -20.9      | 84            | -11.6      | 40.95            |
| 1993-94  | 3,947   | 14.7       | 90            | 7.1        | 43.85            |
| 1994-95  | 4,081   | 3.4        | 101           | 12.2       | 40.45            |
| 1995-96  | 5,330   | 30.6       | 118           | 16.8       | 45.17            |
| 1996-97  | 6,702   | 25.7       | 129           | 9.3        | 51.95            |
| 1997-98  | 7,533   | 12.4       | 111           | -16.2      | 67.86            |
| 1998-99* | 2,835   |            | 42            |            | 67.50            |

\*Three months only (through December 15, 1998)

Remember, our *Theta Data* publications are solely dependent on these gifts. Now is the time to make your gift as we begin the 1998-99 alumni support year.

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### ALUMNUS PROFILE: CHUCK UNDERWOOD FROM PAGE 2.

Chuck finds time to continue his lifelong hobby of stamp collecting. He also enjoys golf at the Willows Country Club, with his wife and son (Chad regularly beats his dad) as partners several times a week. He is a licensed scuba diver with few opportunities to practice in landlocked Columbus.

#### SALUTE

Chuck Underwood represents the best of Beta. He has succeeded in many ways: significant educational achievements, an honorable military career, a successful practicing attorney, an elected official, service to his community, and a wonderful family. We are proud to call Chuck Underwood “brother” and we take immense pride in saying to him “Chuck, thank God you’re a Beta.”

## THETA CHAPTER HONORED WITH ITS FIRST SISSON AWARD

By Matt Doman '00, President

Beta chapters are known for having traditions of outstanding achievement. This notion is no secret to the Theta chapter, which has seemingly stood for excellence both in ideals and in members since its founding in 1853. However, one benchmark that is a staple for chapter excellence had always eluded the Theta chapter. This elusive prize was the Sisson Award.

Five of the 19 requirements for the Sisson Award are as follows:

1. Have a chapter membership that is not less than the campus fraternity average.
2. Initiate at least 75 percent of all pledges.
3. Receive an excellent financial rating
4. Have a chapter GPA of 2.5
5. Hold at least two functions for alumni

Well, happily the dry streak that rivaled the curse of the Bambino was ended in early August at convention, when the Theta chapter won its first Sisson Award. This award is the capstone on everything that the brothers have worked so hard for this past year. It truly marks how far our chapter has come. Our numbers are up, our relations with alumni are getting better all the time and the house runs more efficiently than I have ever seen.

I am proud to say that, like you who are reading this, I am so proud to be a Beta!

## SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

By Ken Bagstad '99, Philanthropy Chair

This October, Theta chapter sponsored its second annual softball tournament to benefit Delaware Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Hoping to build on the success of our tournament last fall, we put a lot of hard work into making this event a success. The tournament, held at Blue Limestone Park, began with six teams battling it out in a round-robin format. Teams from several fraternities and sororities competed. Although the weather turned bad in the middle of the tournament, play continued and everyone had a good time. In the final game, Beta 1, led by the strong base-running of Jeremy Wiechel '99, defeated Phi Psi.

In its second year, our tournament attracted new teams and campus support. We raised over \$250 for Delaware Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Additionally, the positive public relations and attendance of freshmen at the tournament added to the value of the event. After organizing and overseeing the softball tournament for the past two years, I hope our next philanthropy chair is able to expand the event and make it one of the leading Greek philanthropy efforts at Ohio Wesleyan.



Betas in the Mystic Circle sing the Beta doxology during a tree dedication.

## ALUMNI RETURN FOR FALLFEST

By Eric Eickhoff '00

Fall arrived and with it came the return of Ohio Wesleyan's alumni. Over Fallfest Weekend the brothers of the Theta chapter held a special cocktail party to which were invited all of the graduates from the chapter and their families, the undergraduates' families, and many of the friends of the chapter. We were pleased that many alumni were able to join us for this celebration. The alumni and undergraduates exchanged many stories about their college experiences. Even though there may be an age gap between the undergraduates and the alumni, the two groups interacted as if they had been friends for life, enriching their Beta experiences.

But the weekend was not all fun. Theta chapter members dedicated two trees in honor of two fallen brothers, William Frederick Kroener IV (1967-1988) and John Kennard Eddy (1967-1988), who died 10 years ago in the fall of 1988. The brothers formed the mystic circle and sang Beta Doxology.

Lightening the somber mood, the brothers of the chapter were officially presented the prestigious Sisson Award for chapter excellence. Winning our first Sisson may have been the highest moment in the chapter's history since being reinstated onto the Ohio Wesleyan campus.

The Theta chapter also held a House Corporation meeting, discussing the concerns about the house and the campus of both alumni and undergraduates. The meeting was attended by the undergrads in chapter leadership roles and the alumni on the Corporation Board.

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## WEB PAGE UPDATED

By Aldo Adachi '99

Theta's home page at <http://www.owu.edu> has been recently updated and will include more features than before. The Web page should be completed by Christmas. It will contain such features as a guest book in which people can input their names and type a few comments for other people to read. This will be a great way to give Theta chapter, alumni and friends a quote or suggestion. We will also include an online bulletin board on which anyone can type in a theme of discussion and anyone else can join in the discussion by key-boarding some comments. This will be a great way to find people's addresses, make suggestions, talk with a variety of friends about different issues, etc. Lastly, we will include the latest issues of the *Theta Data* online, and will have a list of all the e-mail addresses available.

Please send us your e-mail address if you want us to include it in our e-mail list, and please let me know of any suggestions and/or corrections you might have in order to make our Web site better. I encourage you to check out the Web site, sign our guest book and possibly use the bulletin board. It is a fast, efficient and fun way to keep in touch with the members at Theta chapter and the alumni.



Enjoying the 1997 Fraternal Fifties ceremony in March 1998 were front row, L-R, Don Wedge '51 and Tom Farahay '49, back row, L-R, Byron Shepard '47, Bob Billman '51, Tom Long '51 and Bob Wyant '50. We hope they — and you — can join us for the 1999 Ceremony on March 20.

## INITIATION AND FRATERNAL FIFTIES CEREMONY PLANNED

A special ceremony is planned for Saturday, March 20, 1999 at the chapter house in Delaware for those brothers eligible for the Fraternal Fifties recognition in 1999. Although plans have not yet been finalized, tentative arrangements are underway for an early afternoon Initiation Ceremony and a mid-afternoon ceremony recognizing the recipients of the Fraternal Fifties Award and, for the first time, the newly announced "Silver Seal Award." These programs will be followed by a reception and dinner for alumni, spouses, undergraduates and, most importantly, recipients of the awards. Fraternal Fifties recognition occurs upon completion of 50 years following initiation into Beta Theta Pi and the Silver Seal awards are celebrated upon the 25th anniversary from the date of initiation.

This year's Fraternal Fifties recipients include brothers:

|                      |                    |                    |                   |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| David Adams '50      | Joseph Neds '50    | Norman Slanker '51 | William Long '51  |
| Robert Canwright '52 | Robert Freitag '52 | Ben Graham '52     | Charles Hauck '52 |
| Robert Johnson '52   | Charles Leech '52  | Horace Newhard '52 | Tom Shank '52     |
| Thomas Taylor '52    | Allen Tucker '52   | Daniel Ventres '52 |                   |

Silver Seal names were not available at the time of printing. Awardees will be provided additional information at a later date from the chapter. Questions should be addressed to Eric Eickhoff '00 at 740-368-2663 or by e-mail at [ejeickho@cc.owu.edu](mailto:ejeickho@cc.owu.edu).

All alumni are invited to attend and bring spouses and guests (\$20/person). This is a perfect opportunity for alumni who were in school with the awardees to plan on a special reunion with those you have not seen for many years. This was a great event in 1998 and we look forward with great anticipation to a bigger and better event in 1999.

Please return the enclosed reservation form and your check, payable to "Theta Chapter, Beta Theta Pi," to Eric Eickhoff, Alumni Chairman, Ohio Wesleyan University, HWCC Box 1944, Delaware, OH 43015, no later than March 10, 1999.

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Note: We need representation from the '70s and '80s. Please consider and volunteer!

## MEMORIES AND YOUR LONG-RANGE PLANNING

The year was 1953 and for those of us in the Theta chapter pledge class, it was a year of many memorable events. One in particular was the weekend-long celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Theta chapter at OWU. Many alumni and nationally renowned Betas came for the April 25 dinner and Convocation at Grey Chapel on Sunday, April 26. Featured speakers included Seth R. Brooks, St. Lawrence '22 and General Secretary of the national Fraternity Welles K. Stanley, Theta '95 and Joseph J. Somerville, Delta '12. Our next milestone will be the year 2003 ... and plans are already underway to make that celebration of our 150th birthday on the OWU campus a memorable one. As our plans unfold, we will keep you well informed so that you too can make sure of a return to OWU for what will be another event "to remember."

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## SEPTEMBER: A TIME TO RENEW FRIENDSHIPS



Maribeth and Ben Graham '52 in Dayton on September 19, 1998. Be sure to see Ben's "portrait" on the next page!



"A Bunch of Ray Anthonys." L-R: Charlie Ecker '56, Tom Tatham '56 and Keith Thomas '54 in Gallipolis, Ohio, on September 18, 1998.

### MARK YOUR 1999 CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

#### MARCH 20

House Corporation Meeting  
Initiation Ceremony  
Fraternal Fifties Ceremony  
Chapter/Alumni Dinner

#### APRIL 9-11

Monnett Weekend

#### MAY 9

Commencement

#### MAY 14-16

Alumni Weekend

#### MAY 15

House Corporation Meeting  
Alumni Luncheon

## SKETCHES BRING BACK MEMORIES

By Ben Graham '52

**M**aribeth Amrhein Graham (daughter of Harold F. Amrhein, Theta Beta class of 1925) graduated from OWU in 1955. Shortly after graduating, Maribeth married Richard F. Eiken, also a Theta Beta from the class of 1953. Dick died in 1978. Seventeen years later, in 1995, Maribeth met and married another Theta



"Dick"

"Ben"

The one on the right is of his friend and Beta brother Ben "Sanborn" Graham '51.

Beta, Ben S. Graham '52.

Recently, while sorting through some boxes of old materials, Maribeth got a somewhat eerie surprise when she came across some portraits that Dick had drawn while in college, shown at left. The one on the left is of himself fabled "Ich."

We heard from **Sterling L. Pfeiffer '38** (211 Blue Bonnet Dr., Findlay, OH 45840) in the spring. As vice president of the OWU Class of 1938, he was working on preparations for the 60th reunion in May. Sterling has an honorary doctorate in financial management from the University of Findlay and is a member of the Ohio Wesleyan Associates.

**John N. Strout '38** and his wife have relocated to an assisted-living retirement facility. Their new address is 13250 E. Philadelphia St., Apt. 228, Whittier, CA 90601. John retired 20 years ago as a clergyman with the United Methodist Church.

**William S. Anthony '45** (25 Starboard Ln., Osterville, MA 02655) is a consultant for Diversified Funding Inc. He also serves on the board of directors of the local branch of the American Cancer Society and the Cape Cod Community College.

"Love to read *The Theta Data*," notes **Hugh I. Troth '48** (429 N. Woodhill Dr., Ashland, OH 44805). "Keeps us up to date." He reports that **Bill Long '51** hosted several Betas at his home in Indianapolis this past April.

**Robert C. Richards '50** (266 Woodlawn Dr., Tipp City, OH 45371) has a grandson on OWU's football team. Son **Robert D. "Rob" Richards '76** planned to attend the Fallfest activities along with the rest of the family.

**William C. Wright '50** (11122 40th Ave. S.E., Everett, WA 98208) is looking forward to his 50-year reunion in 2000. "Anyone from 1946-50 coming to Seattle, give me a call at 425-379-0417." Bill informs us that on a tape (*James Last in*

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*Scotland*) of Scottish music is a song upon which a song in the Beta songbook was based. Bill no longer has his songbook but would like to hear from anyone who remembers the song and/or knows of the tape.

Attorney **Daniel B. Ventres Jr. '52** (1355 Vine Pl., Mound, MN 55364) practices in the areas of business, corporate, family and real estate law.

The new mailing address for **Robert L. Cotner '54** is P.O. Box 820, Rockport, TX 78381. He and his wife, Alsa, are building a new home. Since retiring from Armco Steel, Robert is in business for himself selling metals and related services.

Ann and **Paul B. Kisseberth '54** (39 Happy Hill Rd., Stamford, CT 06903) attended a planning session in Delaware for Paul's 45th class reunion at OWU on September 12. On September 13, they had a great day with Beta roommates **Marius "Buz" Christensen, Keith Thomas** and their wives in Columbus, and on September 14, Paul had lunch with **Dick DeVos '54** in Cleveland. Ann and Paul were looking forward to Fallfest Weekend in October. "Congrats to *The Theta Data* editorial staff," adds Paul.

On August 31, **Thomas P. Stover '58** retired after 36 years as a college administrator, the last 28 years as dean at the Tarrant County Junior College. His wife, Sue, retired from the same college on January 31. "We are now both breaking our backs in the yard!" They were planning a trip to New England in October with Mary Lee (Tom's sister) and **Bob Marten '55** and another sister, Pat. The Stovers reside at 1310 Tanglewood Trl., Euless, TX 76040.

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L-R: Ken Rowley '55, Jack Hahn '55 and Bill Plavcan '55

## NEW MEXICO GET-TOGETHER

By Jack Hahn '55

**W**hen we were undergraduates at OWU in Delaware during 1951, we really were not too sure what the distant future held for us. To think the three of us would again meet some 47 years later in a forest high on a rugged mountain in north central New Mexico was not even in our farthest imagination.

Ken Rowley '55, Jack Hahn '55 and Bill Plavcan '55 and their wives Sandra, Judy and Becky did just that as we met for an evening of camaraderie and reminiscing at Ken's beautiful house in the Sangre deCristo Mountains near Santa Fe. The air was cool, the food was great and the renewed fellowship was a wonderful experience for us all. We are all in the Theta directory, so if you happen to be near our homes, give us a call and plan to visit. A note of caution though: if you plan to visit Ken, you will need a four-wheel drive "Humm-vec" to make it up his access road!

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Involved in one of the most exciting undertakings of his career, **Paul D. Hammersten '69** (P.O. Box 69, West Chatham, MA 02669; <http://www.capecod.net/epl/hammersten.html>) is creating a series of pictures for the First Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ on Cape Cod. When he wrote in the summer, he had completed three of the works. His wife, Sharon, has written over 100 folk gospel songs and sings in church services that are televised on the Cape.

Physician **Edward L. Morris '69** (8511 Topping Rd., Baltimore, MD 21208; [edmorris@pol.net](mailto:edmorris@pol.net)) is president of The Health Associates. He also serves as medical director of the Festival Osteoporosis Center and co-director of Health Trends Research, a company that performs clinical drug trials on new medications.

**Stephen C. Sherwood '70** "officially retired" on October 1 from the Air Force after 28 years of service. **Tory and John Willoughby** attended the retirement ceremony and accompanying celebrations. Stephen and his wife are fixing up their retirement home and enjoying the slower pace. Their new mailing address and phone number are P.O. Box 26, Endeavor, PA 16322; 814-463-0230. "If you can find this place, there's always a 'cold one' waiting," invites Stephen.

"Just having fun!" writes **Glenn H. Troth '73** (739 Tom Tim Dr., Paulding, OH 45879). He is an attorney with Cook, Troth and Burkhard Ltd.

In a new position, **Jeffrey A. Davis '81** (408 Alabama Rd., Baltimore, MD 21204; [jdavis@crosbymarketing.com](mailto:jdavis@crosbymarketing.com)) is vice president of integrated marketing at Crosby Marketing

Communications, a public relations/advertising agency in Annapolis.

Owner of the Sound Cafe nightclub in Norwalk, **Corey W. Wells '81** (P.O. Box 1, Cos Cob, CT 06807) recently started a charter business on his 50' yacht. "Look for the 'Millenium' on the Long Island Sound."

**Eric A. Goodman '95** (2400 Chestnut St., Apt. 2802, Philadelphia, PA 19103) is a student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. He was a summer associate at Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll.

## OF EVER HONORED MEMORY

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **Josiah J. Hardy '33**, **Frederick L. Foill '39** (8/25/98) and **Donald W. Korn '42** (6/17/98).

*Beta Theta Pi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.*

Reported in the latest issue of the *Ohio Wesleyan Magazine* was the death earlier this year of **Richard L. Day '53**. Dick Day was commissioned in the Air Force following his completion of ROTC requirements at OWU. Following service in the Philippines, he was accepted into the USAF Navigator Training Program at Ellington AFB, Texas, where he received his "wings" upon completion of the one year training in 1958. It was there that the editor became acquainted with Dick, as he was my flight leader during the training. Following training, our paths separated, but as I recall, Dick attended advanced flight training in California and continued with his USAF career until retirement as a major following more than 20 years of service. Brother Day was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in the nation's capital.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ANN FOSTER COREY

By Rev. Dr. W. Daniel "Dan" Rich '55

**O**n the misty evening of July 8, 1998, a group of approximately 50 family and friends gathered on a pier in Stone Harbor, N.J., to remember Ann Foster Corey, wife of Bob Corey '54. Ann passed away last January at their home in Las Vegas after a long battle against cancer.

A native of Easton, Pa., Ann met Bob at OWU and the two were married after they both graduated in 1954. A lifelong teacher, Ann held teaching certificates for Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland. She received her master's degree in education in 1987.

Ann loved her family and friends, traveling (throughout the U.S. and to China and France), and teaching. She touched the lives of many people because she was such a giving person. In recognition of this a scholarship fund in her name has been established at OWU to help future teachers.

Courage, generosity, love, hope and peace defined Ann's life. She leaves, to cherish her memory, Bob (husband of 43 years), sons Bob Jr. of Virginia, Jim of Maryland, Bill of Las Vegas, daughter Joanna of New Hampshire; seven grandchildren and one on the way; sisters Irene of Las Vegas and Susan of Stone Harbor, and brother John of New York.

The Memorial Service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Dan Rich '55 with other Betas Dick DeVos '54 and Bill Quinn '48 in attendance. At the close, Ann's children placed a beautiful, flower bedecked wreath into the waters she loved so well, and her grandchildren released balloons into the heavens in tribute to a life lived bravely and well. Let us continue to keep Bob and the family in our thoughts and prayers.



L-R: Dick DeVos '54, Bill Quinn '48, Dan Rich '55 and Bob Corey '54 at Ann Corey's Memorial Service on July 8, 1998, at Stone Harbor, N.J.